



The Last Resort

Celebrating 35 Years of Dedicated Service

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Catholic Outreach
2022-2023**

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There is a parable that speaks about the danger of building on sand which will endanger all future construction. What follows is a modern simplification to help illustrate the story of Grand Valley Catholic Outreach that often gets buried – or for some, was never brought to light. Forty years ago Sr. Ladonna Maier, OSF, a teacher at St. Joseph School, used her lunch hour to open the back door of the convent and offer lunch to the men and women who had lined up there because they were hungry. She did not build on sand. Many who are adults today recall their school years when they were allowed to leave class and come to the convent to help in distributing the food each day.

Thirty-five years ago the four Catholic Parishes in Mesa County came together, pooling resources in order to serve their neighbors who were in distress. They named their ministry Grand Valley Catholic Outreach – Catholic meaning anyone and everyone could serve or be served. So began the underpinnings of an ecumenical endeavor that strives today. They did not build on sand. In the beginning the job was simple – the feeding of sandwiches to those who came to the door of the convent at lunchtime, providing clothing for those who were in need, and helping with rental assistance in order to avert an eviction. The sisters teaching at St. Joseph School continued to provide the initial years of relief. In 1988 the first executive director was hired – Sr. Janelle Crumb, OSF. She established a board of directors and gained non-profit status for the ministry. After serving a year as director, Sr. Janelle moved to the San Luis Valley and established a service organization that still thrives today. Sr. Caroline Conway, SHCJ followed in 1989 and served as executive director for the next ten years. As she was flying from Pennsylvania towards her interview in the Diocese of Pueblo, she opened a magazine on the plane to a page that cried: “Pueblo is calling you” and took that to be a sign that she was called to serve in the diocese at Catholic Outreach. The small green house



White Avenue - Outreach's first home



Limited space at the White Avenue Soup Kitchen

on White Avenue served as her headquarters providing several offices for the distribution of financial aid, a clothing bank, and food pantry. Across the street in the now unoccupied convent rose the soup kitchen and next to it a duplex that serves to this day as transitional housing for families with pre-school children. The Soup Kitchen suffered growing pains as the number of persons needing a daily meal quickly escalated and space was limited. Since no more than twenty persons could be seated inside, the parking bay was converted into an outdoor eating area which was utilized both summer and winter.

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Sr. Karen Bland, OSB
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In 1996 a man who was homeless and looking for work in exchange for food crossed paths with Bob Kelsey, a psychologist with a kindly heart. During his interaction with his friend, Bob gained insight into the needs of persons who are homeless. Taking his concern to Catholic Outreach, he worked with the board in establishing the Outreach Day Center, a place where persons who are homeless could have access to the amenities we all take for granted: showers, clean clothes, and medical assistance. The Day Center opened in 1997 staffed by all volunteers, including the program's director. Five days a week it receives its guests who seek basic services that will preserve for them their dignity and self-respect. During the years of Covid the Center never closed its doors and because of precautions taken, neither volunteers nor guests caught the virus there.



One of the services provided at the Day Center

“We cannot end homeless without homes.” Such was the mantra of the next executive director, Sr. Karen Bland, OSB, a transplant from the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. The year of 2002-3 introduced Catholic Outreach to programs of transitional housing that enabled persons who were homeless to seek housing and grow toward self sufficiency and housing stability. Although new housing options were appearing for those who were homeless, Catholic Outreach itself needed new quarters. These came as the result of the renovation of the former City Market warehouse which provided space for the various programs that had become indispensable – food, clothing, and shelter. But housing for the homeless remained a vital need.

By 2008 it was obvious that a form of housing that would bring greater stability into our guests' lives was needed. In the next seven years sixty-three apartments were built and furnished as homes for persons who were chronically homeless - first St. Benedict Place and then St. Martin Place. Each apartment was fully furnished. The housing would be affordable to those who were living at poverty level. Residents would pay no more than 30% of their income for their housing – making the supportive housing affordable for them. Resident advocates direct the residents to resources they need in order to meet the goals they have set for themselves.

Fifteen years of shepherding men and women toward greater self-sufficiency has brought to light a new and expedient need – housing for the most vulnerable in our community. Women

in their sixties and seventies are now counted among the homeless because housing is unaffordable to them. They are among the “poorest of the poor” in our society. Several women (some without appendages) who are consigned to the streets now live in their wheelchairs. They are fortunate if they have a friend who will help them traverse the streets and avenues. From an awareness of these situations was conceived Mother Teresa Place.

