

Annual Donor Report: 2024




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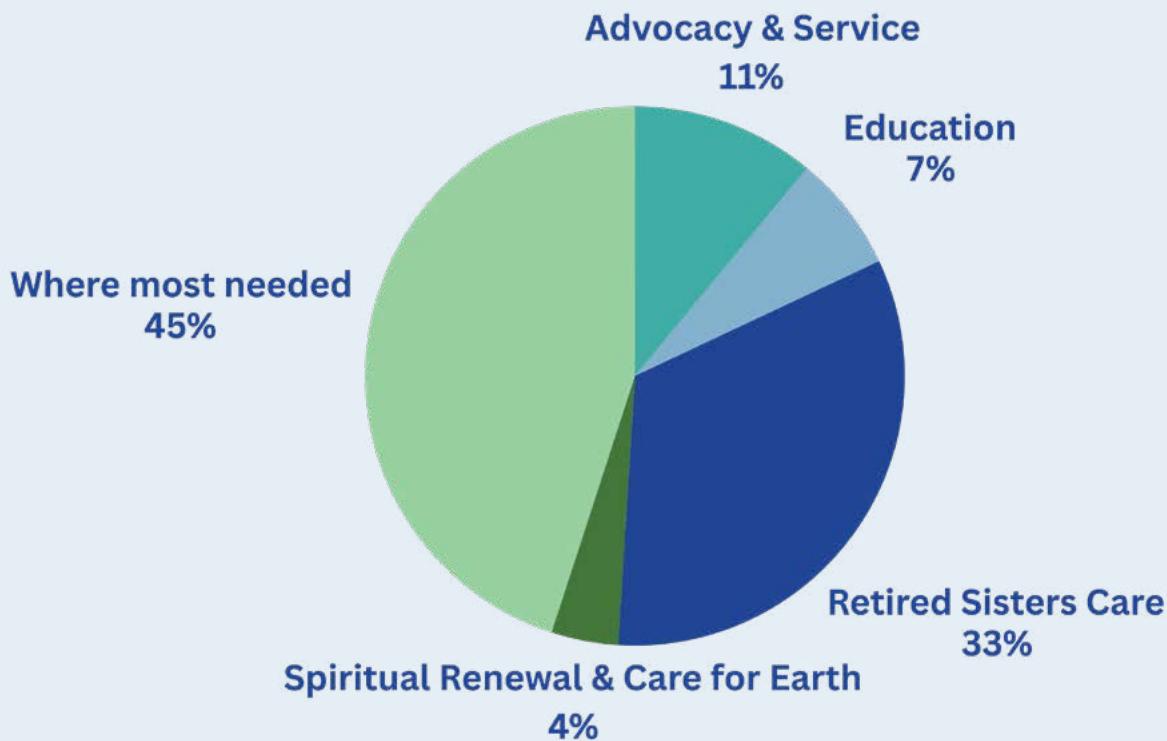


**\$1,356,107 in donations
received from 1,320 donors**

Clockwise from top: Mary Margaret Murphy SL, left, and Liz Deines SL share a smile; Loretto dances! From left, Mary Nelson CoL, Irma Avila SL and Barbara Roche SL boogie at Loretto's 2024 Assembly; Community members share company and smiles in Denver; from left are Theresa Miller CoL, Maureen Flanigan CoL and Anna Koop SL.



2024 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 Loretto Justice Fellowship.
- 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.
- Where most needed:** Includes gifts that allow us the flexibility to put funds directly to use where the need is most urgent.

Read about all of the funds to which our generous donors gave in 2024 on the following pages.



Donations were made to these Loretto funds in 2024:

Anna Koop SL Ministry supported 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/2s2zvka>.

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>. Learn about Ann's life and work in the [spring 2023 issue](#) of *Loretto Magazine*.

FST Sisters, Ghana, helps support the school and programs of the Daughters of the Most Blessed Trinity (FST), a Loretto Sister Community that celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2024. Read about Loretto, the FST sisters and Ghana in the [spring/summer 2024 magazine](#).

Jeannine Gramick SL Ministry advocates on behalf of LGBTQ+ rights and acceptance, particularly within the Catholic Church. Jeannine is cofounder of New Ways Ministry. She met with Pope Francis several times. See a photo of Jeannine and Francis in the [spring/summer 2024 issue](#).

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



Espacio Migrante, a shelter in Tijuana, Mexico, has received funds from Loretto's Hunger Fund. *Photo courtesy Espacio Migrante*

Hunger Fund distributes aid to various organizations as well as groups served by Loretto Community members (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 in the [spring/summer 2024 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 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 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. Read about this fund in the magazine's [spring 2023 issue](#).

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 and displaying exhibits and more.

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 and continues to grow. Community



A Loretto Academy student volunteer holds a turtle at the Motherhouse.
Photo: Rachel Brahm



Jessica Garcia, left, 2024 Loretto Justice Fellow, pauses for a photo with Mary Margaret Murphy SL. *Photo: Annie Rosenkranz*



Barbara Roche SL teaches students about Loretto history during Nerinx Hall High School's Foundation Day celebration. *Photo: Jean M. Schildz*

building among the fellows and with Loretto is an essential aspect of the program. Read more in our [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 Marion County. In 2023 the Living Center added 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.

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. Read more about the farm on [pages 12 to 14](#) of this issue and in the magazine's [spring/summer 2020 issue](#).

Loretto Woods Natural Burial Cemetery provides for green burials on three acres of woodland on the Motherhouse grounds.



Loretto sisters Nasreen Daniel SL and Samina Iqbal SL, in white, left to right, are welcomed to a parish school in Lahore where Loretto has entered into a partnership to train teachers. *Photo courtesy Nasreen Daniel SL*



Nerinx Hall High School students from St. Louis volunteered at the Motherhouse, helping with many chores and delighting residents. Here they pose at the Motherhouse entrance. *Photo: Jen Staed CoL*

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 Nerinx, Ky. Planting trees and native plants is important to helping mitigate climate change. Students from Loretto-affiliated high schools help with gardening during annual visits to the Motherhouse.

Loretto Peace Committee advocates for the abolition of nuclear weapons and reduction of the U.S. military budget. 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. The program hosts college interns and brings high school students to New York City to experience the U.N. The BVM sisters of Dubuque, Iowa, and Sisters Rising Worldwide partnered with Loretto in this work in 2024.

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.

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 current recipient on [pages 22 and 23](#) of this issue.

Retirement Fund ensures that 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.



From left, student Emma O'Connor, Beth Blissman CoL, Loretto's representative to the U.N., and student Caroline Mentel experience the United Nations in New York City. *Photo: Emma O'Connor*



St. Mary's Academy students in Denver created pinwheels for peace, some of which were sent to the Motherhouse where they were planted by the peace pole. *Photo: Regina Drey SL*



Nerinx chaperone Samantha Coates (center, in purple) and students take a break from their gardening work on the Motherhouse grounds with Mary Swain SL, far right, and Eleanor Craig SL, wearing black. *Photo: Rachel Brahm*

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. 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.



Students at Nerinx Hall High listen to presentations during the Loretto Foundation Day commemoration. *Photo: William Laird*



Teachers from Loretto Academy in El Paso, Nerinx Hall High School in St. Louis and St. Mary's Academy in Denver attended the annual teacher immersion and learned about Loretto history and values so they could return enriched with Loretto life to the Loretto-founded schools. Regina Drey SL led the experience. *Photo courtesy Regina Drey SL*



Annie Rosenkranz, front, joined the March for Human Dignity in El Paso with Loretto Justice Fellows. *Photo: Annie Rosenkranz*