

2016 Outreach Grants and Programs **“Seeking, Sharing, and Serving”**

In 2016 the Outreach Committee included the following passionate and caring members: Bonnie Johnson (Chair), Sally Bonello, Ken Bowmaker, Christianna Harvey, Janine Lamm-Roy, Tom Jarck, Rob List, Libby Nowell, Beth Sherrard, Leslie Tuthill, Dee Dee Winters and Bob Winters. Each member is honored to serve in this important ministry of our parish.

Following our mission to Seek, Share and Serve, St. George’s has, for many years been a **Leader** in our community through outreach grants provided by the generous donations of our parishioners. We also enjoy the reputation in Monmouth County as being one of the most generous churches to those agencies that serve the neediest. Our grants are almost exclusively given to non-profits in Monmouth County, however we do acknowledge aid for natural and man-made disasters (paid through the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund) and one-time exceptions are made. Outreach grants in 2016 totaled \$77,010.00 (\$73,998.00 from the Outreach budget and \$3,012.00 from the Outreach Fund).

Our Parish has been instrumental in establishing such community landmarks as Family Promise, Lunch Break and HABcore; we host the annual Twilight Concert in the church to benefit medically fragile children and families; we support the Family Promise program hosting guests for a week four times a year, including sleeping arrangements, delicious meals and parish members on hand for homework help and fellowship. In September, we collected 73 backpacks filled with school supplies for the New Jersey Foster and Adoptive Family Services. This year, between the Lenten and Reverse Calendar Advent Food Drives, we were able to donate a substantial amount of food to six food pantries/soup kitchens in our county. We contributed 155 gently used and new coats to Project Paul and to Family Promise, and for the past 15 years, we have provided a very robust Christmas (gifts and food baskets) for approximately 30 families in our community.

Grants from the 2016 Outreach Budget and Outreach Fund:

All Outreach grant requests require a site visit to the agency, discussion about the request, comparative bids from vendors and most recent financials. Awards made by committee vote, include the following:

1. A brief description of group receiving grant
2. Presentation of how recipient plans to use funds
3. Amount requested and vendor bids
4. In depth review of financials

180 Turning Lives Around, Hazlet – Protective and residential services for women and children in abusive relationships. A grant of \$2,000 was approved for food and consumable costs at their new shelter facility.

Aids Resource Foundation (St. Clare's), Neptune - Helping children and families who are affected by HIV/AIDS or who have other serious medical conditions. They provide transitional care for medically fragile children, supportive housing for individuals and families, enrichment and funding/support for the families they serve. A grant of \$1,810 was approved for a playroom for children with special needs.

Aslan Youth Ministries, Red Bank – A ministry to help disadvantaged youth in Monmouth County. A grant of \$1,500 was approved for 150 Strength Finders, an analytical tool to help children identify their strengths.

Bayshore Lunch Program, Keansburg – Provides lunch five days a week to 50 people, many of whom are homeless. Grants of \$5,000 were approved for the purchase of food.

Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County, Asbury Park and Red Bank – They serve more than 1,800 children, ages 5 ½ to 18, between the two locations. They provide a safe environment to learn and grow and have many programs spanning the entire year as well as a rich summer program. A grant for \$2,000 was approved for materials for crafts, books, rewards and event supplies and an additional grant for \$1,300 sponsored one child for a full year.

Camp Oakhurst, Oakhurst - Established in 1906, is operated by New York Service for the Handicapped (NYSH), an independent non-profit social service agency with offices in New York City and Oakhurst, New Jersey. NYSH provides out-of-home overnight respite (planned and emergency), summer sleep away camp, and day respite services to children and adults with special needs at their facility in Oakhurst, including autism and physical and developmental disabilities. A grant request for \$1,000 was approved for the purchase of arts and crafts

Collier Youth Services, Wickatunk - Provides at-risk youth a chance to grow toward their potential in an environment that promotes belonging, dignity and hope. A group home located in Red Bank serves teenage girls who have experienced a variety of significant behavioral and mental issues resulting from abuse, neglect, trauma, and other complex challenges. A grant of \$1,000 was approved for outings for the girls.

