

St. George's-by-the-River

**OUTREACH GRANTS
2017**



2017 Outreach Grants and Programs “Seeking, Sharing, and Serving”

The St. George’s Outreach Committee for 2017 included the following passionate and caring members: Bonnie Johnson (Chair), Sally Bonello, Ken Bowmaker, Tom Esposito, Christianna Harvey, Tom Jarck, Janine Lamm-Roy, Rob List, Cathy Morgan, 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 most needy. 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 2017 totaled \$73,161.81 (\$68,130.00 from the Outreach Budget, \$1,031.81 from the Outreach Fund and \$4,000 from the Rector’s Discretionary 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 are on hand for homework help and fellowship. In September, we collected 144 backpacks filled with school supplies for the New Jersey Foster and Adopted Families Services.

This year, between the Lenten and Reverse Calendar Advent Food Drives, we were able to donate a substantial amount of food and personal items to six food pantries/soup kitchens in our county. We contributed 131 gently used and new coats to Project Paul, Family Promise, Family and Children’s Services and St. Mark’s Center for Community Renewal and for the past 16 years, we have provided a very robust Christmas (gifts and food baskets) for approximately 30 families in our community.

Our Chair, Bonnie Featherstone-Johnson, completed an application for a grant from the Episcopal Church Jubilee Ministry Fund. A grant of \$250 was awarded to St. George’s to be used for the newly formed Hands on Ministry, headed by Janine Lamm-Roy and Cindy Sagosz.

Within our parish, members of the Flowers for Friends and Food for Friends deliver much appreciated items to those who are in transition in their lives.

If you would like to join in any one of these activities, we’d love to have your participation!

Please contact Bonnie Featherstone-Johnson at 732-233-1587

Grants from the 2017 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 are 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, that is now done by 3 members of the committee prior to the monthly meeting

180 Turning Lives Around, Hazlet – Protective and residential services for women and children from abusive relationships. A grant of \$2,000 was approved for 2 desktop computers, monitors and software.

Aids Resource Foundation (St. Clare's), Neptune - Helping children and families who are impacted by HIV/AIDS or who have other serious medical conditions. They provide transitional care for medically fragile children, supportive housing for individuals and families infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, enrichment programs for children and families, case management and supportive services and advocacy to ensure optimal policies, funding and support for the population they serve. A grant of \$1,450 was approved for a sectional, ottoman, recliner and kitchen island on wheels for the home in Neptune.

Bayshore Lunch Program, Keansburg – Provides lunch five days a week to 50 people. A grant of \$4,000 was approved for food and paper products.

Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County, Asbury Park and Red Bank – They serve more than 1,800 kids, 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 summer program. A grant for \$3,000 was approved to support the summer programs in Monmouth County.

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 \$1,500 was approved for sensory and sport equipment.

Clean Ocean Action, Sandy Hook – Committed to the preservation and oversight of our beaches and waters. \$500 for general expense.

Collier Youth Services, Wickatunk - Provides at risk youth a chance to grow toward their potential in an environment that promotes belonging, dignity and hope. They have a group home located in Red Bank that 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 extras for the residents at the Red Bank Group Home, such as gift cards to purchase toiletries, an ice-cream cone, a special outfit, etc.

Community Affairs and Resource Center, Asbury Park - Offers a variety of services including case management, parenting classes, employment assistance, at-risk youth programs, rental/utility assistance, support groups, English as a Second Language classes and 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 state photo IDs, transportation to interviews, bus passes, finger printing, uniforms and a refurbished desktop.

Covenant House, Asbury Park – Provides food, shelter, immediate crisis care, and an array of other important services to homeless, runaway and trafficked youth between the ages of 18-21. A grant of \$4,000 was approved from which \$1,500 was for documentation for youth to obtain housing, jobs, etc. and \$2,500 was for outreach operation including fuel and maintenance for the van.

CPC Behavioral Healthcare, Eatontown - Provides treatment and services designed to improve mental and emotional health for the more than 8,000 people served each year through its programs. The Agency's three counseling centers, located in Aberdeen, Freehold and Red Bank, provide thousands of people with outpatient behavioral health services and include individual and group therapy, substance abuse treatment and specialized mental health therapies. A grant request for \$1,000 was approved for the purchase of 40 gift cards from Target and Best Buy as incentives for the Level 1 System Behavioral Management System for students at the High Point School.

Episcopal Relief & Development - \$500 from the Fund was approved for Hurricane Harvey relief.

Family and Children's Services, Inc., Long Branch – The agency offers diverse programs and services that address homelessness; neglect, abuse or exploitation; health and respite care; financial instability due to physical, developmental or mental disabilities; childhood literacy and obesity; long-term care planning and Medicare counseling. A grant for \$1,500 was approved for an Apple computer.

