Mission
In the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Mount Saint Vincent strengthens the abilities of families and children to emotionally and socially participate in the community, making life better for generations to come. Committed to providing compassionate care, we strive to produce positive, life changing results.

Vision
We will help families and children experience tangible outcomes so that life becomes better. Everything we do flows from this vision.

Values
Caring Spirit – We honor the sacred dignity of each person.
Excellence – We set and surpass high standards.
Good Humor – We create joyful and welcoming environments.
Integrity – We do the right thing with openness and pride.
Safety – We deliver care that seeks to eliminate all harm for children and staff.
Stewardship – We are accountable for the resources entrusted to us.
Dear Friends,

As I write this, Denver is in the midst of an expected snowstorm. Traffic snarls and white-out conditions make travel treacherous, but somehow our dedicated staff always manage to make it to Mount Saint Vincent. The reason is simple: they know the children here need the highly skilled, trauma-informed care they provide.

Nationwide, there is a growing trend to reduce the number of children in out-of-home settings and transition them into family-like environments. Colorado is at the forefront of this movement, and once again, Mount Saint Vincent is leading the way.

Our prevention programs, Day Treatment and In-Home Care, offer the support and training for families to bolster their child’s behavioral and emotional recovery. For children needing kinship or other family-like places to grow and thrive, we offer foster care training, placement, and services.

Our founders, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, sought to ease the suffering of children in need. Every time a child—yearning for a place to call home—finds love in a foster parent’s arms, that original intent is met.

Just as sure as this winter will fade in the light of spring, Mount Saint Vincent will continue to be here for the children in our care.

We’re here to provide the clinical treatment and support they need to heal. To offer gentle, kind words of encouragement. And to give them the one thing their lives were missing before: Hope.

Gratefully yours,

Kirk Ward, MSW
Executive Director
Mount Saint Vincent
Music: Giving Voice to the Unspoken

Traditional “talk” therapies can be scary or even difficult for frightened young children. That is why we employ therapies such as dance/movement, art, and music. These alternative modalities offer a gentle, nonthreatening approach to therapeutic experiences.

Nine-year-old Patrick’s behavior was so explosive, no public school could contain him. His home life was in a constant state of chaos, with drug use and instability. Homelessness left Patrick’s parents unable to financially support their family. The result was a violent, perpetually anxious child. Patrick struggled with academics and social situations, but he excelled at manual, kinesthetic tasks. Music therapy afforded him an opportunity to use those manual skills to truly excel at something.

“The first day I met with him, he had his first music therapy session,” recalls Music Therapist Chris Wojdak, LPC, MT-BC. Chris explained to the child that they could sing, play instruments, or even write songs as they worked together toward Patrick’s treatment goals. “He had an absolute blast,” Chris said. After his session, Patrick went to class and stayed until the school day was over. It was his first full day in class in more than a year.

One day, Patrick found a broken ukulele in the music room. Even though he had never seen one before, he found a spare string, secured it to the bridge, tightened the bolts on the tuning pegs with scissors, and made the instrument playable again. “It was an amazing demonstration of his kinesthetic intelligence,” said Chris.

Eventually, Patrick began writing songs that expressed how much he missed his family and what he wanted to do in the future.

During their weekly hour-long sessions, often using improvisation, Patrick and Chris took turns listening and responding. Using drums and sometimes a guitar, Patrick learned to be attentive and attuned to an adult in a safe, nonthreatening way. Eventually, he began writing songs that expressed how much he missed his family and what he wanted to do in the future. “This was his way of processing deep emotional issues in a way that was less threatening and more fun than traditional psychotherapy,” said Chris.

The day Patrick discharged to a supporting foster family, Chris tousled Patrick’s hair and gave him one last hug. Then he brought out a going-away gift he had been hiding behind his back. Patrick’s eyes lit up in surprise and delight. It was the ukulele he had repaired so many months ago.

Music is just one of the many alternative therapies we provide.
An Army of Volunteers

In addition to the care and treatment of the children at Mount Saint Vincent, there are six buildings and 16 acres of grounds that need to be cared for as well. It takes a small army to maintain our campus, but fortunately for us, we are lucky enough to have one.