Community Affairs and Resource Center, Asbury Park - Offers a variety of services including parenting classes, employment assistance, at-risk youth programs, rental/utility assistance, English as a Second Language classes and so much more. They collaborate with many other agencies in Monmouth County

to meet the needs of clients. A grant of \$1,000 was approved for a bus driver and food vouchers.

CPC Behavioral Healthcare, Eatontown Serves thousands of people with outpatient behavioral health services that include individual and group therapy, substance abuse treatment and specialized mental health therapies. A grant request for \$1,000 was approved for coping mechanisms and incentives for the “Circle of Friends” program, an after school enrichment program for children.

Episcopal Relief & Development - \$1,000 from the Fund was approved for relief in Ecuador.

Family and Children’s Services, Inc., Long Branch – The agency offers diverse programs/services that address homelessness, health care, financial instability and counseling. A grant for \$1,150 was approved for a sliding security window in their Long Branch office.

Family Promise, Aberdeen - As one of 10 host churches, St. George's provides food, shelter and companionship for temporarily homeless families from Monmouth County on a rotational basis. A grant of \$5,000 was approved, \$2,500 for operating expenses and \$2,500 for the client gift card program. A grant of \$312, from the Fund, was approved for the purchase of 12 inflatable air mattresses, and an additional grant of \$800 provided meals for families staying at a local hotel over the Christmas holiday.

HABcore, Red Bank – A not-for-profit corporation that plays a growing role in continuing care for the homeless in Monmouth County. A grant of \$5,000 was approved toward the cost of the purchase and installation of air conditioning in the Red Bank home.

Holiday Express, Tinton Falls – Holiday Express is a non-profit organization that delivers music, food, gifts, financial support, and human kindness to those with the greatest need for the gift of human kindness during the holiday season and throughout the year. They give 100 parties during the season. A grant of \$1,000 was approved so that they could purchase deodorant for gift bags given out at each holiday party.

Horizons, Rumson – held at Rumson Country Day School, Horizons is a nonprofit summer program that stimulates academic achievement in disadvantaged children from Red Bank. They run a six-week summer program for children K thru 8. Each student receives swimming lessons, professional academic instruction, breakfast, lunch and a snack. A grant request was approved for \$2,500 to cover the cost of a summer scholarship..

LOVE Inc., Long Branch - Supports the needy with various programs including providing home furnishings and computer skills training. A grant of \$3,022.00 was approved to underwrite the wiring for their new facility and to supply 10 beds to those in need.

Lunch Break, Red Bank - Community soup kitchen serving hot meals and providing a Client Choice Food Pantry, Clothing Boutique/Suited for Success Program, and a variety of supportive services. A grant of \$5,000 was approved for the purchase of food for the Client Choice Food Pantry.

Monmouth Day Care Center, Red Bank - Provides affordable day care to families in need. A grant of \$4,440.00 was approved for the purchase of a commercial refrigerator.

Parker Family Health Center, Red Bank - Free medical services for those on the West Side of Red Bank. A grant of \$3,000.00 was approved for early intervention patient diabetic care.

Project Paul, Keansburg – Operates the largest food pantry in Monmouth County with distribution to approx. 1,600 individuals weekly. They also assist hundreds of qualified families by providing assistance with rent and utilities and operate a furniture and thrift shop. A grant for \$4,000 was approved for the purchase of food.

Rumson Borough – In appreciation of our community's public services we provided grants totaling \$1,000 to Rumson EMS, Rumson PBA and the Rumson Volunteer Fire Department.

Shore House, Long Branch – A membership organization dedicated to providing resources and supportive services for people with mental illness. Their goal is to provide the members with an opportunity to be productive contributing members of their community. A grant request of \$3,000 was approved to help with the cost of a van and driver so members can get to the facility. This was a matching grant provided that \$9,000 was raised by Shore House.

