



The Last Resort

Mother Teresa Place Home for those who had no Home

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach

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Mother Teresa Place was dedicated April 24, 2025, exactly ten years plus one day after the opening of St. Martin Place in 2015. An overflow crowd of persons who had in some way made this forty-apartment complex possible was on hand for a first-time tour of the facility after a short ceremony that acknowledged those responsible for its design and construction. Ed Chamberlin of Chamberlin Architects and Steve Meyer of Shaw Construction came out of retirement in order to be involved in yet another project sponsored by Grand Valley Catholic Outreach that brings housing to those who are homeless. This was the seventh project that both men have been involved in, bringing the number of Catholic Outreach apartments to 103 for those who were chronically homeless.

Doug Aden and Gregg Kampf, both former board members, monitored the development of Mother Teresa Place from design to occupancy, meeting weekly with the principals as design and construction progressed. For them, also, it was their seventh project.

As with prior developments, ministers from many churches accepted the invitation to bless one or two of the new apartments prior to the residents calling them home.

For those who have bicycles there is a bicycle storage room accessible only to those who use bikes. Contained therein are tools for fixing a bike as well as unique patterns for storing bikes.

On the first floor besides several common gathering places there is an exercise room. Dale Reece of Crossroads Fitness and companions researched the best exercise equipment for persons fifty years or beyond. Once the exercise room is operable, residents will be trained in the use of each piece of equipment. The room will be monitored by trainers. Several exercise trainers have already volunteered to donate an hour or two a week to train users and monitor the correct use of equipment. Ed Chamberlin continues to monitor the development of the exercise room.

To anyone entering the front door, may this blessing descend upon them:

Blessings and Peace Upon All Who Enter

At 4th and Ute can be found a statue of the Homeless Jesus, visible to all who drive pass that corner. It serves as a reminder that there are people in our community night after night who do not have a safe place to lay their head. May Mother Teresa Place remind all of us that “We simply cannot end homelessness without homes.”

Located at
4th and Ute



Also found at the
Vatican in Rome

The Homeless Jesus

Merle Allen
Buildings & Grounds

Carla Bistodeau
Housing Director

Jody Visconti Clow
Day Center Director

Carol Costopoulos
Finance Director

Nicha Costopoulos
Housing Advocate

Jim Curtsinger
*Development and
Communications*

Ryland Curtsinger
Coordinated Entry & IT

Michaela Facuri
Assistant to Administration

Deena Hamilton
Administrative Assistant

James Habenstreit
Volunteer Coordinator

Wade Huffine
Buildings & Grounds

David McCauley
Director of Buildings

Scott Montgomery
*Financial Aid
Director*

Paterick Rodriguez
GVCO Concierge

Jane Schissel
Associate Executive Director

Treasa Smith
Housing Advocate

Mary Strohm
Housing Advocate

Angela Walsh
Soup Kitchen Director

Sr. Karen Bland, OSB
Executive Director

Sr. Karen Bland
***Retiring after 26 Years as Executive Director at
Catholic Outreach***

My Dear Friends,

And you are my friends for you have sustained me for the past twenty-six years in more ways than you will ever know.

Twenty-six years can seem a long time, but when one knows they are where they are meant to be and along the way discovers new gifts with appropriate outlets, time is immeasurable.

I wish for each of you even more of the blessings as well as the acceptance, friendships, and support that I have received in such abundance.

My ministry here at Grand Valley Catholic Outreach has included the Benedictine Sisters of my Chicago Community as they have walked with me from the distance and held me along with each of you as we search to answer the unfailing question: “Who, therefore, shall we be” – a question foremost in determining the face, the spirit, and soul of Catholic Outreach.

We are all indebted to the pastors of the four Catholic parishes whose vision 37 years ago gave birth to this organization. Our gratitude goes further – to the churches and denominations here in the valley and elsewhere who asked to participate in a social justice ministry that we are all called to embrace. They saw this as a way not to duplicate services already available. As a result, Catholic Outreach here in the Valley has become known as a “reservoir of hope” for all – regardless of one’s religious affiliations or absence thereof.

All that represents Catholic Outreach is embedded in its mission of recognizing the dignity and worth of each person – which is manifested by the manner we treat all whom we encounter. It finds deeper roots when we respond to human needs as we become aware of them. Finally, our own compassionate spirits speak more clearly than words to answer the question of why we do what we do.

In the end, one can only say: “I have done no more than my duty.”

Thank you to each of you who, in the ways that are possible for you, continue to fill “the reservoir of hope” that is Grand Valley Catholic Outreach.