Family Promise, Middletown - As one of 12 host churches, St. George's provides food, shelter and companionship for temporarily homeless families from Monmouth County on a rotational basis. Each year they provide roughly 10,220 meals and 5,110 bed-nights for families in need. A grant of \$5,000 was approved for operating expenses and an additional grant of \$546 for Christmas Eve meals for families staying at Ocean Place over the Christmas holiday. They also continue to make headway navigating the regulatory complexities of Oceanport and Fort Monmouth, as they prepare to transition from a rented day-center to a permanently donated one.

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 \$4,100 was approved for a security camera for the Coffey Residence in Red Bank.

Holiday Express, Tinton Falls – Holiday Express is a non-profit organization that delivers music, food, gifts, financial support, and friendship to those with the greatest need for the gift of human kindness during the holiday season and throughout the year. They performed 100 shows during the 2017 season. A grant of \$1,000 was approved for supplies for the canvas gift bags given out at each holiday party.

Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, NY - Welcomes guests on individual and group retreats. A grant of \$400 was provided for expenses.

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 for a summer scholarship for one child.

Interfaith Neighbors, Asbury Park - Includes eight distinct programs that serve thousands of families throughout Monmouth County. Programs including affordable housing, a business development center, Kula Café and Kula Urban Farm, neighborhood revitalization, Meals on Wheels, and rental and mortgage assistance. A grant of \$1,500 was approved for rental assistance for one family.

Love Thy Neighbor (formerly LOVE Inc.), Long Branch - Supports the needy with various programs including providing home furnishings and computer skills training. A grant of \$3,000.00 was approved for the purchase of beds.

Lunch Break, Red Bank - Community soup kitchen in Red Bank, serving 63,000 hot meals each year, 12,228 food pantry pickups, 14,524 clothing pickups and providing a variety of supporting services. A grant of \$3,000 was approved for food for Client's Choice Food Pantry.

Monmouth Day Care Center, Red Bank - Provides affordable day care. A grant of \$2,430.00 was approved for 4 step stools and 4 shelves.

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 to augment the onsite optical services for diabetic patients.

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 \$3,000 was approved for the repair to their truck including tires and brakes.

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 – Is a membership organization dedicated to providing resources and supportive services for people with mental illness to have a fulfilling life, including access to employment, education, housing and health care, and opportunity to be productive, contributing members of their community. A grant request of \$2,370 was approved for a refrigerator, coffee maker, vacuum cleaner, dust buster, iPads, EZ pass and iCapture software.

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 \$4,000 was approved for the replacement of floors in the hallway and pantries. This money was provided from the Rector's Discretionary Fund. \$160.31 was approved from the Outreach Fund for the purchase of food for a group of St. George's parishioners who prepared a meal for 80 people.

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. A grant of \$2,000 was approved for the purchase of food.

Stephy's Place, Red Bank - Provides support groups for those suffering the loss of a loved one. A grant of \$1,500 was approved for bags and/or a book by Allen Wolfelt to be given to clients.

The Center in Asbury Park – Provides meals, supportive services, security and onsite apartment housing for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers. A grant of \$4,134 was approved for the 2 outdoor 7 piece dining sets with cushions, 2 umbrellas with stands and 2 covers for the dining sets.

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 scholarships for the Teen Achievers Program.

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 the curriculum from the Royal School of Church Music called Voice for Life, which focuses on age-appropriate vocal training, sight-singing, and music theory. A grant of \$1,200 was approved to send 3 children to the Diocese Music Camp in Cape May.

Westside Christian Academy, Red Bank – A school for disadvantaged young people from Red Bank and Asbury Park, where discipline is stressed. A grant of \$3,000.00 was approved for 5 Dell computers, 1 portable projector and 6 special chairs.

Miscellaneous - \$71.50 was used from the Outreach Fund for the production of the Outreach Brochure.

Programs:

St. George's 21st Annual Twilight Concert

The annual Twilight concert held at St. George's has raised more than \$630,000 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 16 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' continued, unflinching support and dedication to this endeavor.

Holiday Baskets

The Holiday Basket Program, now in its 21st year, provided Christmas gifts, food and gift certificates to 30 local families. Our thanks to Chairs Jennifer Mullins and Cindy Sagosz for their 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 736 pounds of food were collected and distributed to Lunch Break in Red Bank. Throughout the year nonperishable food was collected in "Chuck Wagons" placed throughout the church and also delivered to Lunch Break, Bayshore Lunch Program, HABcore, and Saturday Soup.

Fall Back Pack/School Supply Drive - During late August and the beginning of September 144 backpacks 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 – 131 coats and jackets for adults and children were collected and given to Project Paul, Family Promise, Family and Children's Services and St. Mark's Center for Community Renewal.

Reverse Advent Calendar – During Advent there was a collection of food and personal products, known as a "reverse advent calendar." 25 overflowing Reverse Advent bags were received, sorted and donated to the following agencies after Christmas: 180 Turning Lives Around, St. Mark's Center for Community Renewal, Bayshore Lunch Program, Project Paul, HABcore and Saturday Soup.

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 which are presented to newly baptized infants at St. George's.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Johnson, Outreach Chair