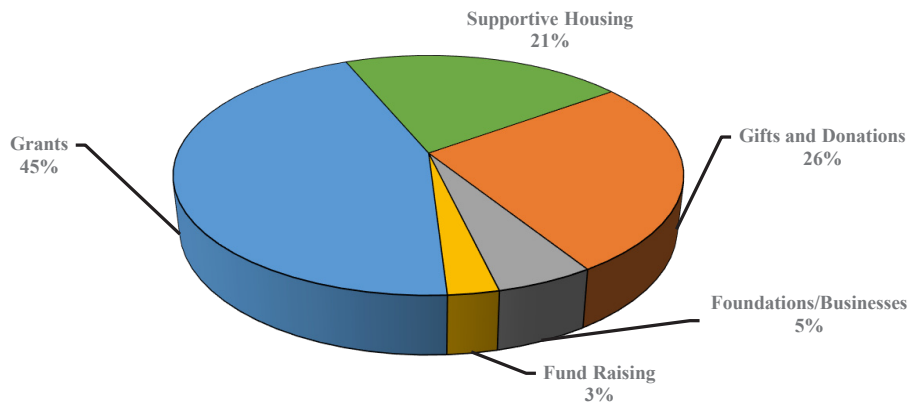


Guests entering current Soup Kitchen

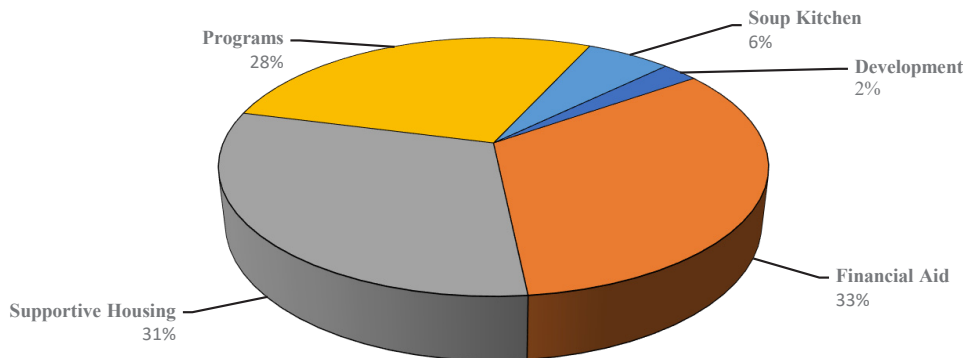
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Finance Report 2022-2023

Income



Expense



INCOME

Gifts and Donations
\$667,245

Grants
\$1,144,324

Foundations/Businesses
\$134,335

Fundraising
\$70,195

Supportive Housing
\$545,502

Total
\$2,561,601

EXPENSE

Development
\$55,888

Supportive Housing
\$681,782

Programs
\$618,368

Financial Aid
\$734,320

Soup Kitchen
\$131,911

Total Expense
\$2,222,269

Building Reserve
\$339,332

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helping to deliver
“renewed life” for
others



Tickets available at Grand Valley
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of the event.

Save The Date

28th ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS

Saturday, October 14th, 2023
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

\$25.00
Soup, Bread, Dessert
and
Handmade Pottery Bowl

Feeding the Hungry
in the Grand Valley

Benefitting
Catholic Outreach Soup Kitchen
245 S. 1st Street, Grand Junction

The Benefits of Second Options

Many struggle these days in their search for affordable housing. Many are failing to find it. As we learn of professionals who, although employed and salaried, find themselves unable to a) encounter rental housing or b) find housing that is affordable for them, our thoughts turn to those who have fallen on hard times, are not skilled professionally or adequately employed and salaried. Today, in Grand Junction, the vacancy rate for rentals is less than 1%. According to the weekly listing of available rentals in *Almost Home*, published weekly by Catholic Outreach, most units are not affordable for those whose income is less than half the area median income (AMI).

How is affordability measured? For the year 2023 a 1-person household earning 30% or less of the AMI - \$2,054 monthly – is considered “extremely low income” (Colorado.gov, 2023). A similar household earning \$1,215 monthly is living at the federal poverty level. How, therefore, can any individual with this monthly income or even less acquire adequate housing in Mesa County? For the most part they cannot. For just these reasons, Catholic Outreach’s supportive housing program has opened the possibility of affordable decent housing for at least 63 men and women in our community. Both St. Martin Place and St. Benedict Place have become a place of safety for people with disparate needs. Some have found themselves evicted as residences have been sold or repurposed. Others, like Ben, have begun new chapters in their lives yet find themselves living on the streets for lack of income or housing. Ben spent several enjoyable years living in a small town with his partner until she succumbed to the ravages of cancer. During those months he cared for her tenderly. Finding himself with only one income and that at poverty level, he was quickly homeless. He, too, received a medical diagnosis of degenerative disk disease. His travels eventually led him to the Outreach Day Center and then to housing in Catholic Outreach’s supportive housing. The respect that his neighbors afford him and the joy he has engendered into many a life is testament to the fact that this transition has been life-giving both for him and for his neighbors.