Blessings,



Sr. Karen Bland, OSB
Executive Director
1999-2025



The Last Resort

Jane Schissel, New Executive Director

When Sr. Karen first suggested the idea of joining her at Grand Valley Catholic Outreach as a mentee, my initial reaction was, “I think I’m a bit old for that.” All the same, I decided to trust God, retire from a long and rewarding career in education, and move from Denver to Grand Junction to work alongside Sr. Karen. For nearly a year, I have immersed myself in learning about Catholic Outreach from the woman who grew it to what it is today.

From the onset, I have asserted that no one can fill a predecessor’s shoes. No one can. It is not my intention to do that. What I can do, and everyone should expect me to do in my role as Executive Director, is to continue the work that Grand Valley Catholic Outreach has been committed to doing since it was established in 1988. I can and do commit to proclaiming the dignity and worth of each person and responding to human needs with compassion. That is the mission of Catholic Outreach, and it is also how I have lived my life.

As time goes on, I hope to meet the many people who have made our work possible. I don’t believe I have experienced a greater concentration of caring and generous people anywhere else. I am perpetually humbled and edified by the numerous people who give of their time, talent, or resources to Catholic Outreach. You make a difference—the type of difference that means keeping a family in a home or providing a homeless individual with access to showers, laundry, and a hot meal. You make a difference by keeping our food pantry stocked and our free clothing bank filled with clean clothes for those in need. You provide books for our little ones who come in with their parent(s). The ways you make a difference are as varied as the people who walk through our doors each day.

I have been particularly struck by the ecumenical nature of Catholic Outreach. One does not need to be Catholic to provide services or receive services. It’s a beautiful thing to witness people from different faiths come together with the common mission of helping others.

I look forward to carrying on the vital work of Grand Valley Catholic Outreach. I know that a change in leadership may carry a sense of loss. I hope that together we can turn any sense of loss into an even stronger sense of gratitude for all you have built in Grand Junction. Our actions going forward will honor that legacy.

Over the past many months, I have been welcomed into the fold at Catholic Outreach by our incredible staff, volunteers, and donors. It is an honor and privilege to be part of this organization and this community. If I have not met you yet, I look forward to meeting you soon.

Jane Schissel
Executive Director, July 1, 2025



Hours of Service

Financial Assistance
Monday-Friday
9:00-12:00
(PM by appointment)

Day Center
Monday-Friday
7:00-11:00

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

Donations Received
Monday-Friday
9:00-4:00

Please do not leave any donated items outside the building at any time whether staff present or not

Contacts

Catholic Outreach
970-241-3658
Fax
970-254-1262

Day Center
970-263-9445

Soup Kitchen
970-243-0091

Thank You

to

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

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

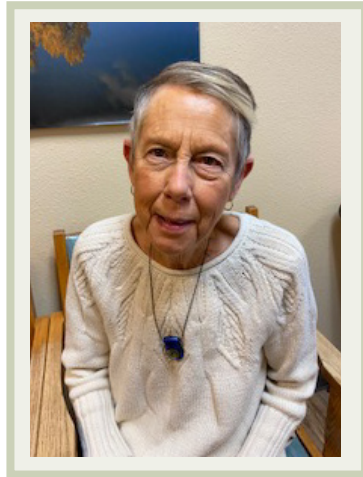
Foundations that have supported Catholic Outreach's growth and mission

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

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

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 to move toward stability and develop greater self-sufficiency

A Pillar in the Catholic Outreach Community



Proclamation

Whereas, In 1988 Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (GVCO) was formed by the combined effort of valley's four Catholic parishes – St. Joseph and Immaculate Heart of Mary (Grand Junction), Sacred Heart (Fruita), and St. Ann (Palisade); and
Whereas, in the ensuing 37 years with the support of interfaith and civic peoples and organizations, GVCO has offered resources along with respect, dignity, and hope to those in distress; and
Whereas, the GVCO with Catholic meaning that anyone and everyone could serve or be served – has reliably, faithfully and boldly served in the community; and
Whereas, Beverly Lampley joined Catholic Outreach in August 2002 as the Director of Housing drawing on her experience as a trained social worker to serve and try to better the lives of others; and
Whereas, after a brief retirement in 2013 she became the GVCO Director of Development and Communication; and
Whereas, over the years of her service to GVCO Beverly was integral to the GVCO mission of caring and compassionate service, including overseeing the planning, construction and opening of Grand Junction's first transitional housing complexes, St. Martin and St. Benedict houses; and
Whereas, as the Director of Development and Communication, Beverly held an important role in Catholic Outreach's Mother Theresa Place which will be dedicated on April 24, 2025; and
Whereas, Mother Theresa's Place will house 40 adults chronically experiencing homelessness and in so doing honor to the basic principle that the solution to homelessness is homes; and
Whereas, Beverly loved this community and its people unconditionally, it is right and proper to honor her and the commitment she had until her death on June 8, 2024, to improving the lives of others,
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Abram Herman, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2025 as

