

# Annual Donor Report: 2023



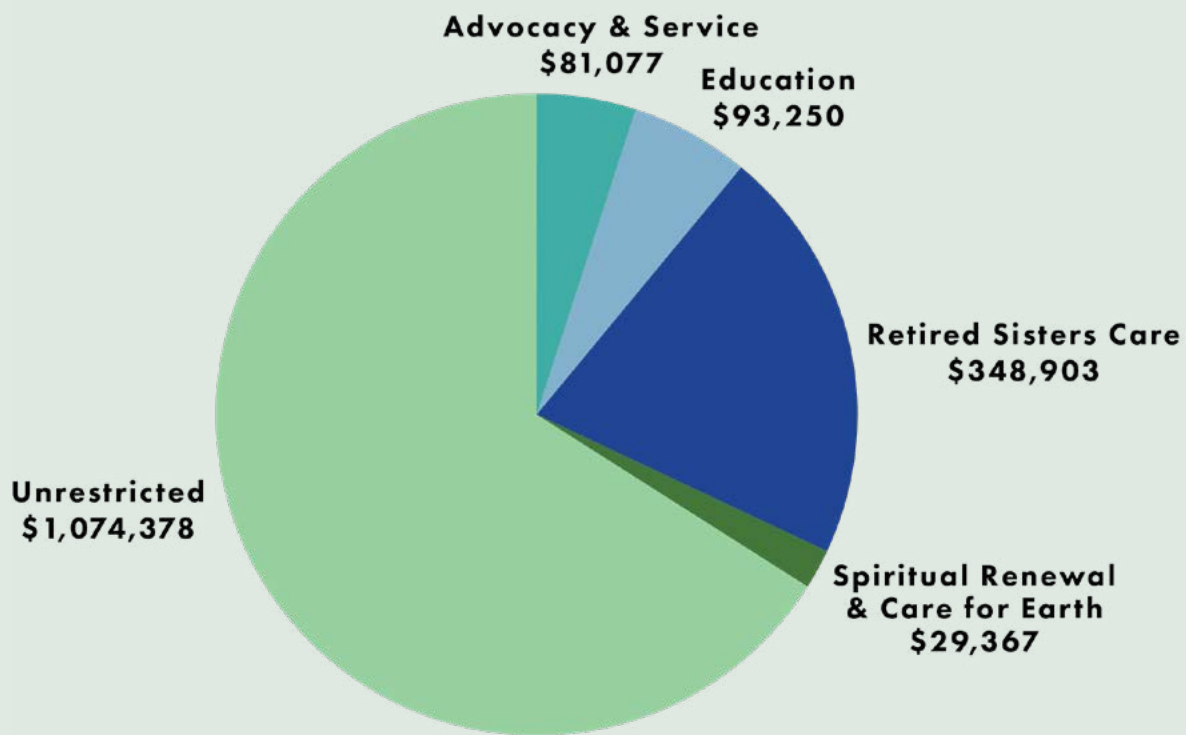
**\$1,626,975 in donations  
received from 1,120 donors**

Children come out to greet Anna Koop SL and Mary Ann McGivern SL as they arrive at their school in Lahore, Pakistan, in April 2023. Photo: Mary Ann McGivern SL

*With joyous hearts  
we give thanks*



# 2023 Donations



- Advocacy & Service:** Includes gifts to support serving those in need of food, shelter and medical care; supports our work advocating for peace, immigration justice, women's and children's rights and more.
- Education:** Includes gifts that support Loretto's commitment to education for all, including our mission in Pakistan, schools in Haiti and Ghana and more.
- Retired Sisters Care:** Includes gifts for the Retirement Fund, the Loretto Living Center, Motherhouse upkeep and more, ensuring that those who spent their lives giving to others are cared for as they age.
- Spiritual Renewal & Care for Earth:** Includes gifts for renewal and healing of ourselves and Earth through the retreat centers, Carbon Reduction Fund, Motherhouse Farm and more.
- Unrestricted:** Includes gifts that allow us the flexibility to put funds directly to use where they are most needed. (The total this year includes a significant one-time gift.)

Read about all of the funds to which our generous donors gave in 2023 on the following pages.

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## Donations were made to these Loretto funds in 2023.

**Anna Koop SL Ministry** supports Anna's work with the unhoused and the ministry of the Denver Catholic Worker house. Watch a video about Anna's life and work here: <https://tinyurl.com/2s2zvdfa>.

