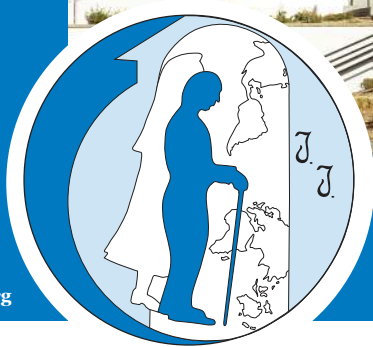


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Summer Splendor in the Rockies

There isn't anything that can keep our home from its beautiful springtime glory and summer splendor ... not heavy rain and wind, not hail, not blistering heat! And that's thanks to many hands and hearts who care for our beautiful landscaping and gardens. Sister Paul is the "gardening guru" of Mullen Home. She begins gathering the flowers and potted plants in early spring, relying on the kindness of

greenhouses and garden centers. We are especially indebted to O'Toole's Garden Center here in Denver for their generous donations of greenery. They also donate tomato and other assorted plants for our vegetable garden. And when the hail storms hit a few weeks ago, they were the first to replace our damaged flowers and garden tomatoes. God bless O'Toole's!

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Sister Paul attends to the beautiful patio gardenan active place to be in the summertime with afternoon ice cream parties and barbecues.

Thank You Leprino Foods! Employees from Leprino Foods help us get a jump start on the summer splendor by donating a day of their time to do whatever needs to be done. They worked non-stop planting flowers, painting balcony railings, and cleaning debris left over from the winter months. Leprino Foods began as a small, family owned market selling grocery items and handmade cheese in 1950. Today they are an international concern with headquarters in Denver – on the same corner where the old grocery store once stood!



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A new greenhouse has been added to our backyard vegetable garden! One of our AJJ members, Cynthia Haws, graciously donated the structure and the Rotary Club of Denver has been working on its construction.

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Saint Jeanne Jugan is very much a part of this beauty and splendor. Her spirit radiates throughout the greenery and greets Residents as they take their daily walks around the home or enjoy a noontime barbecue on the patio. “I’m so grateful for all the colorful plants and flowers

that have been donated,” said Sr. Paul. “The birds get their fill from all the feeders, and it’s so much fun to dig in the dirt and keep it all blooming. Fortunately, I have many volunteers to thank who have helped throughout the season. We are truly blessed to enjoy the peaceful and beautiful surroundings each day.”

Hot Rods and Hot Dogs A Perfect Father’s Day Celebration!

A new Father’s Day tradition at Mullen Home just might be in the making! For the second year in a row, we hosted the perfect event for Father’s Day: a classic car show featuring some of the best restored and maintained “rides” from days gone by. Residents,

staff and car enthusiasts of all ages were dazzled by the shiny chrome and the deep-waxed bumper-to-bumper presentations of the cars provided by a local car club. Also dazzling was the 90-degree heat but the Good Lord provided us with a light breeze to cool everything down as the Residents reminisced and voted for their favorite classic car.



A favorite entry is the old truck from “Pop’s Garage.”

First, second, and third place winners received brass-plated trophies for their beautiful cars. Hot dogs and ice cream

served as a tasty reprieve from the heat and everyone enjoyed the “oldies” sung by the one and only Johnnie R. Everyone agreed it was the perfect afternoon as guests appreciatively noted: “We really enjoyed looking at the vintage cars and visiting with their proud owners. The music was fun and made you want to kick up your heels.”



Resident Margaret Gilreath helps a classic car owner show off her 2nd place trophy.



Sister Mary Augustine enjoys sharing the spotlight with the 1st place winners.

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New Dining Room Opens to Rave Reviews

All new stainless appliances were installed in the kitchen area. A hot buffet serving area was just what the staff and Residents ordered!

Much to everyone's delight new doors opened wide to reveal a beautiful new dining room. Collective 'ooohs and aaahs' were heard as Residents found their tables and settled into the new chairs for the noon meal. They

readily agreed that all the renovations and waiting for the grand opening were well worth it. Staff was equally satisfied with the new kitchen and hot buffet serving station. "There are so many to thank for our beautiful new dining room," said Mother Patricia. "It all started with raffle proceeds making a big dent in the overall cost of renovation; financial donations from St. Thomas More and from Leprino Foods toward new furnishings soon followed. The old dining room served us well for almost forty years. We hope the new room will serve us well for the next forty!"