"Beverly Lampley Day"

Beverly Lampley

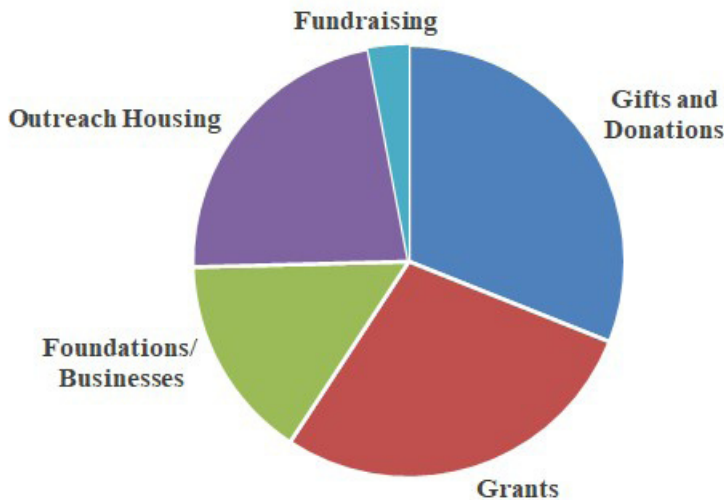
The Proclamation promoted by the City of Grand Junction proclaiming April 23rd as Beverly Lampley Day was a prelude to the Dedication of Mother Teresa Place on April 24th. Beverly was one of the major players in helping bring Mother Teresa Place to fruition. She was instrumental in all the details regarding purchase of property for a site of construction. She had conversations with any number of future residents, encouraging them to apply for housing and choose goals that were doable as well as necessary – goals that would contribute to their stability.

The numbers of persons whose lives were touched by Beverly Lampley's compassion, generosity, and wisdom are many from all walks of life. Beverly has not left us for she is now an eternal advocate ready to assist whenever we ask.

May we never forsake the words of St. John Chrysostom:
"Those whom we have loved and lost are no longer where they once were. They are now wherever we are."

Finance Report 2024-2025

Income



INCOME

Gifts and Donations
\$797,573

Grants
\$724,324

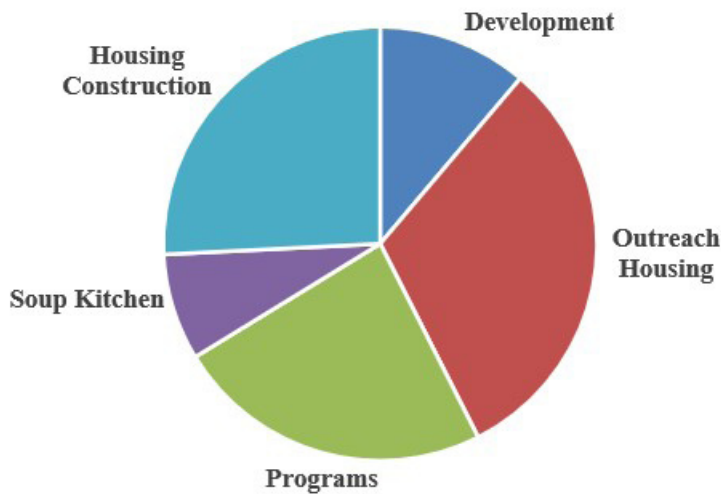
Supportive Housing
\$575,089

Foundations/
Businesses
\$393,381

Fundraising
\$77,422

Total Income
\$2,567,789

Expense



EXPENSE

Supportive Housing
\$799,161

Housing Construction
\$657,425

Programs
\$604,958

Development
\$285,436

Soup Kitchen
\$202,809

Total Expense
\$2,567,789

Donation Opportunities

Clothing Bank

Donations

9:00 - 4:00 (Mon-Fri)

Clean clothes, books, small household items.

Please do not leave any items outside the building at any time.

Food Bank Donations

9:00-4:00 (Mon-Fri)

Canned goods, non-perishable staples, and diapers.

Soup Kitchen

Donations

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

Donations

7:00-1:00 (Mon-Fri)

Cleaning supplies, small bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, towels, face cloths, deodorant, and shaving cream.

