

Outreach Annual Report 2021

3rd Mark of Mission: to respond to human need by loving service

AFEDJ/Princess Basma Children's Center (Fr Todd McDowell) \$ 2572 / 1 hr

Parishioner Easter donations provided funds for the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to support the children's medical center and other resources.

Fisher House StL (Veterans) Giving Tree: (Vince & Michele Nicosia) \$ 500 / 5 hrs

Parishioner donations and Outreach provided \$500 in gift cards to brighten the holidays for twenty Vets and families while they are here in St Louis receiving medical treatments.

Food Pantries: Deaconess Anne House Little Free Pantry \$ 200 / 1 hr

KirkCare (Sue Nixon, Mike Fitzgerald) \$ 2375 / 420 hrs

Trinity CWE (Becky Coulter & the Nicosias) \$ 2350 / 6 hrs

Covid-19 restrictions on Grace facilities meant parishioners only filled the Hunger Barrel 3½ times in 2021 (@\$150 ea= value \$525). Outreach again authorized \$200 to provide food items for the DAH roadside *Little Free Pantry*; both major pantries received \$2000 in Outreach grants, plus other parishioner donations. Four Grace volunteers helped KirkCare stock shelves, pantry shop and deliver food to 70 households per month. KirkCare assisted 1181 diverse clients during 2021 and always needs more volunteers.

Trinity Pantry Winter Ministry: Parishioners donated toiletries, winter hats, gloves & warm socks (~\$200).

Grace Hill & GH Giving Tree (Paula Russell) \$ 2580 / 100 hrs

Grace Youth donations of \$330 in toys & games from their cookie sale proceeds, added to our parishioners' generous wish-gifts provided two Grace Hill families an estimated \$1475 in gifts plus \$605 in gift cards to make their Christmas brighter.

Outreach provided a \$500 Spring financial grant to support 2021 Grace Hill educational programs.

Hands on Kirkwood-15/ Celebration Event (Vince & Michele Nicosia) \$ 273 / 50 hrs

This celebration event was reimagined due to Covid restrictions, becoming a *Grab 'n Go* event serving a total of 108 Volunteer meals and sending 42 meals to Trinity Church. Grace parishioners & youth volunteers worked HOK-15; others generously donated items for the community, seniors and *Nurses for Newborns*. Although restricted by Covid, many volunteers worked on various outdoor community projects, recycling a record 31,000 pounds of electronics and ingathering 17,000+ donated food items plus 14,000+ diapers and other infant care items for *Nurses for Newborns*.

Kirkwood School District KSD NOW Food Drive: (Kelly Eschenroeder) \$ 700 / 3 hr

The parish donated 4½ barrels of canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, snacks, etc (value ~\$700) to help KSD food-insecure families feed their children. The program currently provides food to 110+ students a week throughout the year. including summerbreak when school lunches are not available for these families.

Meacham Park Giving Tree (Vince & Michele Nicosia) \$ 465 / 10 hrs

Parishioners and Outreach donated \$465 in gift cards to give families a bright & happy holiday through the *MP Grab'n'Go Event*.

Person-to-Person Street Ministry (Rebecca Entenmann & Ruth Owler) \$ 1000 / 300 hrs

Parishioners donated toiletries, hats, socks and 35 backpacks for unhoused men to carry personal items (~\$500 total). Outreach allocated \$500 to support this 501c3 organization, initiated in 2017 by Correne Murphy of *Community of Hope*, which gives out food and personal care items to unhoused St Louisans each week. They always need volunteers.

Shepherd's Center (Dick Entenmann) \$ 500 / 312 hrs

Shepherd's Center enables older adults to remain vital and independent through programs and services to promote positive aging. Grace's four terrific volunteers and a \$500 grant helped the center provide assistance to 1300 Kirkwood seniors through: *Handy Hands*, *Shepherd's Travelers*, *Adventures in Learning*, *Chores Galore*, *Transportation Ministry* and the *Resource Center*. They always need volunteers and drivers! Anyone desiring information on specific volunteer programs should contact Dick.

Trinity Hot Lunch, CWE (Sandi Adams) \$ 2200 / 440 hrs

Grace's two dynamite cooking teams (*Meatball Mamas* and *K&S Express*) plus 15 other monthly volunteers (228 people annually) bought, prepared and served 1100 delicious meals for CWE folks this year, enjoyed by 700 on Sundays and 400 during the week. In December Grace youth made holiday cards and assembled 100 Goodie Bags for THL folk!