Residents from left, Betty Fox, Katherine Lesley, and Barbara Metzger enjoy the opening day noontime meal resplendent with new table cloths and red roses!



Sisters accept a generous check from students at St. Thomas More. The money covered the cost of new dining room chairs.



Anell Ewing of Leprino Foods presents Mother Patricia with a check to cover the reupholstering of the old dining room chairs which are now providing comfortable seating in the auditorium!

Raffle Winners Announced



Drawing the lucky raffle winners is the highlight of the July 4th festivities at Mullen Home. Here, Sister Mary Emilie gives the ticket drum a big spin to make sure every entry gets a fair and square chance of being selected. Residents and staff gather on the activities' patio after mass and enjoy a tasty picnic lunch before winners are selected

with a first prize of \$7,500 and two second place prizes of \$3,500 each. Lucky winners included Jean O'Brien of Denver, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Powers of Rye, CO, and Monica Mogen of Mesa, AZ. Raffle proceeds go to support the needs of our Residents. Over \$40,000 was raised this year and we thank everyone for playing!

A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dear Friends,

While writing this letter, World Youth Day in Krakow has ended, the Summer Olympics are underway, and there is just a little over a month left of “Summer splendor in the Rockies.”

Possibly you have already read several articles in our newsletter about the summer events in our home. I would like to share one more with you. This year Mullen Home welcomed 4 young women, part of a program called Spring into Service. The program gives the opportunity to experience service to the elderly poor, prayer and community life with the Little Sisters, and a paid employment, while enjoying a live in experience in our Home.

At World Youth Day, Pope Francis invited the young to abandon “sofa happiness” in favor of “a pair of walking shoes” to choose “new and uncharted paths,” to “leave a mark” on the world. These young women did just that – the Holy Spirit inspired them long before World Youth day. Each of them shared with our Residents and us Little Sisters too, freshness, joy, the beauty of self-gift, a generosity of time and energy. As one of them said it so well, “I have spent this summer focusing on intentionally giving to the Residents and attempting to satisfy their needs ... showing them Christ’s love, his mercy ... I have experienced so much joy in giving this gift.” And “I am so thankful that he has given me the opportunity to love Christ in each of them.” What a gift they have given to each of us who live here at Mullen home, along with our wonderful volunteers and staff – their witness of seeing Christ in others and living his love and mercy – we thank them for their gift of love!

This brings to mind the 2016 summer Olympic motto which I just read: “A New World.” Yes, in this Year of Mercy — a new world — built on love, built on God who is Love. It is up to each of us to make a difference.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our Residents through your generosity. We assure you of our continued and grateful prayers for your many intentions. We pray for you daily. May God bless you.

Sr. Patricia Mary

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Summer Splendor in the 1950s!

Sister Mary Agnes offers up thirst-quenching drinks as Residents take a break from their landscaping chores. They are all quite proud of their new Jacobson 21-Lawn Queen Mower!

Thank you Summer Interns



Our Spring into Service program welcomed four young women to Mullen Home, giving them an opportunity to experience service to the elderly poor and community life with the Little Sisters. Here, they entertain Residents and staff with favorite songs. From left: Angela Cowles, Katherine Smith, Hailey Megge, and Katherine Dea. Thank you for all your cheer!

Save the Date

Thursday, September 22, 2016
4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Hearts and Hands of Hope

Get-acquainted spaghetti dinner with the Little Sisters of the Poor, Christ in the City, and Regis University’s Father Woody Program. Tickets are \$5 at the door at Mullen Home, 3629 W. 29th Ave, Denver, CO 80211. Please RSVP at dvdenver@littlesistersofthepoor.org or call 303-433-7221, ex 127.

September 16, 2017

Celebrating a Century 1917-2017

Help the Little Sisters and Mullen Home for the Aged celebrate 100 years of service in the city of Denver.

Details to come.