Housing Donations

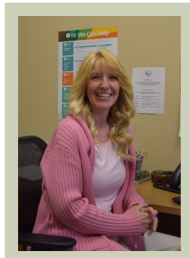
9:00-4:00 (Mon-Fri)

For information; call 241-3658 ext 104

QUESTIONS?

Call 970-241-3658

Staff Highlights and Retirement



Nicha Costopoulos had nearly six months preparing for the entrance of the residents to Mother Teresa Place and will be their Resident Advocate.

Mary Strohm has joined the team serving Mother Teresa Place. She will be a Resident Advocate for many of the forty residents.



Treasa Smith is a Resident Advocate for those living at St. Benedict and St. Martin Place.

James (Jim) Habenstreit joined Catholic Outreach as Volunteer Coordinator. If you are (being called) to be a volunteer in one of the programs, contact Jim (970-241-3658 x103) for an appointment.



Michaela Facuri recently changed positions to become the Administrative Assistant to Catholic Outreach.

Deena Hamilton will be leaving Catholic Outreach after ten years of faithful Administrative Assistant to both the Executive Director and the Development Director.



Ryland Curtsinger served as a Built for Zero administrator. He oversees the Grand Valley Coordinated Entry System, and is Catholic Outreach's IT expert.

Ellen Reimer began as a volunteer, then took a few years away as she guided her two young sons in their initial journey in life. Later, Ellen accepted a part-time position as Volunteer Coordinator. This position morphed into overseeing the "T" House and the production of the Almost Home weekly listing of affordable housing.

Ellen retired after having shared her compassion, energy, and acceptance of others for more than two decades. Her gentle spirit was always a hallmark of who she is with each person and in every situation. The work she accomplished fed into "a reservoir of hope" that continually characterizes Grand Valley Catholic Outreach.





30th Annual Empty Bowls

Saturday, October 11th, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
245 S. 1st Street

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

Buy tickets online at www.catholicoutreach.org or local churches beginning September 2, 2025.

Help us feed those who hunger in our community

If you are a Potter, you are invited to join other Potters who donate the bowls for Empty Bowls. Call Dennis Haberkorn 970-250-0446 for further information.

Individuals Served

Clothing Bank
25,166

Day Center
96,367

Emergency Food
9,412

Emergency Housing
3

Permanent Supportive Housing
75

Rental Assistance
970

Soup Kitchen
38,789

Utilities Assistance
2,496



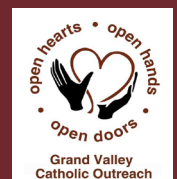
Pictured: General Mgr. Bill Dallman, Sales Manager Kevin McChesney, and Anchor/Reporter Kyran Nigro

For years KREX has sponsored the established and successful Tackle Hunger program to support Catholic Outreach's Emergency Food Pantry. Thousands of pounds of food have been donated by the local businesses who partner with KREX. This year the program is shifting its name for the summer to the Community Food Connection. This will serve a desire to continue support outside the football season. Keven McChesney, Sales Manager at KREX, described the program as "a wonderful reflection of our business community and how much they care about supporting those who help the most."

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach seasonal volunteer mailing group



Pictured from left to right: Theresa Heer, Leanne Whitesides, Aimee Hall, Peggy Hall, Lynelle Klein, and Caprice Laga



