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I am very grateful for receiving your thoughtful gift. Because of your scholarship, my child will continue receiving a great education, while continuing to grow in faith for years to come. Your support has made a profound impact on our family, and we are deeply appreciative of your kindness and generosity.

Ensuring that our child receives the best possible education, including religious education, is a priority and a significant challenge. The scholarship you have provided will greatly alleviate the financial burden of tuition, allowing our child to benefit from their school environment that is supportive and nurturing. This opportunity will not only foster academic growth, but also social and personal development, and help to grow and strengthen their faith. Your commitment to supporting children's education exemplifies true compassion and dedication to making a difference in their lives. It is a beacon of hope and encouragement for our family.

We are inspired by your mission and the positive impact you make in the community. Please know that your contribution is not just financial support; it is a powerful affirmation of our child's potential and our family's aspirations. We are committed to making the most of this opportunity and will always hold your kindness in our hearts. (Thank you letter from parent)

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Through Our Good Samaritan Ministry

Matthew is a current resident of Journey Home in Aberdeen, SD. For many years, he had been living with and taking care of his mother, who suffers from mental illness. He even found jobs for her and would work beside her, doing some of her work and staying late when she could not. One day she physically assaulted him, took his money and all his savings. He was not able to pay his rent, started drinking, lost his job and his apartment; he was depressed and felt all alone. He reached out for help and was assisted by a local medical facility. After his release, Matthew came to Journey Home where he blossomed quickly. He started attending church and small groups, which greatly impacted his life. He now realizes and is sharing the fullness of God's love, joy and peace.

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We invite you to join us through prayer, gatherings and volunteer opportunities, as together we work toward a more peaceful and loving world.

## TOGETHER WE CARE FOR CREATION

Through the Lens of Laudato Si'

Through education and shared experiences, we work in partnership with others to steward the land at Presentation Heights, returning it to God's natural beauty. Our Prairie Restoration Project is guided by Pope Francis' Laudato Si' Encyclical.

Collaboration has been essential in this ministry. We are grateful to learn from others and share our knowledge with youth and adults at events through schools and libraries.

Last year, we were able to walk the land with the Aberdeen, SD, K.O. Lee Library staff. Their visit inspired a request to the Laudato Si' team to collaborate on a multifocal project. The library wanted to create events engaging and educating the public in Aberdeen about the history of the Presentation Sisters and their discernment of this project. This seed has blossomed, and we seek additional opportunities as we continue to learn and share with one another.



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