

Annual Donor Report 2022-2023



Sisters of the Presentation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In Joyful Service



“ We can’t heal the world today but we can begin with **a voice of compassion, a heart of love, an act of kindness.** ”

– MARY DAVIS –



Dear Presentation Family,

“There is no greater happiness in the world than to be in union.” – VENERABLE NANO NAGLE

Our Presentation Mission calls us to be promoters of justice; it is what the Gospel mandates us to do. Justice, however, goes beyond our Sisters. Each partner, employee, volunteer, or person served takes this work of justice into his or her own heart. Thus, the gift and mission of justice lives and spreads to all corners of the world.

We are grateful to you for your partnership during this past year. Throughout this Annual Donor Report, you will read how together, we continue to respond to current needs around the world in faithfulness to the Gospel. From walking alongside newly arriving migrants, to offering scholarship assistance to attend Catholic School, lending a hand-up to those who have fallen on hard times and working to restore the land back to its natural beauty, we cannot do this alone. Even in the closing of Presentation College, the legacy continues through our newly formed partnership with Saint Ambrose University and the Nano Nagle Online School of Nursing.

It is because of you, our partners, that we are able to extend mutual respect and support to those among us in need. We ask that you prayerfully consider a stewardship gift to support the lives of those less fortunate. One hundred percent of your donation directly funds our ministries. With your support, prayers, and financial gifts, we are able to continue living out our call to be of compassionate service and provide a spark of hope to those in the margins of society. Together, we are **creating opportunities for justice and joy in the lives of others.**

May God’s blessings be ever present and provide you with all you most need! You and your loved ones are in our prayers. Let us work and pray with one another for peace and justice throughout the world.

In peace and mercy,

Sisters Mary, Vicky, Roxanne, and Pegge

Presentation Sisters Leadership Team



Front Cover: *The Children Are Asking* by Sr. Mary Southard, CSJ, www.ministryofthearts.org. Used with permission.



We embrace a future that will see Presentation People join together so the charism and mission continue to thrive.



Prayer, Mission and Charism

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In today's world, any way we turn we see and experience distress. From natural disasters and wars taking place across the world, to internal struggles some experience inside themselves, to our very planet that is showing the signs of our neglect, many things seem out of our control and even frightening. We seek hope and peace through both our prayer lives and our actions in our communities.

As a vowed apostolic congregation, we ground all aspects of our lives in God's love and in response to our call to serve others. Each moment in our prayer and ministry life is an opportunity to express our Presentation Mission. We follow in the footsteps of our foundress, Nano Nagle. In her spirit, we strive to incarnate the compassion and justice of Jesus, so our neighbors, locally and globally, might live with hope. Through service to those in need, we are living out of the mission of Jesus. By grounding this service in prayer, we are filled with a spirit of compassion, joy, and love for those we serve.

Join us in praying for one another and our Earth. We invite you to send us your prayer intentions so that we may include them in our daily prayers. You may send your intentions to the address on the back of this donor report, include them in the provided envelope, call 605-229-8331 or email wepray4u@presentationsisters.org. ●



Thank You, Partners

We are grateful to the donors listed in this annual report, as well as the individuals who prefer to remain anonymous, for their partnership over the past year. The efforts of many coming together make it possible to do what none of us could do alone. It is through your prayerful and financial support that we are able to continue our work for justice and ease the burdens that others bear, inspiring hope for a brighter future.

It is our intention that this report accurately reflects the names of our donors from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. We also remember in our prayers those whose names are marked with a cross (†) as they are our partners who are deceased.

We have established style guidelines to ensure consistency. If there is an error with your name, please let us know using the contact information listed on the back of this report.

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.³

Let's each do our part! Before putting something in the trash, see if it is something that can be recycled.

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Our Presentation Family enjoys staying connected with all of you and encourage you to reach out with your questions.

- Are you looking to connect with a Sister?
- Are you interested in joining us in our justice work?
- Do you have a historical request?
- Do you have a special prayer intention?
- Are you interested in learning more about our Cojourner (lay associate) Program?
- Are you interested in giving a gift to support our ministries?
- Would you like to volunteer?
- Would you like to deepen your partnership?



Our South Dakota offices are located in Aberdeen and Sioux Falls. We invite you connect with us: scan the code, call the phone numbers listed below or visit our website and facebook page to learn more.