St. Mark's Center for Community Renewal, Keansburg – Providing breakfast and lunch 7 days a week, serving 4,000 – 5,000 meals monthly. A nurse and a social worker are there weekly for the clients. A grant for \$2,000 was approved to be used for utility costs and an additional grant for \$2,000 for the purchase of food.

Saturday Soup at Trinity Church, Asbury Park - Initiated in 1990, the soup kitchen serves up to 250 guests each Saturday for a sit-down, hot lunch from noon – 1pm. Grants totaling \$2,000 were approved for the purchase of food.

The Center in Asbury Park – provides meals, supportive services, security and

onsite apartment housing for homeless people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers. A grant of \$2,631 was approved for laundromat voucher cards, a defibrillator and a two shelf folding cart. An additional grant of \$1,445 was for the purchase of food.

The Community YMCA Teen Achievers Program, Red Bank, Asbury Park–

This program serves at-risk middle and high school students from communities across Monmouth County. A grant of \$2,500 was approved for partial scholarships for 15 students to attend the annual college tour.

Trinity Cathedral Community Day, Trenton - A grant for \$300 was approved for a full page ad in the Golf Outing Journal.

Trinity Church Choir, Asbury Park - The Chorister Program serves young people from third grade through High School. It uses a curriculum which focuses on age-appropriate vocal training, sight-singing, and music theory. A grant for \$2,400 was approved to send four children to a one-week summer camp in North Carolina.

Westside Christian Academy, Red Bank - School for disadvantaged young people from Red Bank and Asbury Park. A grant of \$3,500.00 was approved for summer camp support.

Programs:

St. George's 20th Annual Twilight Concert

The annual Twilight concert held at St. George's has raised more than \$600,000 to help support the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children, sponsoring the first transitional homes for medically fragile infants and children in the country .

Family Promise

For the past 15 years St. George's has joined other host congregations in supporting Monmouth County Family Promise, an organization whose mission is to provide meals and overnight accommodations for temporarily homeless families for one week at a time. We are proud to have been instrumental in the founding of Family Promise and of many Parishioners' unfailing support and dedication to this endeavor.

Holiday Baskets

The Holiday Basket Program, now in its 20th year, provided Christmas gifts, food and gift certificates to 30 local families. Our thanks to Chair Jennifer Mullins for her outstanding leadership and organization and to all of the Parishioners and drivers for their generosity in providing a meaningful holiday to families in our community.

Additional Parish Outreach

Lenten Fasting Foods – During Lent 800 pounds of food were collected and distributed to Lunch Break in Red Bank. Throughout the year nonperishable foods are collected in “Chuck Wagons” placed throughout the church and also delivered to Lunch Break.

Fall Back Pack/School Supply Drive - During late August and the beginning of September 73 back packs filled with school supplies were collected and donated to aid children in N.J. Foster and Adoptive Family Services, the leading statewide agency for foster and adoptive parents.

Fall Coat Drive/Outerwear for Outreach – 155 coats and jackets for adults and children were collected and given to Project Paul and to Family Promise.

Reverse Advent Calendar – New this year was a collection of food during Advent used as a “reverse advent calendar.” 30 Reverse Advent bags filled with food items and 10 boxes of food were received, sorted and donated to the following agencies after Christmas: St. Mark's Center for Community Renewal, 180 Turning Lives Around, The Center in Asbury Park, Lunch Break, Saturday Soup at Trinity Episcopal Church, and Bayshore Lunch Program.

St. George's Knitters – St. George's Knitters work diligently hand knitting vests, socks, scarves and hats to support the Christmas at Sea Program of the Seaman's Church Institute in Port Newark, NJ.

Flowers/Food for Friends – Our continued appreciation to those who provide joy and help to fellow Parishioners in times of need.

St. George's Quilters – Meeting throughout the year, the quilters stitch baby quilts that are presented to newly baptized infants at St. George's.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Johnson, Outreach Chair