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MULLEN HOME FOR THE AGED

Spring, 2014

**MULLEN HOME
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You're Invited!

Dedication of the Stations of the Cross

June 6, 2014

4 p.m.

Mullen Home Grounds

Archbishop Samuel J.

Aquila, Celebrant

Make a Difference ... Go Shopping!

Love to shop, but tired of going to the mall? Well, you're in luck! The Mullen Home Gift Shop is now open for business. And while you are enjoying the bargain prices in our shop, you are also helping the Little Sisters support their mission of serving the elderly poor.

The Little Sisters have 30 Homes and a novitiate in the United States, as well as 165 Homes throughout 30 countries. Each of our Homes relies on the Sisters' trust in Divine Providence, the spirit of our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, and the generosity of local businesses and benefactors. All of these factors working together reassure the Little Sisters that their Residents will live out their days with the dignity, care, and the respect

they deserve. Some of our Homes, however, are in greater need than others. Our Province assists our domestic mission Home in Gallup, New Mexico, and our Home in Tunja, Columbia.

We have several "fundraisers" throughout the year to help support our missions. The Activities Department will host special lunches and invite staff, Residents, and neighboring elder-care facilities to enjoy a bargain lunch. Rummage sales are also a part of fundraising events. Now, we have the Mullen Home Gift Shop!

The Gift Shop will feature gently used items, assorted greeting cards, clothing, toys, gifts, and some yummy baked goods. Volunteers and some of our Residents will help run the shop, all the while making your shopping spree a delightful and worthwhile experience.

Shop hours are planned for 9-10:30 a.m. during the week. Weekend hours will be by request. Before making a trip, you may want to call 303-433-7221 to make sure we are open for business. Your interest and support of our Gift Shop will be greatly appreciated by our missions in need.



Resident Katherine Lesley entices Resident Doris Osborn to purchase a stuffed animal from the new Gift Shop while volunteer Vicky Jacobs and Brother Xavier observe Katherine's selling techniques!

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Comings, Goings & Doings!

Sisters Renew Vows



Each year, in our 195 Homes throughout the world, there is a twofold celebration commemorating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the renewing of vows of the Little Sisters. After a moving ceremony by our chaplain, Fr. Tim, the Little Sisters lit candles, knelt down, and renewed their vows of poverty.

We Support the Broncos!



Sister Mary Augustine rallies members of the Hospitality Club with Bronco “blue and gold” knitted bracelets! Maybe they’ll have more influence next year!

Novice Joins Little Sisters



Sister Rachael, new novice for the Little Sisters, takes a few minutes for a photo as she accompanies Residents Mildred Morgan, left, and Isadora Shirkey to the dining room for their noon meal.

‘Cowboys’ Take Stock!



Residents and volunteers prepare to depart for the Stock Show, an annual Denver event enjoyed by all! From front row left, Sr. Paul, Residents Socorro Bujanda and Isadora Shirkey, and Activities Assistant Debbie Miller. Back row from left: Residents Jim McClernon, Ishmael Carrillo, and Griselda Mejias, volunteer Gil Pool, and Brother Anthony.

Undaunted Spirit!



The Resident cheerleaders, though disappointed by the big Bronco loss, are moving on! It’s time to support Team USA!! Getting into the Olympic spirit are Residents John Gillin and Angelena Hoof.

Help us Refine our Residents’ Dining: July 4th Raffle

Ticket proceeds will be used to upgrade our main dining room. Residents will enjoy a hot buffet serving area, new kitchen features with easy accessibility, and additional amenities.

Drawing will be held on July 4th, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. at Mullen Home. You need not be present to win.

1st Place Winner – \$5,000

2nd Place Winner – \$3,000

3rd Place Winner – \$2,000

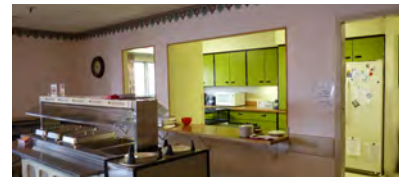
Purchase your tickets now!

\$5 each or six for \$25

For additional tickets, please call 303-433-7221.



Past



Present



Future?



Divine Providence Our Only Guarantee...

Our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, relied on the intercessions of St. Joseph, confident that he would provide bread and anything else for her poor. Though much has changed since Saint Jeanne Jugan's work began in 1839, we continue trusting in St. Joseph's Divine Providence to help us. Each year, we are blessed with the many gifts and donations from parishes, foundations, donors, and benefactors who help us continue our mission of caring for the elderly poor. Thank you for your support. God Bless you all!