Every year, more than 40 different organizations from across the Denver metro area volunteer at Mount Saint Vincent. From painting and weeding to cooking and reading, they give thousands of hours of their time—all to help make Mount Saint Vincent a better place for our children.

Saunders Construction, Inc. is one such organization. In addition to providing financial support and in-kind services, they recently extended their 10-year involvement to include a back-to-school supply drive, summer cookouts for the kids, and even an outdoor summer carnival.

“Our commitment to Mount Saint Vincent is ongoing,” said Saunders’ CSR Specialist Margy Moseley. “We plan to continue to honor and support our relationship with them for years to come.”

From driver-delivered school clothes to one-on-one activities with the kids, UPS is one donor that delivers. They strike a great balance between service- and child-based projects, says Volunteer Coordinator Caleigh Isaacks. “It’s great to have the support of people who are just as invested in the welfare of our children as we are,” she said.

When it comes to getting their hands dirty, Murphy Company employees jump right in. It’s not unusual to see the Denver general manager with a big soapy sponge in his hand at the company’s annual fundraising car wash, an event that typically raises more than $3,000.

“We have a lot of fun hosting the event,” said Office Manager Debbie Sawatzky, “but the bottom line is, it’s an honor for us to be the conduit to give money to the kids at Mount Saint Vincent.”

According to Mount Saint Vincent’s Executive Director Kirk Ward, the agency’s volunteer program plays a crucial role. “Volunteers connect the community to us and us to the community,” he said. “It serves to remind us that everyone—in ways large and small—can do something to help a child in need.”

A Saunders Construction employee paints a young girl’s face.
Achievements and Milestones

In the 136 years since we first opened our doors, we have overcome challenges, achieved significant milestones, and responded to the changing needs of the community.

- 1883: Mount Saint Vincent opens as St. Vincent’s Orphan Asylum.
- 1903: A new building is erected after a devastating fire in March of 1902.
- 1939: The boys win the Denver Junior Parochial League Championship.
- 1969: Mount Saint Vincent becomes a residential treatment center for children suffering from the effects of abuse or neglect.
- 1976: Saint Anne’s Lodge is built near Bailey, Colorado, big enough to accommodate 24 children and staff for overnight visits.
- 1993: Pope John Paul II visits Mount Saint Vincent and is entertained by the children in words and song.
- 2004: A separate structure for the K–8 school is built, with eight classrooms that can hold up to 70 students.
- 2012: The agency is designated an NMT Flagship Site by the ChildTrauma Academy, one of only four such sites in the world.
- 2017: Mount Saint Vincent is accredited by the Council of Accreditation, signifying we meet or exceed best practice standards in all of our programs.
- A therapist is named a NME Fellow, making us the only agency in the world to be an NMT Flagship Site with an NME and NMT Fellows on staff.

Mount Saint Vincent offers a complete continuum of care for children and families. Our programs include:

- Foster Care Services
- Short-term Stabilization
- Clinical Assessments
- Day Treatment
- Consultations and Trainings
- Residential Treatment
- Respite Care
- K–8 School
- Early Learning Center
Volume and Statistics for 2018

Income from program services covers nearly 68% of our operating expenses. The remaining funds raised through individuals, businesses, grants and events helps our programs grow to serve more children and families throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

- **$2.5** Millions raised
- **6.9k** Client Days
- **3.3k** Therapy hours
- **52%** Foster kids adopted

### Revenue by Source:

- **Contributions**: $1,469,574
- **Special Events**: $100,719
- **Related Parties**: $852,553
- **Gifts in Kind**: $74,656
- **Program Services**: $5,177,576

- **91%** Students who progressed in math
- **2,094** People who received trauma training
- **100%** Clients satisfied with In-Home services
- **16** School districts served in Day Treatment
Financial Health

Balance Sheet
as of December 31, 2018

ASSETS
Cash and cash equivalents $ 364,043
Program receivables 776,578
Contributions receivable 157,716
Prepaid expenses and other current assets 29,981
Investments 12,347,015
Property and equipment 19,986,184
TOTAL ASSETS $ 33,661,517