- Marc Abeta** by
Ingrid Leland
- Mark and Mary Ann Achen**
by *George and Jody Briner*
- All in service at Catholic Outreach**
(including those who have died) by *Rosemary Huff*
- All Priest and Religion** by
Regina and Darius Shurden
- Sr. Karen Bland, OSB** by
Ruth Trowbridge
Dianne Miller
Elaine Taylor
George and Jody Briner
Steve Davis
Bonnie Thurston
Gary and Arlene Zancanelli
Marie Therese Summers,
OSB Benet Hill Monastery
Mark and Sheila Zipse
Janina Grooms
Bonnie Thurston
Michael and Ruth Burnham
Dr. Stephen Bland
Carol Stenger
Sisters of Divine Providence
Douglas Aden and Lorraine Jensen
Katherine and Gary Hayden
Earl and Cynthia Rhodes
- Andrea Briner and Family**
by *George and Jody Briner*
- George and Jody Briner** by
Helen Love
Richard and Gaylene
Thompson
Robert Murphy
- Gove Briner** by
George and Jody Briner
- Barb and Jimm Burch** by
Michael Shern
- Catholic Outreach Staff** by
Jill Mountain
Ingrid Leland
Jim Liewer
Ruth Trowbridge
- Catholic Outreach Volunteers** by
Ruth Trowbridge
Jim Liewer
Jack and Jolene Neckels
- Fr. Chrysogonus** by
Regina and Darius Shurden
- JoAnn Click** by
Evonne J. Stites
- Jody Clow** by
Steve Davis
- Dr. Eric Barnhurst and staff**
at **Colorado West Endodontics** by
Tenzin Kalden
- Jim and Janet Comerford** by
George and Jody Briner
- Jack and Anne Connolly** by
George and Jody Briner
- John and Gena Cooper** by
Robert Murphy
- Jeannine and Jimmy Dalton** by
George and Jody Briner
- Kate Denning** by
George and Jody Briner
Robert Murphy
- Dane and Marilyn Drury** by
George and Jody Briner
- Rosemary Engard** by
Gina Rusin
- My Family** by
Judith Campbell
- Peggy Fowler** by
Robert Murphy
- Pope Francis** by
Kevin Plough and Marna Bonde
- Rebecca Frank** by
Dr. James Ross
Bernie and Mary Beth Buescher
- My Grandchildren** by
Kathleen Miller
- Cindy and Denny Granum** by
George and Jody Briner
- Oliver E.K. Hall** by
Dr. Brian and Tara Hall
- Deena Hamilton** by
Steve Davis
- Brother Tom Hetland** by
Jill Mountain
- Leo Higgins** by
Mathew Higgins
- Khala Holyfield** by
Diane Fuchs
- Mo Howard** by
George and Jody Briner
- Andy Hughes** by
Thomas and Andrea Hughes
- Gregg and Kristine Kampf** by
Laura Wilson
- Rev. Karyn Richards-Kaun** by
George and Jody Briner
- Douglas and Ayse Kent** by
George and Jody Briner
- Shannon Christine Kent**
and **Boys** by *George and Jody Briner*
- Mary Frances Kiloh** by
Robert Murphy
- Beverly Lampley** by
Steve Davis
- Ligety Family** by
Regina Osusky
- Joanna and Craig Little** by
George and Jody Briner
- Nathan McNeill** by
David and Cathie Brian
- Steve and Anne Meyer** by
Cheryl McGrath
George and Jody Briner
- Jen Pauhls and Joe Mileti** by
Normand and Judy Paulhus
- Bobbie and Michael Mott** by
Frank and Beth Keller
- Murphy Family** by
Margaret Fowler

Jerry and Kris Murphy by
Robert Murphy
Joan Murphy by
Gerald and Kristine Murphy
Robert Murphy by
George and Jody Briner
John and Gena Cooper
Thomas and Jen Murphy by
Robert Murphy
Rev. Kevin Novack by
George and Jody Briner
George and Rebecca Frank
Orbanek by
Esther Brown
Brandon Peigh by
Danford and Joyce Peugh
Kristen Pfaff by
Julie Pfaff
Father James H. Plough by
Kevin Plough and Marna Bonde
Suzanne and Rand Porter
and Family by
Kent and Cathy Foster
Our Priests by
Regina and Darius Shurden
Raudabaugh-Cannon Families
by *Judith Raudabaugh*
Ellen Reimer by
Kathleen Chaloupka
Amy and Brad Richards by
George and Jody Briner
Neal and Emery Richards by
George and Jody Briner

Rev. Paul Richards by
George and Jody Briner
John and Joyce Robertson by
Catherine Robertson
Dr. Drew and Jennifer Rossi by
George and Jody Briner
Sally and Greg Schaefer by
Michael Shern
John and Muggsie Shern by
Michael Shern
Steve and Linda Siedow by
Robert Murphy
Beth Smith and Family by
George and Jody Briner
Fr. Selvan Soosai by
Regina and Darius Shurden
Early morning
Soup Kitchen workers by
Geraldine Villaire
Mike and Nancy Spangler by
Thomas and Sharon Mathieu
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
by *Paul Simmons*
Gaylene and Dick Thompson
by *George and Jody Briner*
Those who help the struggling
by *Regina and Darius Shurden*
Those who struggle by
Regina and Darius Shurden
Heather Tripler by
Steven and Kathleen Ashby
Deacon Doug VanHouten by
Sandra Kaufmanis

Angela Walsh by
Walter and Marilyn Fite
Steve Davis
Steve and Lenna Watson
by *Robert Murphy*
Fr. Henry Wertin by
Paul and Patricia Gardner
Dr. David and Norma
West by
George and Jody Briner
Susie and Bob Wilder by
Michael Shern
Virginia and John
Wilkinson by
Sr. Karen Bland
Earl and Leslie Young by
Kathleen McGinley and
Bob Richardson

**All Honorary and
Memorial Donations
received between
July 1, 2024 and
May 31, 2025**



Quilts donated by Carol Schneider and the "tribe" at Owl's Nest Quilters for the forty residents of Mother Teresa Place.

