

**St. George's-by-the-River, Rumson  
Non-Profit Agencies Supported Through Outreach Grants  
And Other Outreach Programs**

**Outreach Mission Statement:** Following Christ's teachings, St. George's overall mission is to SEEK, SHARE (our faith, knowledge, and gifts) and SERVE. Our Outreach Committee's mission is to help carry out the sharing of our parish's gifts through outreach grants to non-profit agencies which serve the neediest in Monmouth County.

**180 Turning Lives Around, Hazlet** – Protective and residential services for women and children from abusive relationships.

**Aids Resource Foundation, Newark** - 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.

**Aslan Youth Ministries, Red Bank** – A ministry to help disadvantaged youth in Monmouth County.

**Bayshore Lunch Program, Keansburg** – Provides lunch five days a week to 60-65 people.

**Bloom Again Foundation, Red Bank**- The mission of Bloom Again Foundation is to provide economically vulnerable working women with financial assistance during times of financial need caused by medical emergencies, illness, or other health-related challenges. Bloom Again provides funding for living assistance such as rent/mortgage, utilities, gas and grocery cards during periods of personal or family crisis.

**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.

**Clean Ocean Action, Sandy Hook** – Committed to the preservation and oversight of our beaches and waters.

**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.

**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.

**Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Colts Neck** – Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Jersey provides a voice for abused and neglected children by empowering a statewide network of county-based CASA programs. Working through community volunteers, these programs advocate on behalf of children in foster care and other out-of-home placements to ensure their well-being and ultimate placement in safe and nurturing permanent homes.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Family Promise, Oceanport** - As one of 13 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 12,567 meals and 5,110 bed-nights for families in need.

**HABcore, Red Bank** – Provides permanent housing and individualized support, helps homeless families, veterans, and individuals with special needs move through crisis to stability, giving them the opportunity to improve their lives.

**Holiday Express, Eatontown**- 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 over 100 shows during the season.

**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.

**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.

**Literacy Volunteers, Long Branch** – The mission of LVMC is to promote increased literacy for adults in Monmouth County through the effective use of volunteers and in collaboration with individuals, groups and organizations desiring to foster increased literacy.

**Love Thy Neighbor, Long Branch** - Supports the needy with various programs including providing home furnishings and computer skills training.

**Lunch Break, Red Bank** – Lunch Break freely provides food, clothing, life skills and fellowship to those in need in Monmouth County and beyond.

**Mercy Center, Asbury Park** - Educates underprivileged girls in Asbury Park and provides a food pantry and family resource center.

**Monmouth Cares, Inc., West Long Branch** – is a Care Management Organization in Monmouth County, serving youth and families up to age 21. They are part of the NJ Children's System of Care that helps youth/families with emotional, behavioral, substance use disorders, physical, developmental, and intellectual disabilities. Their Health and Wellness Team helps families to improve health care access and to manage medical challenges.

**Monmouth Day Care Center, Red Bank** - They are dedicated to providing a safe, stimulating environment in which children are nurtured and challenged intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically.

**Parker Family Health Center, Red Bank** - Free medical services for those on the West Side of Red Bank.

**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.

**Rally Cap Sports, Sea Girt** – Purpose is to create positive sports environments fostering social integration, healthy living, and greater self-confidence for children and young adults with special needs.

**Rising Tree Tops at Oakhurst (formerly Camp 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.

**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.

**Saturday Soup at Trinity Church** – Trinity's Food Pantry and Saturday Soup kitchen are run by wonderful local volunteers serving over 35,000 meals a year. They continuously work to get more local, healthy, and organic food to serve to their guests. During their soup kitchen they have volunteer social workers and an acupuncturist who work to empower their guests and expands their options for their future.

**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.

**Stephy's Place, Red Bank** - Provides support groups for those suffering the loss of a loved one.

**The Center in Asbury Park** – Provides meals, supportive services, security and onsite apartment housing for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers.

**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.

**Westside Christian Academy, Red Bank** – A school for disadvantaged young people from Red Bank and Asbury Park, where discipline is stressed.