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**Two simple ways
 someone can help
 our Earth:**

- 1. Use recycled bags
 for groceries**
- 2. Use a reusable
 water bottle
 instead of a single
 use bottle**

Thanks to the Aluminum Association, American Forest and Paper Association, Association of Plastic Recyclers, Institute for Scrap Recycling Industries, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for providing many of these fun facts.

¹ Source: <https://recyclingpartnership.org/communitiesforrecycling/16-fun-recycling-facts-for-kids/>

² Source: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/recycling-basics>

³ Source: <https://www.roadrunnerwm.com/blog/50-interesting-recycling-facts>

OUR SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS CONTINUE

As you may know, we have made the decision to move more of our print materials to an electronic version. (We started this effort with our latest Summer 2023 Voices & Ventures newsletter.) This is one way we can step-up and take a lead in reducing the footprint we are leaving in this world. While fewer print materials will be mailed, we are striving to keep our information even more accessible in electronic formats. Information is always available on our Website, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and with QR codes. **We know these alternative forms of communication may not be the best option for everyone, so if you, or someone you know, would prefer a hard copy of materials, we welcome the opportunity to provide this for you.**



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Caminando Juntos

WALKING TOGETHER, WE DO NOTHING ALONE



The ministry team at Caminando Juntos continues to respond to the Gospel mandate to welcome the stranger. As we welcome our migrant Latino brothers and sisters with open arms, we invite you to join us, walking together with them, as they seek to adjust and become successful in a new culture.

Kathy and Angelica, our Resource and Support Service staff, serve clients with compassion, empathy and professionalism. This past year, they connected with over 20,000 clients, an 18% increase from prior years. They listen to each person's individual needs, assisting with basic questions and resources, and referring clients to partner agencies for more complex inquiries.

Our English Educational Program continues to expand. April, along with members of our staff and our wonderful volunteers, teach three different levels of English classes to Spanish-speaking adults while also providing tutoring, GED preparation assistance and computer literacy classes. Our

Workplace English Program is expanding as we work alongside local businesses who desire to enhance their workplace, making sure each employee has an equal opportunity to advance.

In partnership with the local school district, April and ministry partner Margarita Gomez, have created a Latino Teen Support group initiative to help Latino youth work through the many challenges of newly arrived migrant families. Along with self-esteem issues and just fitting in, these teens are facing the challenges of being in a new country, city, school, and speaking a different language. Our goal is to impact at least 60 Latino teens this coming year.

Sister Janet and Christy remain very busy assisting clients with immigration legal services. Seeing an almost 50% increase in cases from last year, they walk alongside each person, guiding them with compassion, grace and tenacity on how best to proceed through the legal challenges and policy changes related to immigration, reaching their desired outcome. ●



Evening English Class

"The staff at Caminando Juntos is the best of the best! Together, through a welcoming presence, we attempt to provide the best possible empathetic and compassionate service to the Latino community. Thank you for your ongoing prayer and monetary support."

— Matthew Tschetter,
Executive Director



Latino Teen Support Group



Gifts to this ministry may assist with English language learner materials, scholarship assistance, immigration fee waivers or our crisis response fund.



- Sister Janet Horstman** | DOJ Accredited Representative
- April Ross** | Educational Coordinator
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- Kathy Donis** | Office and Resource Manager
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- Matthew Tschetter** | Executive Director

Scholarship



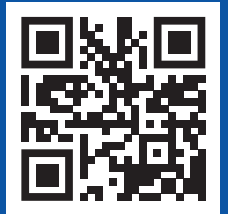
Since answering the call to come and teach in Dakota Territory in the late 1800s, education has been at the forefront of our ministry efforts. It has been a part of our mission since we opened our first school in Aberdeen in 1886. As we have adapted to meet the needs of those we serve, our areas of ministry may have shifted, but each of our ministries encompasses an educational component.

As many of our sisters are former educators and school administrators in Catholic Schools throughout the region, our commitment to Catholic education remains strong. We believe a Catholic education not only develops and nurtures a child's knowledge and skills, but their compassion and a desire to serve others. This is an investment in our future leaders; it is the beginning of lifelong formation in our Catholic Faith.