Dexter Andrews by
Keith and Xian Andrews

Doris Archuleta by
Helen Wellington

Oliver and Beatrice Archuleta
by *Sandra Kaufmanis*

Ford Atkinson by
*Clark Atkinson and Mary
Hammond*

Mary Tackett

Herb Bacon by
Laura May Bacon

Stephen Bacon

Connie Baer by
*Michael and Barbara Jacobs
Sheila Symanski*

Warren Barnes by
John and Karen Reed

**Juna Mae and Richard
Beachman** by

Thomas and Sue Beachman

Ray Beckage by
Marilyn Beckage

Dr. Martin Berg by
Roy and Jessica Mears

June Bland by
Dr. Stephen Bland

Patricia Borchers by
Victoria Klinger

Olive Brewington by
Elaine Sue Brewington

Paul N. Brown by
Susan Brown

Lynn Brownson by
Lynn Brownson

Nora Burleigh by
Dorothy Epse

Carol Caratelli by
Myra Hoecker

John Cesario by
Dorothy Cesario

Steph Chapel by
Linda Lester

Dan Clifford by
Dan and Rose Dowling

Roy and Alice Combs by
Jeanne Motz

Glen Cooper by
Mary Cooper

Carl and Virginia Corder by
Lisa Connors

Elsie Cordova by
*Kathleen Chaloupka
Vicky Maez-Rauzi*

James and Sharon Sample

Susan Cox by
Doreen Pond

Lucille and Vic Crumbaker
by *Mary Crumbaker*

Mike Curto by
Mary Curto

Deacon Clarence Cypher by
Sandra Kaufmanis

Donna Cyphers by
Cynthia Cyphers

Jeanne Dageforde by
*Mary Dageforde and Thomas
Wills*

**Deceased members of the
DeFilippis Family** by
Dominick DeFilippis, Ph.D.

Consuelo Devereaux by
Barbara Scruggs

Daniel Devereaux by
Barbara Scruggs

Laura Devereaux by
Barbara Scruggs

Linda Susan Dingman by
Roger Dingman

Dr. Richard Engard by
Dr. John E. Andreas

Bill Fanning by
Lela Hunt

Helen Faso, Ph.D., R.N. by
Dominick DeFilippis, Ph.D.

Robert Ferguson by
Ellen Celsi

Rev. John P. Foreman by
Jean Foreman

Suzie and Jacqueline Fornes
by *Rachel Young*

Geraldine H. Frandsen by
Sandra Kaufmanis

Jack Galvez by
Juliana Allen

Debora Shirley Wright

Luz-Maria Sommers

Germain by
Ingrid Leland

Tom Gleason by
Marvin and Gwen Sublette

Robert Gobbo by
Deanna Gobbo

**George and Dorothy
Golombowski** by

LuAnne Costello

Gary Green by
Barbara Scruggs

Dr. Michael Griffith by
Mary Ann Griffith

Susan Griggs by
Ron and Gloria Bricker

*Catherine C. Burkey, P.C.
Kathleen Chaloupka*

*Doreen DeMond
Steven and Mary Donnelly*

Renner

Connie Elliott

*W. Kent Keith and Meredith
Aldrich*

Cindy Murray

Mary Neeley

Dana Ravelojaona

Jeanene Hamm by
Jack C. Hamm

Haywood James Hammond
by *Darell Madrid*

Emily Hartman by
Patricia Boom

*Michael and Ruth Burnham
Matthew M. Hartman*

**Allen, Milo and Frank
Havens** by

Ila Royle

Joseph Henry by
Josette Henry
Jesse A. Herrera by
Peter and Carlota Herrera
Penny Hills by
Piera Kllanxhja
Jason Hindman by
Linda Lester
**Deceased members of
Hoelscher Family (Michael,
John, Helen, Joe, and Louie)**
by *Lee and Joan Hoelscher*
Richard Hopkins by
James and Tammy Hopkins
Gwen Marie Huber by
Frank Huber
George and Gini Ingalsbe by
Jack and Denise Ludwig
Sr. Joan by
Connie Elliott
Stephan Kllanxhja by
Piera Kllanxhja
Gilbert Krauland by
*Konrad Krauland and Kellie
Starritt*
Suzanne Krebs by
Ed Krebs
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Evonne Arat
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Darin Carei
Allan and Sharon Conrad
Debra Feeley
*Rebecca Frank and George
Orbanek*
Don and Linda Gregory
Dennis and Joan Haberkorn
Karen Harkin

