You can donate your unused vehicle to Dominican Home Health Agency. The wheels you don't need anymore will become the wheels for those in need. The process is simple, free, and rewards you with a tax deduction.

And, truly, you will make a meaningful difference in people’s lives!

To learn more, visit:
http://dominicanhha.org/ways-to-give
or contact Ingrid Wicker
iwicker@DominicanHHA.org
303-322-1413 ext. 16

The Wellness Clinic program is growing with new sites and new patients. In October, we started a new Wellness Clinic at Cityscape at Belmar, to bring DHHA’s clinic count to 16 sites! We have already seen 515 patients this year and have welcomed 142 new patients to the clinic program since the start of 2017. “We are thrilled to see the program growing—as it gives us the opportunity to touch more lives, like Anne’s,” shares Mary Joseph, Lead Clinic RN. Anne recently walked into our clinic hardly able to see the sign-in table. For some reason…this month, she seemed more distraught than usual. She informed us that she recently saw the eye doctor, but the glasses recommended for her were far too expensive on her fixed social security income. Desperate for something to help her vision, she resorted to simply using magnifying “readers” that she purchased in the checkout aisle at her grocery store. The eye doctor warned her it was unsafe to wear simple readers the entire day. Anne went on to share that her two children are both battling cancer along with a host of other chronic illnesses. Any extra money she has from her small income she uses to help with their rising medical costs. There was no way she could afford the glasses she needed, so our Patient Health Advocate, Christina, worked closely with Anne to apply for a grant to assist with Anne’s eyeglasses. Approved and connected with new glasses within a few days, Anne returned to the October clinic beaming with happiness and appreciation—finally able to see clearly for the first time in years! The tremendous impact being made not only in Anne’s life, but also in the lives of hundreds of other vulnerable elderly has caught the attention of a new funder! DHHA was awarded a grant from Community First Foundation to enhance our reach in Jefferson County over the next year. Thank you Community First for partnering with us to improve the health of our community!

New Funding...New Clinics...New Eyeglasses!

New Strategies Helping to Sustain DHHA Programs

It is no secret the cost of health care has increased exponentially since the Dominican Sisters moved to Denver in 1923. Originally utilizing the Sisters to provide the in-home nursing care, the Agency now employs a paid staff for nearly all of its’ clinical services. In order to sustain and meet the demand for our services, the Board of Directors and Agency leadership strategized a three-bucket program revenue approach.

1. Continue the primary mission of caring for the poor and underserved with no cost charity care. This care accounts for approximately 85% of DHHA’s program expenses.

2. DHHA has established an affordable sliding scale/fee for service. This private pay model has varying fee levels based on a patient’s monthly income.

3. DHHA has become a certified Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) provider. HCBS is a waiver program under Medicaid that reimburses agencies for personal care and daily living tasks for the elderly and disabled population.

DHHA’s aim in 2018 is to have approximately 15% of revenue generated from program contributions. Both skilled nursing care, certified nurse aide care, wellness clinics, and DME loans are not reimbursable, so thank you to our enormously generous supporters for filling in the gap and ensuring we continue to serve the neediest in our community.
Thank you, K of C 12392 for being the light of Christ for vulnerable and frail seniors in our community.

The Knights of Columbus and DHHA, a Match Made in Heaven

The Knights of Columbus Council #12392 from St. Joan of Arc Parish in Arvada has been coming to the aid of DHHA and its patients for more than 12 years. They are a gift that keeps on giving and never stops! Men of faith and charitable action, their loving assistance enriches DHHA’s programs for the poor, sick elderly. No matter what the need, St. Joan of Arc Knights always have the agency’s back and performs each task with a smile. As you read the following list of donated services, you might ask, “What would DHHA do without K of C 12392?”

The answer . . . we don’t know!