**Ann Manganaro Fund** Supports purchases of medicine and other needs at the clinic Ann Manganaro SL founded in Guarjila, El Salvador. "Give me a Living Love: The Poems of Ann Manganaro SL" was published by Loretto in 2023 on the 30th anniversary of her death and can be ordered here: <https://www.lorettocommunity.org/about/artists-authors/books/> Read about a doctor inspired by Ann on [pages 20 and 21](#) of this magazine. Learn about Ann's life and work in the [spring 2023 issue](#) of *Loretto Magazine*.

**Earth Education and Advocacy** works to preserve and care for Earth at the Motherhouse and beyond. Notably, in January 2023, 650 acres, over 80% of Loretto Motherhouse property, was permanently preserved through a conservation easement. Loretto continued its commitment to the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform based on Pope Francis's *Laudato Si'* encyclical, and embraced *Laudate Deum*, the pope's urgent follow-up to *Laudato Si'*.

**FST Sisters, Ghana**, helps support the school and programs of the Daughters of the Most Blessed Trinity (FST), a Loretto Sister Community celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2024. Read about Loretto, the FST sisters and Ghana on [pages 22 and 23](#) of this magazine.

**Jeannine Gramick SL Ministry** advocates on behalf of LBGTQ+ rights and acceptance, particularly within the Catholic Church. Jeannine is co-founder of New Ways Ministry. She and other New Ways Ministry staff, including Matthew Myers CoL, met with Pope Francis for 50 minutes in 2023. See photo, [page 4](#) of this magazine.

**Haiti Projects Fund** supports the many schools, orphanages and social services of Little Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Barbara Wander CoL leads fundraising for this effort. The severe unrest this past year prevented Barbara from traveling to Haiti, though she continues to send much-needed funds. See the [spring 2023](#) issue for more.

**Hunger Fund** distributes aid to various organizations, as well as groups served by Loretto Community members



Children wash up in Haiti. See photos and an article about work being done in Haiti in the [spring 2023](#) issue of *Loretto Magazine*. Photo by Barbara Wander CoL

(for instance, the Jemez Helping Hands food pantry at the Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico). St. Mary's Academy (Denver) students help raise funds for this program. See the article about this fund starting on [page 12](#) of this issue.

**Immigrant Support and Advocacy** helps to meet the needs of migrants on both sides of the Mexico/U.S. border and in the agricultural fields of the U.S. Funds help with food, laundry and shelter, educational trips, presentations and work with groups on the ground advocating for change. Includes the work of the Latin America/Caribbean Committee and additional Loretto Community members around the country. Donations also include gifts to La Casita in Louisville, Ky., in memory of Guadalupe "Lupe" Arciniega SL who served immigrants' needs throughout her life. See the [winter 2024 issue](#) for more on this work.

**Loretto Carbon Reduction Fund** supports projects that mitigate carbon emission damage, help heal and balance Earth's ecosystems or provide education. In 2023 grants



were made to Preservation Farm and Garden in St. Louis, Sacred Earth Community Garden in Louisville, Ky., the Global Village Children's Project in Uganda, Springhouse Community School in Virginia and Biodiversity for a Livable Climate. Read about this fund in the [spring 2023 issue](#).

**Loretto Feminist Network (LFN)** acts for the empowerment of women and all people. This includes mobilizing support for the Convention to End Discrimination against Women and passing the Equal Rights Amendment in the U.S. In 2023 LFN published "Women of Spirit, Courage and Action," stories of women across generations embodying Loretto's mission to work for justice and act for peace. The book can be downloaded or ordered here: <https://www.lorettocommunity.org/about/artists-authors>.

**Loretto Heritage Center: Archives and Museum** documents and shares Loretto history through the lens of our members. Professional preservation efforts are essential to the work, which includes continuing research initiatives, developing interpretive exhibits and more. In 2023 programs included the launch of a genealogy project, the addition of 9,000 pictures to the digital photo collection and the creation of a display featuring art education in Loretto's history.

**Loretto Justice Fellowship** sponsors undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Texas, El Paso, with paid social justice internships at organizations serving immigrants and others in need. The fellowship launched in 2023 with seven fellows. Community building among the fellows and with Loretto is an important aspect of the program. Read more in the [winter 2024 issue](#).

**Loretto Living Center at Loretto Motherhouse (previously Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary)** provides care for Loretto sisters and co-members, former employees and friends and neighbors in need in rural Kentucky. The Living Center consistently receives five-star ratings and is a major employer in Marian County. In 2023 the Living Center began work on independent living apartments.

