

The Sisters' Attic – More Than Just A Thrift Store

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The Sister's Attic Thrift Store is celebrating 11 years serving the community in Boerne! The store opened in October 2009 as one way to support the Benedictine Sisters' Boerne ministries. These include the Omega Retreat Center, a place where people of all faith traditions are graciously welcomed for hosted spiritual retreats, and The Health and Wholeness Center, which provides a variety of activities Monday through Friday for individuals 50 years and older from the Texas Hill Country, including water exercise classes, social events, and art classes.

Over the years, The Sisters' Attic has also grown into a ministry of its own. The store has stayed true to its original purpose and has also expanded its reach of service and generosity through collaborations with local non-profits. The Sisters' Attic works with the following organizations to serve the needs of the community -- *Taking It to the Streets* in Boerne, *Dress for Success* in San Antonio, and *Humanitarian Respite Center* in McAllen, TX. The store also assists local disabled veterans and homeless individuals.

The Sisters' Attic, located at 316 W. Highland Drive in Boerne, is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm and accepts donations on those same days from 10am to 2pm. They ask that you please call ahead before donating furniture so they can make room for large items. The Sisters' Attic phone number is 830-249-0020. It is important to note that The Sisters' Attic accepts cash and checks only for purchases. No credit cards are accepted at this time. Monetary donations and in-kind support are always welcome which assist in meeting the Sisters' mission of addressing the needs of the people they serve, especially the poor. Charitable contributions are tax deductible. Benedictine Sisters (The Congregation of Benedictine Sisters) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

On the afternoon I was gathering information for this article, a man came into The Sisters' Attic who was looking for a place to bring his donations of men's dress shirts and household items. He said, "I just want to find a place where I know the things I donate will be in good hands." Angie, head cashier, assured him his things would be, and as he walked out the door she quietly said, with her ebullient spirit and signature smile, "The Lord always provides."