Since 2009, our Congregation, with assistance from generous partners, has offered scholarships for students in South Dakota who attend, or desire to attend, Catholic primary and secondary schools in the Sioux Falls Diocese. Last year over 130 students applied for scholarship assistance. A dedicated committee reads and discusses each application form and essay regarding the value of Catholic education and how the scholarship would financially impact their family. This assistance has helped these students to receive a Catholic education when it might not have been possible for their families. It is our hope that those receiving scholarships will continue the legacy of our foundress Nano Nagle and the mission and charism of the Presentation Sisters by living out their own individual call to serve those in need. ●

For the 2023-2024 school year, 40 students received a \$750 scholarship and three students received a \$1,500 Catholic high school scholarship.

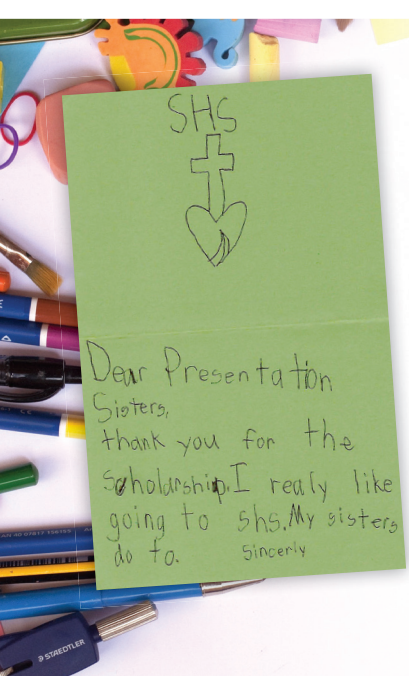
To view a list of our 2023-2024 recipients, scan the code:



This year we received 114 K-12 applications and 22 HS applications.



Gifts to this ministry will continue the legacy of Catholic education and continue the faith formation of our youth.



"Thank you for choosing me for the Presentation Sisters Catholic School Scholarship. I enjoy the teachings of the church and my daily activities at my school. The teachers make you feel at home and I enjoy my classes."

- STUDENT

"I am writing to thank you for your influence on Catholic education in our Diocese. From the first day our school opened in 1929, you have provided quality Catholic education to children in our community. Through hard work, prayers, and now scholarships, you have helped make Catholic education available to so many families. I am grateful for your continued influence and our families thank you for your generosity."

- PRINCIPAL



Good Samaritan Ministry

FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN



Many know what it means to fall on hard times. It can happen to anyone at any time, it knows no certain race, ethnicity, religion, or class. When unforeseen circumstances happen, it may be difficult to meet immediate, basic needs such as food and shelter. Sometimes a hand-up can make all the difference.

Our Good Samaritan Ministry was established over 50 years ago to help fill the gap in basic needs when our neighbors need help the most. This work continues today, assisting adults and families throughout the state of South Dakota to get back on their feet after a set-back.

We continue to work collaboratively with area non-profits. In Aberdeen, our partnership continues with The Journey Home. Knowing each client has different circumstances, the staff at The Journey Home meets with each individual, listens to their story, helps them identify areas that may help improve their situation, and works with them, setting up an individualized plan for the client.

Clients typically need to fulfill requirements before assistance is provided, holding the recipient

accountable. These requirements could include budgeting classes, reducing expenses, applying for housing assistance or social service benefits, working to find employment that is within the client's abilities, participating in substance abuse treatment or successfully attending mental health services for a determined amount of time. Each time we help someone with a hand up we are modeling that which Jesus taught us as we live our charism and mission in the world today.

Lenny came to The Journey Home looking for help. His alcohol addiction had left him broken and he was trying to put the pieces back together. The staff at The Journey Home worked with Lenny, but he didn't want to follow the rules and guidelines set by them. He moved out. After some time, Lenny returned. He apologized for his ways; his attitude and demeanor had softened. Witnessing these changes, the staff continued working with Lenny. He is now back on his feet and attending AA classes. He has secured a full-time job, developed relationships with coworkers and friends and is back in the life of his child. ◆

"Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same — with charity you **give love**, so don't just give money **but reach out your hand** instead."

MOTHER TERESA



This ministry provides temporary assistance as we work alongside individuals and families to become self-sustaining. Gifts may assist with rent, utilities, medication, fuel, transportation or daycare.

"Use your voice for **kindness**, your ears for **compassion**, your hands for **charity**, your mind for **truth**, your heart for **love**."

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Laudato Si'

It has been three years since our Congregation initiated our Prairie Restoration Project. Our discernment continues as we work to enhance the property at Presentation Heights and bring out more of its natural beauty as a lasting gift to the Aberdeen community and region.

