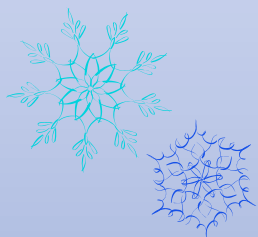


# Villa Guadalupe

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## A Most Blessed Christmas

**L**et there be peace on earth and let it begin with you and me! This is our prayer for the world and for you, our dear benefactor and friend.

At Villa Guadalupe we are truly blessed. It is to you that we owe our deepest gratitude. The joy and happiness we see in the faces of our dear Residents reflect all the good things you have helped us give them throughout the year.

We have been able to replace all the bed linen with new sheets and blankets, and you know how good that must feel for our Residents. We've also purchased a new lift and whirlpool bath as the old ones deteriorated with age!

If you come to visit us, you will see that we've updated our way of serving the meals for our residents. The daily home cooked meals we serve will be hotter and more appealing. Much of our food is donated by local benefactors Your help enables us purchase what other items we need. Thank you so much for helping us give all these good things to our Residents.

In the words of our Mother Foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan: *What gratitude we owe those who assist us in our apostolate. What*



*Sami Daniels says a little prayer to the Infant Jesus*

*could we do without them for our dear old people? Let us pray very much for their intentions.*

As we approach the beginning of the New Year of 2012, we thank God for the many blessings of the past year. We entrust to His care all the intentions you have confided to our prayers, and ask Him to bless you and your loved ones with peace, joy, and love. From our family to yours, a very Merry, Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year!

*Sister Andrea*

And all the Residents,

Sisters and Staff of Villa Guadalupe



# Saint Jeanne Ju

Foundress of the Little



## Many Choices

**A** very special highlight of the day at Villa Guadalupe is mealtime. Residents not only have an opportunity to share a delicious meal, but to enjoy conversations with one another in a relaxed and pleasurable atmosphere.

Recent modifications were made to add convenience and ambiance to the dining room. There are more choices, hotter foods and even a menu to choose from! A supper buffet includes soup and a variety of hot and cold foods. The Residents are getting used to fresh toast from the toaster and a choice of juices.

You can see the smile on their faces and know that everyone is happy with the new arrangement.

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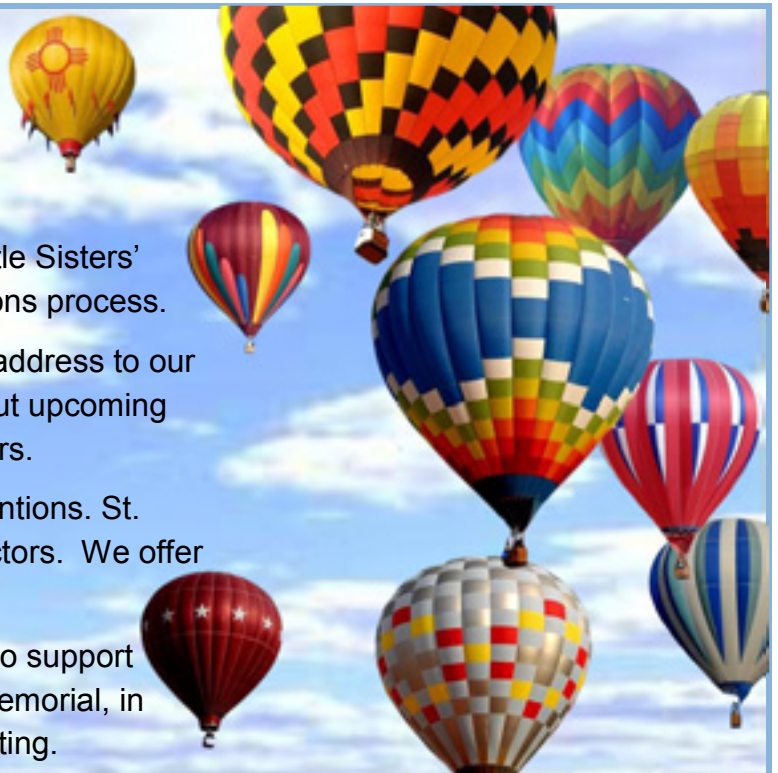
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Select **Our Home** for information about the Little Sisters' philosophy, tradition of begging and admissions process.

Select **REGISTER HERE** to add your email address to our contact list. You will receive information about upcoming events. We will not give your address to others.

Select **PRAYER REQUEST** to send us your intentions. St. Jeanne Jugan always prayed for her benefactors. We offer our rosary each day for you.

Select **DONATIONS** to make a donation to support our work with the poor. You can make it a memorial, in honor of your loved one, or for general operating.



