

Outreach Report 2023

In the bank on January 1st, 2023, \$6,109.06

Income from donations and grants \$85,573.02

Grants: Episcopal Charities for Sloatsburg Food Pantry \$12,000.00; Helping Hands \$5,000.00; Endowment from the Cutting Fund: \$14,500.00.

Individual donations \$54,073.00

Outreach donations and expenses \$ 84,497.35

In the bank on December 31st 2023 \$7,184.73

In hand for use in 2024: Five \$50 Kohls gift cards; 33 \$50 ShopRite gift cards.

Narrative: St Mary's Outreach locally:

The Angel Tree has been St Mary's Christmas Outreach for many years. The last few years we have teamed up with Tuxedo Park School who collect new winter hats, scarves, and gloves for each child; St Mary's provides a Shoprite Gift Card for each family and a Kohl's gift Card for each child. The local schools provide us with a list of low-income families. We do not have their names, but each is given a number, and we are told the size of each family and the age and sex of each child.

This year, because of the increase in the cost of providing essential grocery items for a family, we tried to make a significant difference by providing a Shoprite Gift Card of \$100 per family plus our usual \$50 Kohl's Card per child. These, wrapped in colorful gift bags topped with holiday candy and cookies were delivered by school bus. The Angel Tree list, this year, had 32 families with 55 children. The total cost: \$ 6,136.00.

St Mary's Outreach gives similar support during the year to these families and more. At Thanksgiving thirty families received 'baskets' with everything to make a Thanksgiving dinner plus a frozen turkey and \$50 ShopRite gift card. Cost \$1,635.00 plus in-kind donations of food.

In Summer we support families whose children want to go to Tuxedo Summer Camp [5 weeks of activities] but can't afford it. The cost in 2023 was \$700 per child. We asked each family to pay \$100; the camp gave us a discount and made the fee \$600 for anyone sponsored by St Mary's. Then St Mary's paid \$500 per child and paid the cost of the weekly field trips. We sponsored 21 children in 2023. Total cost to St Mary's \$15,500.00.

Baker High College scholarships \$1,900.00.

A Ford Pick-up truck was donated to St Mary's Outreach by a local resident and then donated to a local family who have since put it to excellent use. List value \$12,000.00.

Help for individual local families who are in temporary hardship and have problems meeting their rent, utility bills, grocery bills, school trips, college expenses: \$8,000.00.

We also donate to, and work with, the Sloatsburg Food Pantry; Helping Hands of Rockland County; Habitat for Humanity of Newburgh, Warwick Valley Humane Society, Rural and Migrant Ministries.

Nationally and internationally, we responded to natural disasters through Episcopal Relief and Development, Doctors Without Borders, and The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem. We continue to support the Carryou Ministry in South Africa.

Thank you to all our donors, parishioners and beyond, who make this possible and to the Outreach Committee: Sue Heywood Chair, Dennis Trotter Co- Chair, Inger Grueterich, Lili Neuhauser, Jane Garofano, Sally Sonne, Jim Hays, Elizabeth Ochieng, Gillian Ballard, Barbara McKechnie, Kimberly Brieland, Janet Galuska, Jill Buell.

Respectfully submitted Sue Heywood