Our ecological and socially focused work is guided by Pope Francis' Laudato Si'. In wanting to define the focus of our work more clearly, we have changed our ministry name from Integral Ecology to Laudato Si'. Our work is not only that of land restoration and ecology, but about bringing each person's individual spirituality into the land.

Laudato Si' Co-Director Jamie Risse shares, "Throughout these past three years, I have come to look at things differently, to feel differently. When I am working on the land, I am truly present, realizing how we are all connected to each other and to our Earth. I close my eyes, feel the wind and sun on my face, and listen. It is sacred."

Gifts to this ministry may assist with educational opportunities with youth and adults as well as for the purchase of equipment or seeds as we continue to cultivate the land.



Jamie Risse
Laudato Si' Co-Director
Jared Hohn
Laudato Si' Co-Director

Throughout the years we have had the privilege to meet and partner with different and varied individuals and organizations. We enjoy coming together, helping one another in restoring relationships not only with one another, but with our Earth. As we continue to learn, we strive to bring educational opportunities to others, bringing a more widespread awareness to what we can do together. ***We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach: it must integrate questions of justice in debate on the environment, so as to hear***

both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Laudato Si' 49 ◆



We continue our planting of native grasses and seeds, as well as work to control some invasive species of vegetation. We are cutting natural walking paths throughout the land and invite others to come and see the different grasses and flowers that adorn this sacred place.

Justice is Our Work



ur Presentation Mission is centered on our work for justice, focusing on both direct service, or charity, and systemic change.

Each ministry assists with immediate needs through direct service. Concurrently, we work toward systemic change that will address the deeper causes of the many problems faced by those we serve.

We recognize that many problems in our world cannot be solved by merely increasing aid or service without changing the structures and systems which mire people in poverty. At the same time, direct service is necessary to meet the immediate needs of the suffering. We believe both are of equal importance to help build a more just society. By raising awareness and exploring opportunities to make change, we help others to recognize injustice around them and to take action. This builds our collective capacity to respond to the most critical needs.

We are not isolated in our efforts and partner with Presentation People both locally and globally. We strive to partner with other non-profit groups, working together to promote a safe and just community that allows all our neighbors to flourish.

One needs to look no further than their own local neighborhoods to witness injustice. Assisting at this level, a few of the local agencies we partner



Carrie Hansen
Justice Contact

Gifts to this ministry may assist with educational opportunities, awareness and advocacy.



Maternity Ward at the Malawi Hospital.

with include the Aberdeen Area Diversity Coalition, Salvation Army, The Journey Home, Homes Are Possible, Inc., Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, The Banquet and St. Francis House. Together, we reach out to those in need of a helping hand, showing compassion and providing hope through their hardship.

At the statewide level, we work to address systemic change by lobbying the South Dakota State Legislature. Through this action, we are able to both share information about people's needs and advocate for changes that could improve their life circumstances. Lobbying provides an opportunity to educate lawmakers, share stories of people we serve at the local level, and bring awareness and understanding of the impact that proposed laws will have.

At a national level, our Sisters partner with others to address the needs of the immigrant population entering the United States. People immigrate to the

International Presentation Association (IPA)

We are Presentation People who share the charisma of Nano Nagle. We reach out in faith, in a spirit of hospitality, compassion and simplicity to all of creation. The cry of Earth and people made poor calls us to continue the mission of Jesus to bring forth a sustainable society founded on respect for Earth, universal human rights, economic justice and a culture of peace.

2017 IPA ASSEMBLY



Preparing lunches in Aberdeen, SD, for the Feed the Kids Summer Meal Program through the Salvation Army.

United States for many reasons. Some are seeking asylum from wars or violence and some come to seek out employment. We recognize that immigration can be a polarizing topic, and yet it is important to promote the dignity of each person, whatever their life circumstances.

Internationally, we partner with the International Presentation Association (IPA). This international community of Presentation Sisters is comprised of the Presentation Sisters Union, the Conference of Presentation Sisters of North America and the Presentation Society of Australia, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea. Together, we have a presence in twenty countries, where we work with organizations and religious groups from around the world in furthering the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Three of the SDGs were selected to be the priority areas for action in the IPA network. Narrowing



We partner with the Benedictine Sisters in Watertown, SD, in raising awareness of trafficking in our region. This new billboard message will rotate throughout eastern South Dakota.

the focus of action at the international level helps to concentrate and enhance our efforts. **These three priority action areas are elimination of violence against women and children, advancing the rights and care of the Earth, and honoring and advancing the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples.** Aberdeen Justice Contact Carrie Hansen, collaborates regularly with justice contacts on a national and international level as they strategically work on these justice concerns.

