



Mother Provincial Julie greets Resident, Rose.

Welcome Mother Provincial Julie

This July, Mullen Home Residents, Staff, Sisters, and Jeanne Jugan Associates (AJJs) had the wonderful experience of welcoming our new provincial superior, Mother Julie Marie of the Sacred Heart, to our beloved Mullen Home. Being a first time provincial, Mother Julie's plan was to visit all the Homes in her assigned province before the annual superiors' meeting in Palatine, Illinois. By doing these visits, Mother Provincial Julie hopes to be more able to understand and relate to the needs of the Residents at the different Little Sisters' locations.

Here in Denver, Mother Provincial humbly and graciously met with our Residents during her visit. They enjoyed the interactions with her during this time and look forward to many other visits with her in the future. The AJJs were also treated to a meet and greet with our new



Mother Provincial poses with Residents' Bill and Rose during her Welcome Celebration.



Resident, Vivian, excitedly greets Mother Provincial!

Provincial. This was the first visit that Mother Provincial Julie had with Jeanne Jugan Associates in a formal meeting; our Associates felt duly honored. She conveyed the message from the Little Sisters' Mother General that each member of the Association has a vocation to the elderly. Mother Provincial invited members to share their experiences of exercising the charisms of Saint Jeanne Jugan out in the world. Our Association Coordinator summed up our feelings about assisting and serving the Residents at Mullen home by saying, "We believe in what we are doing and are proud of it." All in all, the AJJs enjoyed their time and were grateful to her for the visit.

We will all continue to pray for Mother Provincial Julie and her transition into this new role of shepherding all confided to her.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: Restorative

There is no doubt that our Residents here at Mullen Home are well taken care of by a wide range of health care professionals. This quarter, we would like to recognize our Restorative Nursing Team. We are very grateful for Cathie, Ciara, Carmen, Kristen, and Kelsey for their care and detailed attention to our Residents wellbeing. Each of these women shares a passion for their work and a deep love for our elderly. Our Restorative Nurse, Cathie, loves the patient-centered care that is practiced at Mullen Home. When asked what she likes most about working for Mullen Home, she replied, “The Residents and the terrific staff!” Ciara, our Restorative CNA, grew up in the neighborhood, driving past Mullen Home frequently. It is such a gift that she has come to work for the Home! She says that her favorite part about her time here at Mullen Home is her, “time spent with the Residents.” Carmen tends to our Residents’ Occupational Therapy needs and she takes incredible care of each individual Resident. She “enjoys the philosophy of LSP and how well Residents are cared for.” Kelsey tends to our Residents’ Physical Therapy needs. Like many employees here at Mullen Home, she appreciates the strong sense of community that the Home embodies. When asked what she likes most about her time here, she says, “I love spending time with the Residents.” Kristen focuses on speech pathology and is an incredible help to our elderly. She says that she loves the Little Sisters and what they stand for and she “really loves how much the staff truly cares about the Residents.” This strong and skilled team is a vital part of our mission in serving the elderly poor and we are very grateful for their dedicated work.



Ciara Trujillo and Cathie Kearns



Kelsey Brucks; Carmen Aguirre and Kristen Schwartz

Wish of a Lifetime

We have recently been connected to a growing organization that strives to honor the elderly and embrace our aging population. Wish of a Lifetime is a nonprofit organization that grants elderly individuals a wish of their choosing as a sign of love and appreciation. Through the organization’s efforts, many elderly individuals have been gifted incredible experiences including; fulfilling lifelong dreams, reconnecting with loved ones, renewing passions, and more. Recently, our very own Resident, Esther, was granted a wish of attending a privately booked craft store with her family. Knitting has been a passion of Esther’s for much of her life and this opportunity allowed her to pick out her own yarn for her knitting projects. Due to health ailments, it has been several years since Esther has been able to shop for and pick out her own project materials. We are grateful to Wish of a Lifetime for their dedication



to the elderly, and more specifically, for the ways that they assisted in making this wish a reality for Esther. It is our hope that we can nominate more of our dear Residents for their own desired opportunities in the near future!



Community Volunteers enjoying a well-deserved break from their gardening duties!

Open Hearts and Open Gardens

It is amazing how scriptures that were composed centuries before the Christian era, can be true today. For example, Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 says, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.” While writing this, the author could not have envisioned the COVID-19 lockdown, but, inspired by the Holy Spirit, his words certainly apply to our life today.

This spring and summer we have seen the world slowly opening back up after a long season of lockdown and distancing. The birth of the Mullen Home Garden Club, spearheaded by volunteer Lynn Bishop and assisted by our own Resident gardeners, Joe and Tim, has sprung into action. They are making it possible for us to stop and smell the flowers, along with providing a beautiful environment



Volunteer Lynn and Resident Tim prepare to garden together.

for our Residents. Pope Francis acknowledges how we experience Christ reflected in the beauty of the earth. He says, “The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul,

but also to discover God in all things” (Laudato Si, 233). We are all grateful for the hard work of all of our volunteers who have made the garden so enjoyable and a beautiful opportunity for us to encounter our Savior.

We thank O’Toole’s Nursery, Lepino Foods and several other donors and volunteers, including Patty Spurway and Lynn Bishop, who have generously provided plants and flowers and strong hands to accomplish the beauty that we now see on our Mullen Home grounds. Lynn has taken on this responsibility in memory of her dear mother, Ann, who passed away a few years ago. Another volunteer who has been a great blessing to us is Gloria Viglione. Her mother, Phyllis, is a Resident here and Gloria has adorned our outdoor Stations of the Cross flower pots with beautiful geranium plants to honor her mother.

MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

It is with joy that I send you these words of greeting, as I return once again to our beautiful Home in Denver! Flying in from California, the mountains of our city were like huge Welcome signs as I looked out the window at this magnificent panorama.

It is like a breath of "fresh air" as we try to return to normalcy after these never-ending months of Covid-19. Because we are a Long-Term Care facility, we are still following guidelines which assure the greatest safety possible to our elderly Residents. With that said, families are enjoying more opportunities to visit their loved ones, and as soon as possible we look forward to seeing all of our many friends once again. With the hardships that this pandemic caused for so many, there has developed a deep appreciation and comradery among families, friends and volunteers of our Home.

Throughout the pandemic we have been blessed beyond all imagining by the generosity, thoughtfulness and solicitude of our families and benefactors and will forever be grateful for all that you have done and continue to do for our dear elderly Residents. Please know that you and your loved ones are daily remembered in our prayers and in the prayers of our Residents.

As we enter these last months of 2021, we wish good health, happiness and God's blessings upon each of you and your families.

Gratefully,
Mother Paul and Little Sisters

*"Be kind, especially with the infirm.
Love them well ... Oh yes! Be kind.
It is a great grace God is giving you.
In serving the aged, it is he himself
whom you are serving."*

Jeanne Jugan



Wish List

- Napkins
- 8 oz. Cups
- Copy Paper (8.5x11)
- Distilled Water
- Gift Cards
 - King Soopers
 - Safeway
 - Walgreens
 - Wal-Mart
 - Costco

***We are not able to accept
Clothing, Bedding, Medications,
Adult Pads/Padding of any kind!***



MISSION

Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. The Little Sisters of the Poor have always been committed to respecting your personal information and privacy. The Little Sisters of the Poor will never sell, share, trade, rent or provide personal information to any other entity. Thank you for your continued support of our mission!