Others have traveled distant and burdensome paths. Don discovered the Outreach Day Center after living several years without adequate housing. At the Day Center he could shower, receive medical help, do his laundry and have access to phone service. With the support of the director and other supportive staff Don was able to restart his SSDI payments, acquire lodging in a sober living house, secure employment at a local retail store, and enroll in Colorado Mesa University. During the course of the past year he has retained his employment and enjoyed a steady paycheck. As a faithful volunteer at the Outreach Day Center Don noticed the need for the replenishment of supplies provided to the daily guests. From his paycheck he periodically brings a gift of supplies that help bring respect and dignity to those who are homeless. Don completed his first year of university with an A in every course he took. In the fall of 2023 he will begin another semester in his pursuit of advanced learning.

Thank You

to

The four *Catholic Churches* who had the vision to found Catholic Outreach in 1988

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*Foundations* that have supported Catholic Outreach’s growth and mission

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Churches of all denominations whose time, talent, and treasure have created the ecumenical spirit that is the breath of Catholic Outreach

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*Businesses, organizations, and government entities* who recognize the role Catholic Outreach has played toward enhancing stability in our community

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Volunteers and friends who, through their gifts in many forms, have become pillars of Catholic Outreach

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The countless *men, women, and children* who have opened their hearts and hands and thus opened doors that enable those who are vulnerable in our community move toward stability and develop greater self-sufficiency

## Hours of Service Monday- Friday

**Financial Assistance**  
9:00-12:00

**Day Center**  
7:00-11:00

**Soup Kitchen**  
Monday-Saturday  
12:00-1:00

**In Kind Donations**  
Monday-Friday  
Only  
9:00-4:00

## Contacts

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970-254-1262

**Day Center**  
970-263-9445

**Soup Kitchen**  
970-243-0091

## *New Tax Credit Effective January 1, 2023*

### **Homeless Contribution Tax Credit**

Created by Colorado House Bill-2022-1083, the Colorado Homeless Contribution Tax Credit (HCTC) provides a tax credit to Colorado taxpayers that contribute to eligible homelessness related projects. This new tax credit replaces a portion of an existing income tax credit available to taxpayers who made contributions to Enterprise Zone Administrators in Enterprise Zones to promote homelessness related projects to persons experiencing homelessness. This is a new Homeless Contribution Tax Credit that is available in the entire state for a broader range of homelessness response related activities and became operable January 1, 2023. When taxpayers make a certified contribution, they can claim 25% of their donation (monetary or value of in-kind) as a state income tax credit if contributed to a qualified organization headquartered in a non-rural community. Grand Junction is considered a non-rural community, and there is no change in the percentage previously given for monetary donations. However, an in-kind donation now receives 25% tax credit instead of the 12.5% formerly offered, provided the in-kind donation is valued at \$5,000 or more. This Bill replaces the credit that was awarded through the Enterprise Zone Tax.

The legislation comes with new parameters. a) The nonprofit must have programs related to homelessness and be approved to request tax credits. Catholic Outreach is an approved agency. b) A tax credit may be issued only for monetary donations of \$100 or more. c) A tax credit may be issued only for in-kind donations of \$5,000 or more (including stocks).

However, individuals who make monthly or periodic monetary gifts throughout the year of less than \$100, or in-kind of less than \$5,000, can receive a certificate at the end of the year for the amount accumulated during that year (if it meets the required amount).

Two other provisions are found in House Bill 2022-1083

a) The requirement of a donor to submit their **complete** Social Security Number. *To do so, please do not send it by email. Rather, call 970-241-3658 ext 109 and speak directly to Deena Hamilton who will transmit your information directly to the state.*

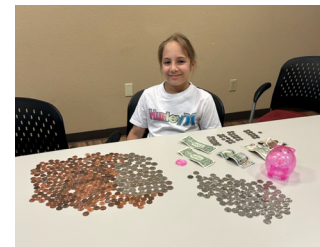
b) *Credit allowed may not exceed \$100,000 a year per tax payer.*

As in the past, all gifts must be given during the year in which a tax credit is issued, namely by December 31st .

More information can be found online at: <https://cdola.colorado.gov/hctc>

### ***Generosity knows no age limit***

Jameson is nine years old and has been coming to Catholic Outreach with his grandmother for many years. At the young age of 3 he started collecting money in his piggy bank. Six years later, his bank was full. He told his grandmother that he wanted to donate the money to Catholic Outreach. He had seen the animals that accompanied their owners who came every day for lunch at the Soup Kitchen. He emptied his piggy bank and counted out the money. He was so proud when he discovered how much he had collected. Our Soup Kitchen guests were honored to receive his thoughtful and generous gift.