Just returning from an IPA Conference held in Newfoundland, Canada, Carrie is excited about the future of justice work. “Working across international boundaries provides an opportunity to contemplate the dignity of all people, especially those made, and kept poor. By working together, in a focused and strategic way, we can make a difference locally, nationally, and globally in people’s lives.”



In June 2023, members of our Congregation and staff joined our global Presentation Family at the IPA Conference held in Newfoundland, Canada.

Vocation Outreach Ministry

Discerning a person's vocation may look a bit different today than in past years. It is no secret that fewer women are discerning a religious call and becoming Sisters. Yet, for those who are, technology is playing a key role in connecting these young women from varying geographical locations.

Working together, the team of six vibrant and creative Vocation Collaborators from across the Conference of Presentation Sisters (CPS), gather online every 4 to 6 weeks with single adult women for prayer, reflection, and sharing. Topics vary depending upon the liturgical season with the discerning women sharing and engaging in the online conversations with depth and insights that encourage others across the miles. Jen Rothenbuehler, Aberdeen Congregational Collaborator shares, "It has been a wonderful learning experience to work alongside the CPS

Vocation Directors the past few years. I feel so very fortunate to be part of this team and help promote the online events that help women across the country discern their vocations." One of the past participants (from these online gatherings) was a novice in the inter-congregational novitiate program in Chicago while she discerned with Dubuque Presentation Sisters.

"What we are seeing is the emergence of a new generation of Presentation Sisters who know they are called to a global sisterhood.

Whereas Sisters 60 or 70 years ago entered the convent with a dozen classmates, a Sister today may be the only novice with her congregation and yet she has a dozen supportive peers who are also new Sisters. Religious life of the future is interconnected across congregation lines—we truly do nothing alone," states Sister Vicky Larson. ♦

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- Sister Vicky Larson

If you know any single women ages 18-45 who would like to be part of a supportive group of discerners who meet online, please refer to Jen or Sister Vicky for further information.



We believe that God created each of us with a special dream or purpose for our lives and we invite you to take time to ***"listen to your life and come to know your own personal vocational call."***

- Sister Vicky Larson,
Vocation Director



Sister Vicky Larson
Vocation Director
Jen Rothenbuehler
Vocation Collaborator

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for your collaboration and partnership as we continue to join together in faith, a spirit of hospitality, compassion and simplicity to all of creation. Listening to the cry of those made poor and the cry of the Earth grounds us in our Presentation Mission as we joyfully incarnate the compassion and justice of Jesus, as our Foundress Nano Nagle did, so that our neighbors locally and globally might live with hope.

This last year continued to break norms in how we imagined new ways of being and doing. Many of our Presentation People are finding themselves called in new ways of leadership, learning and following in the footsteps of the humble, yet extraordinary, example of our Presentation Sisters as we work to bring more peace and justice into our world. We continue to lean into ways we can leave the world better for future generations and find ourselves energized by the many collaborative conversations and work that is being envisioned, as it finds new life.

We thank you for taking steps with us, imagining and dreaming with hearts and eyes wide open. May we continue trusting in one another as we walk this journey together.

Together in Hope,


Brooke & Jen (Sioux Falls)


Barb, Carrie, Jenny & Kathleen (Aberdeen)


Mission Development Team

P.S. We LOVE connecting with you! We invite you to reach out to us if you would like to discover more about the many opportunities for partnership, to learn more about one of our ministries or would just like to visit over a cup of coffee.

LET'S CONNECT!

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JOIN *together* in faith

“

See, I am doing a
new thing!
***Now it springs
up;*** do you not
perceive it?

ISAIAH 43:19

”

“

The best and most
beautiful things in the
world cannot be seen or
even touched—
***they must be felt
with the heart.***

HELEN KELLER

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“The value of a person does not depend any more on the role they have, the work they do, the money they have in the bank. No, no, no, it does not depend on this. Greatness and success in God’s eyes are measured differently: they are measured by *service*. Not on what someone *has*, but on what someone *gives*.

Do you want to be great? Serve. This is the way.”

— POPE FRANCIS