Beverly Lampley (cont'd)
Judy and Ron Hegge
Lisa Hemann
Jody Kole
Beverly Lampley Estate
Nancy Lancaster
Bertha McClain
Janet McIntyre
Joyce Metzger
Earl and Cynthia Rhodes
Nancy Roadifer
Illene Roggensack
Jean Sewell
Patricia Shanahan
Tish Starbuck
Elaine Taylor
Ross Warnell
Mary Lou Welch
David and Norma West
Gi Woodard-Moon
Dave Lancaster by
Daniel Lancaster
Don Lancaster by
Daniel Lancaster
Mark Lancaster by
Christine Coffield
Daniel Lancaster
Marty Lancaster by
Daniel Lancaster
Paula Lancaster by
Daniel Lancaster
Teddy Lawrence by
Elaine Sue Brewington
Mary Leach by
Joe Ramey
Ed and Pat Leland by
Ingrid Leland
Terry Lester by
Linda Lester
Erma Lopez by
Mary Taylor
Wroe Lynch by
Cynthia Sharp
Cal Mace by
Linda Lester

Ann Madrid by
Darell Madrid
Jay and Carme Malito by
*Dr. Carl Malito and Deborah
McKenna*
Ted McKenna by
*Dr. Carl Malito and Deborah
McKenna*
Norma J. McLoughlin by
Karen Weller
**Frank and Elizabeth
Malzahn** by
Mary Lou and David Strassle
Bruce and Darlene Merrifield
by *Mike Erskine*
Richard W. Miller by
Joan Miller
Carol Murphy by
Martin and Janet Johnson
Frank Nauyokas by
Mary Cooper
Rich Nelson by
Richard and Johanna Nelson
Martin O'Boyle by
Robert and Joan Cesario
Dennis Simon
Isabelle O'Keefe by
*Martin O'Keefe and Monique
Morrisseau*
Jeanne O'Keefe by
*Martin O'Keefe and Monique
Morrisseau*
Dr. Robert Orr by
Linda Moran and Family
Melba Osborne by
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Kathy Pobrik

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Kaye Snyder by

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Rick Trembley by

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LESS WE FORGET

A RECAP OF THE PAST 37 YEARS OF GRAND VALLEY CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Few people remember how Grand Valley Catholic Outreach began and all the history it encapsulates.

1970-1988 Many adults who were grade schoolers at St. Joseph School during these years recount their remembrance of leaving classes to help give sandwiches or in other ways serve those who were hungry. Their teachers were the Franciscan Sisters who encouraged them in their awareness of social justice by letting them help feed at the Soup Kitchen those who were hungry.

1988-1990 The pastors responsible for the four Catholic parishes (Fr. John Kieran, Fr. John Costanzo, Fr. James Plough) asked themselves how they might better offer services to those who were homeless without duplicating each other's efforts. Their decision was to create an agency which they named Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, and they pledged to pool their resources so they could provide financial aid, clothing and bedding, as well as a food bank and a daily meal. The agency was incorporated under the Diocese of Pueblo.

1990 A small house on White Avenue was donated to Catholic Outreach to serve as a temporary home for those who had children and were homeless.

This became known affectionally as the "T" House. Families could stay there for several months until they had located their own housing.

1994 The Soup Kitchen building had only twenty spaces in which to feed all those who came for lunch, so volunteers enlarged the patio next to the former Convent where food was being served and placed tables with benches in order to serve all in a respectful manner.

1994 A program was inaugurated in Colorado to which donors to homeless initiatives could request state tax credit on their gifts of \$50 or more. (In 2024 it was changed to a minimum gift of \$100.)

1996 Almost Home, a weekly publication by Catholic Outreach listed apartments for rent. It began under the auspices of a volunteer who directed it for several years.

1996 During this period, it was suggested that the word "Catholic" be dropped from the name Grand Valley Catholic Outreach as the agency had become quite ecumenical. The resolution was rejected as many in the community regarded Catholic Outreach as a "reservoir of hope." The word "Catholic" comes from a Greek word meaning "universal" and "all inclusive" which aptly describes Catholic Outreach. "Anyone can serve and anyone can be served".

1996 Friend, Ginger Rice, posed the idea of an **Empty Bowl** event to raise funds for Catholic Outreach. The committee, Friends of Catholic Outreach, accepted the challenge and has overseen its development and growth for 29 years. Potters craft ceramic bowls for the event; restaurants make the soup that will be served in the bowls; bakeries, markets, and individuals provide the desserts that fill the bakery table. Each 2nd Saturday of October, friends from the Valley and beyond bring their families to join in the festivity that helps provide food to ensure that a daily meal is ready for anyone who is hungry.



