



Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery

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Benet Hill Monastery A Legacy Founded in Education

The Sisters of Benet Hill have provided a broad range of educational and spiritual services over the past 100 years in Colorado, including serving as teachers and administrators in schools from Walsenburg to the San Luis Valley, Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver. In 1963, the sisters founded [Benet Hill Academy](#) and for 20 years provided more than 2,000 girls with a college preparatory academic education. Located on Chelton Road in central Colorado Springs, the property included residences for the sisters and a main school building.



Benet Hill Academy

With the closing of Benet Hill Academy in 1982, the sisters looked to grow their ministries by focusing on adult faith formation. In 1980 the community opened the Benet Pines Retreat Center. Sisters offered a spiritual direction certification program called the Benedictine Spiritual Formation Program (BSFP), Scripture Study, Contemplative Vision and classes in catechism and liturgy. They also offered hospitality and spiritual direction for retreatants, welcoming people of all faith traditions.

By the 1990s, the realities of caring for an aging community and upkeep on aging buildings presented serious financial challenges to the sisters. The community struggled with these decisions, and in 2001 placed the Chelton Road property on the market. The Colorado Springs Charter Academy initially leased the buildings and eventually purchased the entire property in 2010.

In 2004, in a spirit of trust, the community discerned to build a new monastery on their property in Black Forest. In late 2009, Benet Hill Monastery reopened with a dedication ceremony presided over by Bishop Michael Sheridan.

Throughout their years of discernment, the sisters have prayerfully revisited their core values of common prayer, community life and life-giving ministry through hospitality. These values continue to shape their monastic tradition of contemplation and prayer for the world as together they seek God in community.

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*We are a
contemporary Benedictine
monastic presence.
We provide the
sacred space of hospitality
and the use of our
human and material resources
in education, spirituality,
and other viable ministries.
We do this with all God's
people and with a special
emphasis for women.*

*Mission Statement of the
Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery*

The Mission Advancement Program

Since 1965 the development program (*recently renamed Mission Advancement*) has invited others to share in the Benet Hill Monastery mission. Through the sharing of time, talent, and treasure, donors partner with the Sisters to "show in deeds rather than words all that is good and holy"- St. Benedict. It is through this partnership that the sisters of Benet Hill Monastery can continue to offer life-giving service for the world of the 21st century.

With an awareness of their changing future, the Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery are embarking on a comprehensive Mission Advancement effort to meet current and future retirement and ministry needs, or a "new moment" in their philanthropic efforts. These financial resources will supplement the revenue from social security and earnings of active sisters to help provide for present and future retired sisters as well as enable the community to continue helping others through ministries of spiritual formation and service.

Over the years, people have provided support through fundraising events, direct mail appeals, matching gifts, honorary and memorial gifts, or planned gifts, which offer a way of remembering Benet Hill Monastery in one's estate plans. All such gifts further the mission of the Sisters of Benet Hill. The best way to participate is the way that is best for you. To receive our quarterly newsletter, **The Review** of Benet Hill Monastery, or to sign up for our various e-communications, simply request to be on our mailing list.

With a legacy dating to the year 480 AD and the time of St. Benedict himself, the Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery and their spiritual community are worthy of investment.

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Capital Fund

For the maintenance and upkeep of monastery property in Black Forest in Colorado Springs, mission homes in Denver and central Colorado Springs, and the Whitewater Benedictine Community near Grand Junction, capital needs also support equipment, facilities, technology, landscaping, and property maintenance. Potential projects include construction of a hermitage, meditation garden, greenhouse, or pavilion.

Capital Fund: Benet Hill Monastery: Property, Gardens, Cemetery:

Cemetery Memorial Garden-renovations-
soil, plants, watering system-\$5,000
2 Benches-\$200/each

Landscaping and water system for
meditation garden and bench below
the cemetery-\$4,500

Kitchen floor in Abrahaven-\$4,400

Carpet for Abrahaven -living room, hallway,
bedrooms \$5,000

Pinehaven-Soil, plants, water system- \$2,000

Greenhouse including raised beds, soil,
watering system, and ventilation-
\$1,500

Patio for walker/wheelchair accessibility and
raised planters for back of
Transitional Care Unit- \$2,500

Mission House-Krameria Street:

Interior Paint-\$2000

Care of Gardens-Contracted Service \$200/
month

Living Room chairs/recliners-\$200 each

Retreat Houses:

28-30" tall end table with lamp attached: \$75

Trellis for flowers (3): \$25 each

Plant boxes (2): \$100

Stain for all decks - \$450 annually

Bathroom sinks: 4 total, Abrahaven (2)
Pinehaven (2): \$85 each

Dishwasher: \$400

Bedroom lamp sets (4): \$50 each

Mattress cover protectors (14 total): \$340



Current Operating Fund

This annual fund comprises the operating budget for the monastery with revenue coming primarily from social security payments, salaries earned, and philanthropy. Major expenses include lay staff salaries and property maintenance.

Current Operating Fund:

Printing Materials & Mailing

Print Cost for one Review \$2,620

Total Cost for one Year- \$10,480

Alumnae Picnic-yearly-\$300

Christmas Lights @ the Monastery-\$3,500

Support and training for women in
formation to become BHM
Sisters-\$10,000/year

Missions Outreach:

Special Services to Women

Temporary Housing rent \$1,000/
month

Food \$200/mo/person

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Continuing Care Fund

The Continuing Care Fund responds to the commitment by the sisters to care for their own in a loving, compassionate, and competent manner as they age and are no longer able to participate in active ministry. Many if not most sisters who taught in the poorest communities in Colorado were never paid for their services. Religious women did not become eligible for social security payments until 1972 and currently receive only one-third the amount of the average recipient.

These sisters, in different stages of aging, require different levels of care which range from 24-hour skilled nursing needs for sisters with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia to assisted living services to nearly independent living.

Continuing Care Fund:

Furnishings and Accessories

Floor Lamps \$100/each

Medical and Hygiene supplies \$50/week

*Skilled care of sisters-nursing staff-
\$60,000 year*

Mental Health Activities:

*Gift Cards to restaurants, bookstores,
Sam's Club, etc.*

Kindle Fires

Brain games

Netflix subscription/\$10/month

Puzzles \$10

Mission Outreach Fund

The purpose of the Mission Outreach Fund is to fund all current programs and ministries. These primary ministries flow from the ancient Benedictine values and tradition rooted in spirituality, contemplation, and education:

- [The Benedictine Spiritual Formation Program \(BSFP\)](#)
- [Global Online for BSFP](#)
- [Contemplative Vision](#)

The Benedictine Spiritual Formation Program teaches Benedictine values and focuses on personal transformation and spiritual growth.

The [Global Online program](#) takes BSFP to people from around the world who engage in an interactive program rooted deeply in Benedictine radical hospitality while encouraging personal spiritual growth, transformation, and integration.

The [Contemplative Vision](#) ministry offers courses and workshops in contemplative practices to foster each individual's spiritual journey. Offerings include centering prayer workshops and introduction to Lectio, or the reflective reading of Scripture whereby God's word becomes the center of the monastic's life.

Mission Outreach Fund:

Scholarships for [BSFP](#)- \$2,000/person/year

*Scholarships for [Contemplative Vision](#)
-\$1,500*

Scholarships for retreatants - \$90/night

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