Jameson counting his donation



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# The Last Resort

## CALLED to MAKE A DIFFERENCE

All of us are called to *Make a Difference*. More than five hundred Mesa County citizens have chosen to make a difference in someone's life by volunteering through Grand Valley Catholic Outreach in a variety of positions or committees. They come at least four hours a week bringing their skills, their gifts, and their compassionate hearts to help lessen the burden a neighbor may be carrying. They were called to *Make a Difference* and they have answered that summons. **Can you? Will you?**

What makes for a dedicated Volunteer? Someone who takes the gifts they have been given to a higher orbit-making a commitment to serve and keeping that as best they can. Someone who recognizes that "but for the grace of God, there go I." Someone who finds joy in sharing and in finding new friends through the Catholic Outreach Volunteer Corps. What gifts are needed in this post-Covid era? What can I offer?

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### Soup Kitchen

- Do you have some time on Monday morning? Do you have a truck you could use to help pick up food donations at several of our local markets?
- Can you give several hours once a week to help with recycling efforts?
- Would you like to help serve the noonday meal each Monday?
- Have you ever wished you could operate a restaurant-sized dish washing machine? Dish washing opportunities are available Monday or Friday for several hours around the noon hour.

#### Day Center

- Intake Receptionist at Receiving Desk - Vacancies available for Tuesday and Wednesday
- Monitor Laundry Room - Wednesday
- Be on-call as a substitute volunteer as needed.

#### Clothing Bank

- 4-hour opportunities available-morning or afternoon - Monday to Friday  
Sort and display clothes

#### Outreach Main Office

- Phone and Door Receptionist-Afternoons of Monday, Wednesday, or Friday
- Financial Aid Interviewer - Thursday morning
- Be on-call as a substitute volunteer as needed.

Where is your heart **calling you**? How will you *Make a Difference*?



Monday Soup Kitchen Volunteers: Terri Wenzloff, Kathy Chaloupka, Carol Eldridge, Steve Renner



Food Pantry Volunteers: Jennifer Tompkins and Lily Hoffman



Friday Day Center Volunteers: Joe Lyons, Tracy LeFebre, Mark Kaiser, Mary Demis, Steve Clow, Tex Olivas, John Kang, and Paterick Rodriguez

## Service Statistics

2022-2023

Emergency Food  
7,430

Rental Assistance  
643

Utilities Assistance  
757

Day Center Usage  
17,134

Clothing Bank  
23,876

Soup Kitchen  
38,521

Emergency Housing  
25

Permanent  
Supportive Housing  
75

Almost Home Guides  
54,361

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## Donation Opportunities

### Clothing Bank

9:00 - 4:00 (Mon-Fri)  
Clean clothes, books, small household items. Please do not leave items outside after hours.

### Food Bank

9:00-4:00 (Mon-Fri)  
Canned goods, non-perishable staples, and diapers.

### Soup Kitchen

7:00-2:00 (Mon-Sat)  
Produce of all kinds, meats commercially packaged, canned goods, packaged items such as pasta, dairy products and cleaning supplies.

### Day Center

7:00-1:00 (Mon-Fri)  
Cleaning supplies, small bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, towels, face cloths, deodorant, and shaving cream.

### Housing

9:00-4:00(Mon-Fri)  
For information; call 241-3658 ext 104

### QUESTIONS?

Call 970-241-3658

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# The Last Resort

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Catholic Outreach's main office located at 245 S. 1st Street

Forty apartments are slated to be built that will provide safe and secure housing for those who qualify. As with the other supportive housing units supported by Catholic Outreach, no resident will pay more than 30% of their income for housing.

Mother Teresa Place will provide not only apartment units but also space for community building and celebrations, exercise space, bicycle storage and repair, and resident advocate offices. All this is coming into being because of the great generosity of the community – hundreds of residents have contributed to the cost of this enterprise – the City of Grand Junction, various foundations, the Grand Junction Housing Authority, and a grant from the state. The Covid years have greatly affected the cost of construction and the availability of workers. Construction costs continue to rise at nearly 1% a month. Nevertheless, an end is in sight. Once the final hurdles have been surmounted, construction for Mother Teresa is slated to begin at 4<sup>th</sup> and Ute in Grand Junction. In another year forty more persons deprived of stable housing will find themselves residents at Mother Teresa Place. Their placement will help the city toward meeting its goal of providing 45-75 affordable units in a year's time. Upon its completion Mother Teresa Place will address three specific needs in our community: affordable housing, mental health support, and addressing the housing needs of the homeless.



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