LIABILITIES
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities $ 725,855
TOTAL LIABILITIES $ 725,855

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted: undesignated $ 7,916,786
Unrestricted: invested property & equipment 19,986,184
Unrestricted: board designated 4,427,244
Temporarily restricted 525,448
Permanently restricted 80,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS $ 32,935,662

Statement of Activities
as of December 31, 2018

SUPPORT AND REVENUE
Contributions $ 1,160,808
Grants 308,766
Special events 100,719
Related parties 852,553
Gifts in-kind 74,656
Revenue
Program services revenue 5,177,576
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE $ 7,675,078

EXPENSES
Program Services
Residential treatment $ 2,878,191
K–8 school 2,078,998
Foster care, in-home and NMT 1,252,603
Early learning center 660,095
Total Program Services $ 6,869,887
Supporting Services
Management and general $ 882,825
Fundraising 529,964
Total Supporting Services $ 1,412,789
TOTAL EXPENSES $ 8,282,676

CHANGE IN ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS $ ($607,598)

Non-operating Activities
Investment return $ (275,444)
Insurance settlement 25,558
Building assessment (370,131)
Other 19,200
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES $ (600,817)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS $ (1,208,415)
Board & Staff

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Mount Saint Vincent gratefully accepts gifts in support our mission. Contributions are tax deductible and donors receive letters of acknowledgment for tax purposes. Colorado residents may be eligible for an income tax credit of 50% of their total qualifying contribution through the Colorado Child Care Contribution Credit. Consult your tax preparer for details.

Donate by Mail or Phone
Donations are accepted over the phone at 303-458-7220 ext. 228, or by mail at:

Mount Saint Vincent, 4159 Lowell Boulevard, Denver, CO 80211.
We accept cash, check, credit/debit card, and money orders.

Online Giving
Visit MSVhome.org to make a secure online donation with a credit or debit card. One-time and recurring payment options are available.

Planned Giving
Planned gifts provide resources that create extraordinary opportunities and preserve our future. Planned gifts include cash and pledge gifts of bequests, trusts, life insurance, and retirement assets.

Foundation and Corporate Grants
We welcome the opportunity to work with foundations and corporations on philanthropic grants.

Tribute Gifts
These gifts are given in honor or memory of a special person, typically given in thoughtful remembrance of a life, in recognition of a special occasion, or in appreciation of service. These tributes serve as a permanent expression of love, honor, and recognition.

Corporate Giving
Help your organization and employees make an impact. Become involved with Mount Saint Vincent through contributions, grants, or events via corporate gifts or sponsorships.

Stocks and Appreciated Securities
Boost your charitable contribution by giving shares of appreciated stock in lieu of cash. They are easily valued without an appraisal and easy to transfer. Donating appreciated securities before they are sold typically results in a tax advantage. A tax deduction is normally allowed based on the market value at the time of the gift. Since the deduction is based on current value rather than cost, no tax is paid on the appreciation.

Endowments
Endowments are invested for growth and income in a diversified portfolio and are strategically managed by our Finance Committee. Each endowment distribution is used according to the donor’s intent as outlined in a formal agreement between the donor and the Mount Saint Vincent. Funds earned from an endowment may support a program and are distributed to our nonprofit annually in accordance with established policies.

Real Estate
Upon review, we accept gifts of real estate, including houses, condominiums, commercial properties, farm land, rental property, and undeveloped land, based on its potential usage.
What People Are Saying

Mount Saint Vincent is honored to serve more than 300 children and their families each year. Below are comments from a few of the parents whose children we assisted in 2017.

“I cannot adequately express how amazing Mount Saint Vincent is for my son and our family. I’m not sure where we would be without them.

Day Treatment Parent

“I would never consider attempting foster care without your team. They are A-W-E-S-O-M-E!”

Foster Care Parent

“I am very thankful for Mount Saint Vincent. It was the only place that gave us the structured support that could help us.

In-Home Parent

“The teachers are wonderful: Hands-on and perfectly aligned with our own philosophy of encouraging creativity and social interaction. We could not be happier.”

Early Learning Center Parent