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Benedictine Sisters help out those in local communities

CLYDE, Mo.— Donating gifts of time, talents and dollars has always been an important part of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration's ministry, and they enjoy the opportunity to share with groups around the globe as well as those in their own backyard.

The Tucson, Ariz., community recently spent time with a coeducational group of teens from Inside/Out, a service organization that offers writing experiences to at-risk youths at the Pima County Juvenile Detention Center (inside) and Pima Vocational High School (outside) as well as students enrolled in an honors program at the University of Arizona.

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Benedictine Sister Cheryl Morehead is all smiles after the Clyde community adopted Maggie the dog from the local animal shelter. In addition to national and global charities, the Benedictine Sisters also support organizations in their local communities.



Sister Patricia Vereb recently spent time with students of Inside/Out, an organization that offers a writing program to at-risk teens in the Tucson area.

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Sister Patricia Vereb, OSB presented information about the Benedictine Sisters, their history, religious life and prayer. The group discussed topics such as the election and how the Sisters practice faithful citizenship. During the meeting, students wrote poems about the issues discussed and shared them with the rest of the group.

“We also spent time talking about forgiveness, when the students have experienced forgiveness and when they extended forgiveness to others. I was touched at their openness,” Sister Patricia said. “These are vibrant, young people who are given the love and encouragement to redirect their lives in a healthier, more wholesome way and who will contribute much to our society and our world.”

Supporting charitable organizations devoted to family services is an important role for the San Benito community in Dayton, Wyo., Superior Sister Joretta Grant, OSB said.

“We donate to the Advocacy & Resource Center, which assists those affected by domestic violence, sexual abuse and other forms of violence,” she said. “Also, we support Habitat for Humanity and the Volunteers of America of Wyoming & Montana, both of which provide services and opportunities to men, women and children in order to reach their full potential and to develop life skills and healthy families.”

In addition to aiding local groups devoted to people, the Benedictine Sisters in Clyde, Mo., are also champions of the four-legged members of their community. They recently became Angels 4 Animals, a fund-raising group that provides critical support to the local humane society’s animal shelter.

But they weren’t finished. After seeing one of the shelter dogs in a picture accompanying an article in the local newspaper, they decided to adopt it.

“It goes to show how devoted the Sisters are to *all* of God’s creatures,” Director of Communications Kelley Baldwin said.

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