Foundations that gave in 2013

- Boettcher Foundation
- The Catholic Foundation
- El Pomar Foundation
- Frances M. Foster Fund
- Frances A. Melrose Foundation
- Helen K. & Arthur E. Johnson Foundation
- Mabel Y. Hughes Trust
- May Bonfils Memorial Trust
- J.K. Mullen Foundation
- Priester Foundation
- Sacred Heart of Mary
- Jack A. Vickers Foundation
- Virginia Hill Foundation
- Walter E. Lipe Foundation



Irina shows off a beautiful beaded vest she created.

Staff Member Shares Her Russian Culture

Entertaining staff and Residents on a blistery cold, Russian-like-weather afternoon, Irina Nekrasova, new seamstress for the Little Sisters, introduced us to her native Russian culture. Sharing her artistic and musical talents, Irina presented a vibrant display of her creative work: Russian hats, dresses, beaded vests, dolls dressed in beautiful costumes, and a traditional Russian salad enjoyed by the Residents at their noon meal. As she presented her creations, she provided an informative commentary on Russian history and the significance of each to her motherland.

A real highlight of her presentation was her sharing her wonderful gift as a concert

pianist. Irina began playing the piano in Russia when she was 7 years old. After graduating from music school when she was 15, she attended the College of Arts in Rostov-on-Don, Russia where she studied piano and chamber music, and trained to teach piano. After graduating from college, Irina joined the Rachmaninoff Conservatory where she continued her study of the piano for five more years. A lively round of traditional Russian gypsy music capped her beautiful Russian compositions.

When not sewing for the Little Sisters and Residents, Irina does costuming for the Denver Opera during its season. Thank you, Irina, for sharing your Russian traditions with us!



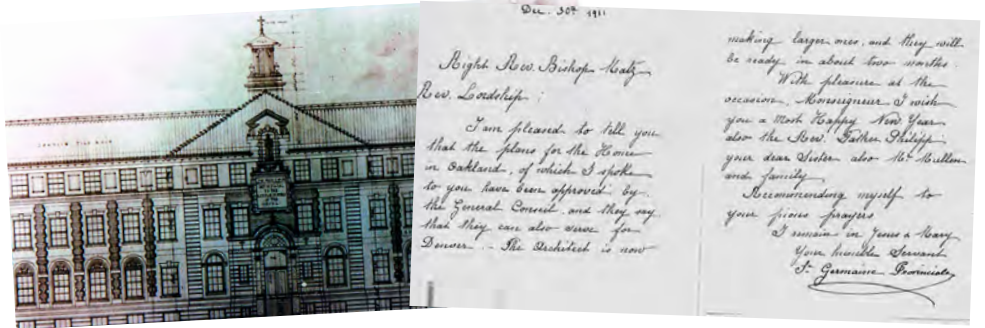
The Little Sisters and our Residents rely on the "kindness of others" to help supplement health care supplies. Shown here is Resident Maria Lynn with Sister Joseph Marie.

A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



From the Archives...



A letter written to Bishop Matz in Denver. December 30, 1911. The Mullen Home opened in March of 1918.

Dear Friends,

Springtime in the Rockies... and who can ask for anything more when surrounded by the beauty that is a Colorado Spring? Our Residents are once again stepping out and enjoying our beautiful landscaping now complete with the Stations of the Cross where the daffodils will be soon in bloom. The new Stations will be dedicated on June 6, 2014 at 4 p.m. and we invite you to attend. Our celebrant will be Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has also brought the breath and joy of Spring to each of us through his recent Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel:"

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.'" –Pope Francis

Encountering God's love, we go beyond ourselves and want to share that love with others- those with whom we live and work, with our neighbors, our friends –everyone. We know a true joy from within, brought out in the light. Thank you for sharing that love and joy with all who live at Mullen Home.

I encourage you: read "The Joy of the Gospel" and learn how to be even a more powerful witness to Christ's love. Our own Residents are taking up a weekly study – the joy of the Gospel belongs to each of us!

Thank you! May you have a Blessed Spring!

Sr. Patricia Mary, lsp

"I am pleased to tell you that the plans for the Home in Oakland, of which I spoke to you have been approved by the General Council, and they say that they can also serve Denver. The architect is now making larger ones, and they will be ready in about two months. With pleasure at the occasion, Monsignor, I wish you a most Happy New Year, also the Rev. Father Phillip, your dear Sister and also the Mullens and family. Recommending myself to your pious prayers. I remain in Jesus & Mary.

Your Humble Servant,
Sr. Germain Provinciale"

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Our foundress Saint Jeanne Jugan