"T" House

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1997 Bob Kelsey, an Immaculate Heart of Mary parishioner, came upon a man holding a sign that read “Will work for food.” Having a project underway, he invited him to his home. As they worked together he entered into conversation to learn what those who were homeless really need to exist. Besides housing, he learned of the basic services that those who have homes take for granted. At that time there were no similar services available in the valley. Not knowing what to do with new-found information, Bob turned to Catholic Outreach for help. The board assented to fostering the idea, and the **Outreach Day Center** was born. Initial services were the availability of a restroom, showers, and laundry service. Marillac Health (then known as Marillac Clinic) began providing medical services once a week. They were subsequently joined by the Residence Doctors of St. Mary Hospital. For the first ten years all those providing services were volunteers. COVID necessitated the identification of a staff director



Day Center

while volunteers continue to provide all the daily services.

1998-2001 Catholic Outreach joined with St Matthew Episcopal Church clergy, the Grand Junction Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and several individuals to provide overnight shelter for nineteen men. A different site each year provided this housing. In 2000 women were included in the number of persons that city regulations permitted to be housed overnight.

2001 A permanent site relieved the stress of having to move operations each year. This provided the stability needed to establish overnight shelter that became known as Homeward Bound of the Valley. A grant was obtained to allow the hiring of a part-time director for the next three years as this new entity developed its shelter services and obtained nonprofit status.

2002 Through CDBG grants Catholic Outreach was able to rent the site that housed the Day Center. Knowing that the lease could be revoked at any year, the purchase of the building was proposed. A final CDBG grant offered by the City of Grand Junction provided the cost of purchase.

2002 Joseph and Teo Prinster, owners of the City Market warehouse on first near Ute, donated this building (first home of Keebler cookies) to Catholic Outreach. This occasioned the agency’s first Capital Campaign in 2003 to renovate a four-walled structure to accommodate Catholic Outreach’s various services to those in need.

2003 Bishop Arturo Trujillo, Bishop of Pueblo, transferred ownership of all Catholic Outreach’s programs and property from the Diocese of Pueblo to Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, Inc.

2003 Transitional Housing Program to help families who were homeless to access safe housing up to 24 months begun with grant from HUD.

2003 The agency’s first Capital Campaign to renovate a 13,000 sq ft structure launched. The success of the campaign enabled the renovation of this structure to accommodate Catholic Outreach’s various services and better serve those in need.

The Last Resort

2004 Catholic Outreach major service center and Headquarters at 245 S. 1st was dedicated and began operations.

2006 Major arson fire destroys inside of the Day Center along with all furniture and equipment. Renovation was completed after eight months with increased security added.

2006 Vacant lots on White Avenue were purchased in preparation for construction of new housing for persons who were homeless.

2008 St. Benedict Housing – 23 apartment complex to provide homes for those chronically homeless was dedicated and began services.



St Benedict Place

2008 Two new programs were begun. The La Mariposa recovery group for women, begun by Beverly Lampley, holds weekly meetings with participants at Catholic Outreach. The Book-in-Hand program distributes new books to young children up to the age of six who accompany parents needing assistance. A Reader Volunteer helps them to choose their book and read it. Donors and community groups donate all the new books.

2009 Purchase of five abandoned houses on Pitkin in preparation for future housing for those who were homeless.

2011 St Martin Veteran Housing dedicated. This provides sixteen apartments for veterans who are chronically homeless.



St. Martin Place I

2011 Solar panels were donated and installed on roof of Outreach Headquarters to help with heating costs.

2012 Ambassador Program begun – Board members invite and host participants who tour Catholic Outreach service centers and housing, share in the noonday meal at the Soup Kitchen, and have the opportunity to increase their knowledge of all the Catholic Outreach programs.

2013 Additional property purchased on Pitkin in preparation for future housing for those who are homeless.

2015 St Martin II Housing dedicated and begins services. Twenty-four additional apartments are provided for persons who are chronically homeless.



St. Martin Place II

2018 Day Center Renovation begins. The building doubles in size to provide an increase in basic services for persons who are homeless and reopens in 2019.

2025 Mother Teresa Place dedicated and Homeless Jesus sculpture installed. This provides forty fully furnished apartments for older persons who are chronically homeless.

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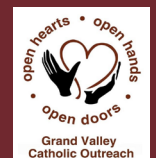
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