**Loretto Mission in Pakistan** serves communities in Lahore. Loretto Community members in Pakistan have taught children and seminarians, met the needs of neighbors, helped empower women, installed solar panels and provided training in their installation. In 2023 Maribah Ishaq entered the



Annie Rosenkranz, center, director of the Loretto Justice Fellowship program, poses with four of the seven 2023 Loretto Justice Fellows. From left: Alicia Villareal, Jessica Garcia, Annie, Larissa Meza and Anabel Theriault. Photo courtesy of Annie Rosenkranz

novitiate program and pronounces first vows in June 2024. Shaista Ayla and Saima Munir entered the formation program in 2023.

**Loretto Motherhouse Fund** supports care and maintenance of the Motherhouse buildings and grounds in Nerinx, Ky., and provides for appreciation events for residents and staff. Guests to the Motherhouse often remark on the beautiful upkeep of the property and buildings.

**Loretto Motherhouse Farm** raises grass-fed beef and grows non-GMO grains using conservation practices that keep a significant amount of carbon in the ground and out of the atmosphere. Regenerative farm practices are shared with others through farmer education events, group tours and the annual Ag Bash — in 2023, an estimated 500 guests attended. In 2023, a Good Ideas Field Day for farmers was held; due to its success, another is planned for 2024. Read more about the farm in the magazine's [spring/summer 2020 issue](#).

**Loretto Motherhouse Nature Preserve Cemetery** provides for green burials on three acres of woodland on the Motherhouse grounds.

**Loretto Motherhouse Tree and Native Plant Fund** purchases and plants trees and native plants to help mitigate climate change and add beauty at the Motherhouse in

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Volunteers take a break from spreading mulch. Students from Loretto Academy in El Paso, Nerinx Hall High School in St. Louis and St. Mary's Academy in Denver volunteered at the Loretto Motherhouse in June 2023. Photo: Theresa O'Rourke

Nerinx, Ky. In 2023 a new garden was planted behind the Living Center. Students from Loretto-affiliated high schools help with gardening during annual visits to the Motherhouse. See [page 34](#) of this issue for more on this fund.

**Loretto Peace Committee** advocates for the abolition of nuclear weapons and reduction of the U.S. military budget, and works with groups such as Nuns against Gun Violence which sponsored a Lenten fast in 2023. Read about Loretto's work to abolish nuclear weapons in the [winter 2021 issue](#).

**Loretto at the UN** works toward international peace, climate justice and for the rights of women and children. Each year, we host college interns and bring high school students to New York City to experience the U.N. In 2023, 15 students were among a group of 30 who joined Loretto for the 67th annual U.N. Commission on the Status of Women. The Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Dubuque, Iowa, partner with Loretto in this work.

**Mary Ann Gleason SL's Ministry** cares for patients at St. Mary's Hospital Lacor in Northern Uganda. Mary Ann has served in Uganda since 2013, primarily in oncology care and with patients with complications of HIV. A recent news story discussed Mary Ann's dedication and her presence with patients from early in the morning to late at night.

**Mary Luke Tobin Social Justice Award** honors students with partial college scholarships in memory of Mary Luke Tobin SL, renowned for her pursuit of social justice. A committee of Holy Family High School (Denver) staff, Loretto members and friends selects honorees based on demonstrated commitment to social justice. Scholarships have been awarded annually since 2012. Read about the award in the magazine's [fall 2023 issue](#).

**Retirement Fund** ensures that retirement provision is made for Sisters of Loretto who received little to no compensation for work in service ministries. Retired sisters volunteer as they are able, working on justice and peace issues, pastoral concerns and internal Loretto needs.

**Retreat Centers: Cedars of Peace and Knobs Haven** provide space for rest, beauty and transformation. Cedars offers eight cabins in a wooded area for those seeking solitude. Knobs hosts groups and individuals in two beautiful buildings on the Motherhouse campus. In 2023, 329 individuals were hosted at Cedars cabins for short or extended stays, and 800 attended group retreats at Knobs Haven. Read about the retreat centers in the [winter 2022-2023 issue](#).

**Special Needs Fund** provides long-range social change grants to organizations whose work reflects Loretto priorities. In addition, the fund assists individuals impacted by emergency events.

**Where Funds Are Most Needed** supports our mission and gives Loretto's leadership the flexibility to allocate funds as needed. Your confidence in our work is gratifying.



One of Loretto at the UN's most important activities has been participation at the annual U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, an international conference promoting girls' and women's rights. Students from St. Mary's Academy in Denver and Loretto Academy in El Paso regularly participate. Photo of 2023 attendees courtesy of Citadines Connect