Our Mission:
Eager to welcome God’s transforming power in ourselves and in our world, we, the Benedictine Sisters of the Monastery of St. Gertrude, seek God together through monastic profession and respond in healing hospitality, grateful simplicity, and creative peacemaking.
We are a community committed to prayer and bringing about the Kingdom of God.

For over 1,500 years Benedictines have lived lives of prayer and service to the world. For over 130 years, our community has lived this legacy of continual prayer, service, and community life and seeks to pass it on. We move into the future knowing that our presence, our ministry, our faith and prayers witness to the transforming power of a way of life centered on God.

We extend profound appreciation to you, the friends of the Monastery, who are committed to our mission and ministries. By sharing your gifts of prayer, volunteer hours, professional assistance and financial contributions, you help us serve with vitality.

Your contributions this year totaled $1,170,768 — thank you! Special thanks to our sustaining donors who contribute year after year. The number behind your name indicates the years you have participated in our development program since its inception in 1994. Your commitment is a blessing. To our 244 new donors, thank you for your initial investment in our mission and ministries — we look forward to serving you in the years ahead.

We hold you in our hearts with prayer and gratitude and hope you can come to the Monastery of St. Gertrude for a visit soon.

**Honoring Stewards: Our Volunteers**

We live out our mission and ministries with the help of hundreds of volunteers throughout the year. They share their hearts of faith, enthusiastic energy, and hands of service. They bring us inspiration as well as help. We are so grateful to all of you who volunteer your time and talent. You make all the difference as we respond together in healing hospitality, grateful simplicity, and creative peacemaking.

*Over 100 volunteers help us with the annual Raspberry Festival alone. Each year Morris and Julie Arnzen chair the Pancake Breakfast, providing a hearty, delicious start to an eventful day. Their daughter Natalie helps out in front. In the background, Vic Lustig flips pancakes while another volunteer, Spike Cunningham, takes a picture.*
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Our Community

We are a creative, pioneering community finding new ways to live Benedictine values into the future. We were founded by creative, courageous, pioneering women. We carry on their legacy today as we blaze new trails living Benedictine values in a world hungry for meaning. In the past we founded and operated schools and hospitals throughout Idaho. Today:

- our Spirituality Ministry is thriving with over 2,500 retreatants each year;
- the past comes alive for the people who visit our Museum;
- as a rural community, our stewardship of the land models to others how to be in relationship with creation;
- we are a regional leader on social justice issues;
- we have a flourishing healing ministry of complementary health care modalities including Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy;
- we operate a bed and breakfast offering Benedictine hospitality;
- we use print and online media to educate about Benedictine spirituality and share the wisdom of our Sisters;
- our reach goes far beyond the Monastery. Sisters on mission in Idaho, Washington, Minnesota and California serve in healthcare, education, pastoral care, and parish ministry. (Learn about each Sister and her ministry at www.StGertrudes.org/sisters.html.)

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