Operations
- DHHA Facility Enhancements
- DHHA Grounds Maintenance and Beautification

Patient Care
- Yardwork
- Thanksgiving Turkeys, Meal Preparation and Delivery
- Friendly Visitors

Durable Medical Equipment Loan Program Support
- Equipment Procurement and Repairs

Fundraising
- Establishment of an Ongoing Church Giving Program
- Dominican Derby Gala Greeters
- Monetary Support

Marcy and Steve Johnson greatly value the mission of DHHA and want the work to continue. They recently decided to make a bequest to DHHA as part of their estate plan. “If there is something we can do to ensure DHHA has enough wherewithal to keep positively advancing well into the future, we want to certainly do it.”

It’s easy and simple to make a bequest to DHHA in your will or make DHHA a beneficiary of your life insurance policy. To see how to “Leave a Legacy,” go to our website at www.dominicanhha.org and click on “Ways to Give.” When you include DHHA in your estate plan, you become a member of The Mother Mary Walsh Society, named after the foundress of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor who began their ministry of nursing the poor, sick elderly in Denver in 1923.

Your Legacy . . . Dominican Home Health Agency’s Future

Making a legacy gift is one of the best ways to further the work of DHHA

“We are so very grateful for the legacy gifts received this year from:

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There are many benefits to membership in the Mother Mary Walsh Society!
Contact Gigi Stewart at 303-322-1413 ext. 12 or gstewart@DominicanHHA.org for more information.

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Welcome New Board Members

**Kevin J. Harney**

I am excited to join the Dominican Home Health Agency board of directors and look forward to helping the team further the great works of the DHHA and the Mission of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor.

**Scott Kozak**

I believe that where much is given much is expected. I have been blessed beyond measure in my life by a loving Heavenly Father. I look for opportunities to give back to my community – in which race, religion, and other discriminatory factors are not considered.

**Rebecca Kessler**

I chose to serve on the DHHA Board because the agency recognizes the human dignity and innate spiritual beauty of all who have lived a long life, and its staff exemplifies the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

**John Monark**

I chose to serve on the DHHA Board to play a role in contributing to the health and social services of our senior citizens who built this great country.

Shaping the Next Generation of Leaders

The truth is...it's not easy to provide life-saving in-home care, preventive community-based care, and medical equipment loans to more than 1,700 people annually—many of whom have little or no ability to pay for services. Still, DHHA has been answering the call for nearly 100 years from the corner of 25th and Gaylord. Today, one significant way we continue this healing mission is through our valued partnerships with Arrupe Jesuit High School's Corporate Work Study Program and area nursing schools. DHHA's RNs serve as clinical preceptors for students from Colorado Christian University, CU College of Nursing, and Regis University's Loretto Heights School of Nursing. Regis Faculty Member, Deborah Schkade shares, “Our Regis nursing students find their time at Dominican HHA to be invaluable in their progression to highly competent and compassionate nurses. The experiences in both home care and wellness clinics allow students to see individuals in the home setting and observe the challenges of community care.” Dan Grey, Administrator for DHHA, agrees. “We are truly able to impact many more lives due in large part to the care and compassion brought by students at these wonderful institutions.”

“What People are Saying”

“As an Occupational Therapist working in Home Health, I would not be able to do my job without Dominican Home Health's DME Loan Program. Countless patients have been able to obtain equipment on loan, allowing them to be more independent and safe with daily tasks and mobility. Your agency is making a huge impact on patients' lives. Thank you!”

A Clinical Social Worker with Denver Health shares, “Words really cannot express how grateful I am as a social worker for the services that Dominican Home Health provides to our patients. We often have patients who have high home-health needs and Dominican provides services regardless of insurance status. Our patients love their staff and we are so thankful to have them as a resource for our hard-to-serve patients. Thank you!”

“I just want to reach out and let you know how grateful I am that your organization comes to Fletcher to do wellness checkups for our residents. You provide such a necessary and important service!” exclaims a resident service coordinator at one DHHA Wellness Clinic site.
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to Metro Denver’s poor, sick elderly who have nowhere else to turn.

You can schedule your donation today!
Go to www.DominicanHHA.org and click “DONATE”

Follow our progress on our Facebook page!

We are grateful for your participation in DHHA's Colorado Gives Day campaign!