**Programs:**

**St. George's 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Holiday Baskets**

The Holiday Basket Program, now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, provided Christmas gifts, food and gift certificates to 80 people, 19 local families.

**Hygiene Products Drive** – During Lent personal products were collected and distributed to CPC Behavioral Healthcare, The Center in Asbury Park, St. Mark's Center for Community Renewal, Covenant House, Lunch Break, Family Promise, 180 Turning Lives Around, Project Paul, Love Thy Neighbor and Saturday Soup at Trinity Church in Asbury Park.

**Halloween Candy Collection** –Bags of candy were delivered to the Seamen's Institute in Port Newark.

**Non-Perishable Food** - Throughout the year non-perishable food was collected in "Chuck Wagons" placed throughout the church. This food was delivered to Lunch Break in Red Bank.

**Backpack Collection** – This year we collected 61 backpacks that were filled with school supplies they were donated to Embrella (formerly Foster and Adoptive Family Services).

**Fall Coat Drive/Outerwear for Outreach** – 215 warm winter coats/jackets and vests were collected, the most ever collected. The coats were distributed to our guests from Family Promise, families at the Pam Am Motel in Eatontown, Lunch Break and their Dress for Success program, HABcore, Community Affairs and Resource Center (CARC), The Center in Asbury Park and Lenscrafters in Holmdel (Dr. Marshall is doing a coat drive).

## **Hands-on-Ministries:**

This ministry focuses on engaging the congregation directly with local organizations and charities supporting the neediest members of our local communities. Children and adults of all ages come together to serve the homeless and working poor residents of Monmouth County. We serve those who don't have easy or reliable access to social services or food sources for their families.

Our volunteers, have been enthused and devoted to doing Christ's work on a regular basis. More than 50 church members have regularly given time to this work. Our partnership with Lunch Break and HABcore have made all of this possible.

- 6 Saturday breakfasts for 85-125 guests at the Lunch Break Soup kitchen in Red Bank. Buying, preparing and serving hearty meals to guests coming in from all over Monmouth County.
- 30 Monday nights of dinner distribution to 75 - 100 Pan American Motel residents in Eatontown. Partnering with Lunch Break kitchen, our volunteers package hot dinners, desserts and drinks in Ralph Hall and distribute them in the motel parking lot.
- 56 Easter baskets of donated personal care items for all the HABcore homeless residents in the Asbury Park and Red Bank boarding houses.
- Distribution of backpacks and school supplies to every child at Pan Am thanks to our partnership with Lunch Break.
- Halloween "Trunk or Treat" family event for the 35 children living full time in the Pam American Motel.
- New coats for every child living at Pan Am thanks to generous individual church donors. Donated used coats and several new coats for every adult in need at Pan Am.
- Christmas socks, gloves, hats for the 65 adults living at Pan Am. New pajamas, books, and toys for their children with the help of Lunch Break and NJ chapter of the Pajama Program.

## **FAMILY PROMISE**

For the past 18 years St. George's has joined 13 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. Each year Family Promise provides roughly 12,597 meals and 5,110 bed-nights for over 300+ families in need. 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. In 2019, 61 Family Promise guests spent 28 nights at our church and were served 27 hot dinners. 124 people including parishioners and others volunteered to help. Additionally this past year, one of our parishioners was very instrumental in the rehab of a building at Fort Monmouth which is now the day center for Family Promise guests.

**St. Mark's Center for Community Renewal** – A group of approximately 10 parishioners participated in a Family Night on October 25<sup>th</sup>. We prepared dinner and provided entertainment/games for the families. Everyone was encouraged to come in their Halloween costumes.

### **REACH MISSION TRIPS**

Every summer for one week, we take high school students to help fix the homes of the underserved, all in the name of God with REACH Mission Trips. We have served in locations in Gettysburg, PA, Newfane, NY, Monroe, NC, Hurricane, WV and many more. For the week, we live in a local high school with hundreds of other faithful students from across the country. REACH has a very long tradition here at St. George's. To help raise money for our trip, we hold flower sales at various times throughout the year: mums in the Autumn, poinsettias and wreaths, at Christmas time and Assorted baskets for Mother's Day. Additionally, we host a brunch fundraiser before Lent begins.