United Thank Offering (Shirley Browne) \$ 447 / 12 hr

Even in this difficult Covid year, Grace parishioners still gave *Thank Offerings* that supported mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church, as well as provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world. We extend thanks to Shirley for her years of service as she steps down from her job as UTO coordinator.

3rd Mark total \$10,460 / 1660 hrs => \$47,377

4th Mark of Mission: to seek to transform unjust structures of society

Episcopal City Mission Chaplaincy (Betty Bowersox)

\$ 1400 / 1 hr

ECM Birthday Party (Becky Coulter)

\$ 169 / 5 hrs

Grace provided \$1400 in ECM chaplaincy funds for programs of support, hope and healing to youths in detention. Despite COVID-19 isolation, \$169 in funds created a fun June 4th birthday celebration with pizza, soda, ice cream & party décor for 13 youths. Sadly, the annual *ECM Summer Celebration Event* had to be cancelled, but *A Moment in Time* was held virtually.

Episcopal Relief and Development Fund (Marty O'Leary)

\$ 1605 / 1 hr

ERD funds child survival programs, health initiatives, and U.S. and global crises responses. parishioners generously donated \$1105 for disaster relief, added to Outreach's \$500 for Haiti relief after the double whammy of earthquake and hurricane.

Horizons StL in Kirkwood (SPROG) (Andy Miller)

\$ 2000+ / 2 hrs Grace

Church continues to donate valuable year-round office space to them. COVID-19 has changed their KHS Summer Camp experience the past two summers to keep kids safe. Our \$2000 Outreach grant sponsored one child's summer program.

Task Force for the Hungry

\$ 525 / 1 hr

A \$25 parishioner donation and a \$500 Outreach grant supported diocesan efforts to assist the food-insecure year-round.

+CoChair and Committee Meeting Hours= 100 hrs= \$2854

4th Mark total~ \$1,440 / 10hrs=> \$286

Percentages of 2021 Outreach resources for various ministry categories are broken down below:

Within our Community: 28.6% Hands on Kirkwood Event Horizons St Louis in Kirkwood KirkCare Food Pantry Kirkwood School District Food Meacham Park Christmas Shepherd's Center	Within our Diocese: 50.4% Deaconess Anne House Little Free Pantry ECM Birthday Party / Chaplaincy Fisher House St Louials for Veterans Grace Hill/ Giving Tree Person-to-Person Street Ministry Task Force for Hungry Trinity Food Pantry/ Winter Ministry/ Hot Lunch	Beyond our Diocese: 21% AFEDJ / Princess Basma Children's Ctr Episcopal Relief & Development United Thank Offering TOTALS 100%
HUNGER: 42.4% Deaconess Anne House Little Free Pantry KirkCare Food Pantry Kirkwood School District Food Person-to-Person Street Ministry Task Force for the Hungry Trinity Food Pantry Trinity Hot Lunch	QUALITY OF LIFE for CHILDREN: 41.6% AFEDJ / Princess Basma Children's Center ECM: Birthday Party / Chaplaincy Grace Hill/ Giving Tree Horizons St Louia in Kirkwood Meacham Park Christmas	QUALITY OF LIFE for ADULTS & FAMILIES: 16% Episcopal Relief & Development Fisher House St Louis for Veterans Hands on Kirkwood Event Shepherd's Center Trinity Pantry Winter Ministry United Thank Offering TOTALS 100%

2021 Outreach gifts totaled ~\$22,061 provided by individual donations, gifts, Easter & Christmas collections, Vestry allocation, plus fundraiser events. Despite dealing with ongoing pandemic restrictions, parishioners donated over 1770 **volunteer hours (@\$28.54 valued at \$50,516)**, generously giving a measure of treasure and a wealth of time & talent. We want to acknowledge and thank **everyone** who has participated in Outreach programs for their unstinting financial and volunteer support while facing the recent challenges to fulfilling Grace's various Missions.

Realizing that it is now time for new leadership, we resigned our positions effective Dec 31st, 2021, after nine years as Outreach Co-Chairs, turning the job over to the capable leadership of John Adams. We will continue to coordinate a few individual Outreach ministries that are particularly meaningful to us. We pray all members of Grace will continue to support this important and vital element of our church, and that Outreach remains a vibrant Grace program in the future. We give heartfelt thanks and blessings to everyone who worked with us over the years to accomplish God's work.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince & Michele Nicosia

Grace Outreach Co-chairs