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## Sisters of the Poor



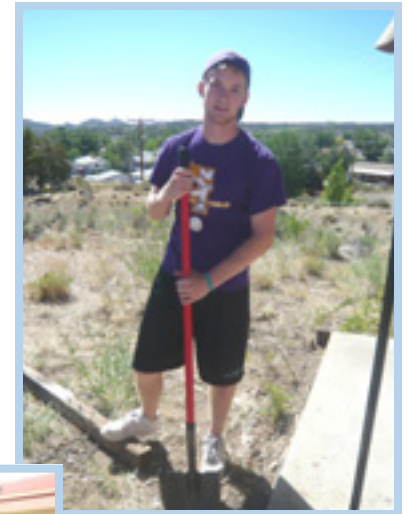
anything asked; painting the curbs, digging holes for the posts of a new fence and having fun visiting and entertaining the Residents.

“Young Neighbors was definitely the most valuable thing I’ve done this year! I now understand the Church as Jesus wanted it: a community of believers that serves those less fortunate and “gathers around the table” in worship.”

## Young Neighbors in Action

**Y**oung Neighbors in Action is an exciting, integrated service-learning experience for parish and school teams of older youth and adults. Seventy-five Young Neighbors in Action spent over a week in the Gallup area. They came from St. Leo’s Catholic Church in Grand Island, NE. These young people were an inspiration to all of us. Their interaction with the residents and their willingness to do

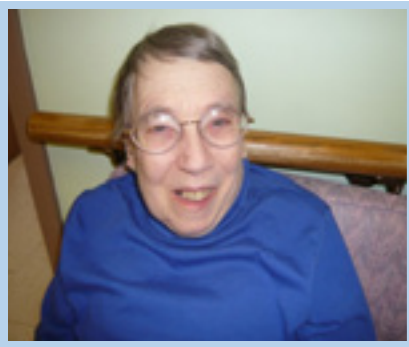
*Zack enjoyed his time in the New Mexico sun, digging post holes.*



*Sister Josephine is happy to have help arranging the garden.*

Thanks to Cosey Balok from the local Humane Society, our Residents are still able to enjoy animals. Sheep were always a big part of Mattie’s life. She’s blind now but still knew that she held a woolly young lamb in her arms. It is the small joys that make our home, a real home for our aged.

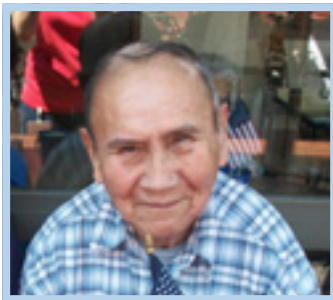
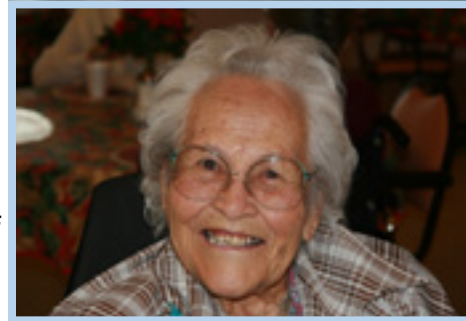
# Memories of Christmas



After coming back from Midnight Mass we only got to open one present before morning and it was always pajamas which we then wore to bed! Mom always made us go to Church, but we didn't mind too much. Before bed, the whole week before Christmas, one of us kids would sing a Christmas song. My favorite is *Silent Night*.

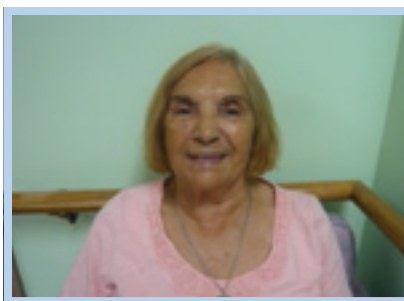
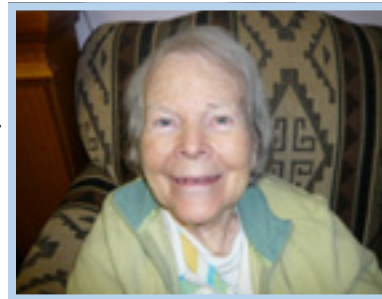
*Darlene McCoy*

I was at St. Michael's Indian School when I was a child. I really enjoyed all the religious ceremonies especially Midnight Mass. As an adult I always gave gifts to my two sisters and their children and my own grandchildren. *Jingle Bells* always make me think of Christmas as a child. *Lily Richards*



I used to like decorating the tree and the windows of my home. It was a real family feast for us. I love all Christmas songs. I feel that Christmas is a fellowship with the spirit of Christ's birth. *Walter Tulley*

I enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree. We had a special Christmas turkey. I always prayed for a good New Year. I try to see *It's a Wonderful Life* each year and sing *White Christmas*. The love here at the Home and just being together always make Christmas special for me. *Doris Leslie*



This will be my first Christmas at Villa Guadalupe and I'm looking forward to a good Christmas. In my country, Brazil, Christmas is still very traditional. In the USA it's not as religious. Nobody went to bed before midnight, except for the little kids. Midnight Mass was always the highlight. *Teresa Coleman*

A most Blessed Christmas from all  
our Residents, Staff and Sisters

In your estate  
planning,  
please  
consider a  
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the Little  
Sisters of the  
Poor



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PROJECTS

- New chapel floor
- Work on air-handlers
- Upgrade resident furniture

