

## Summary of the Henderson Settlement Christmas Mission for 2024

Bethany UMC Smithfield continued as the collection point for receiving Christmas gifts and donations to purchase gifts for Henderson Settlement. We had a total of 90 boxes of gifts from 13 churches, including Bethany, as well as donated items from a family in the community. We received monetary donations from members of Bethany and from 6 other churches. Linda and I shopped during October and November and were reimbursed from the Henderson Mission Fund. At Bethany, we packed a total of 41 boxes and other churches contributed a total of 49 boxes that included new toys or other age-appropriate gifts, pajamas, underwear, and socks. We also took a total of 17 new bicycles and tire pumps this year.

The outreach director at Henderson Settlement asked us to deliver the gifts early this year, so they could determine what else they needed to purchase. We delivered the gifts on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. The spreadsheet below shows our travel expenses. We picked up the U-Haul truck on Friday November 22 and packed the truck on Saturday November 23. We traveled on Monday November 25 and spent the night free of charge at Henderson Settlement. We unloaded the truck on Tuesday morning. We visited with Henderson Settlement director at their renovated administrative offices and gave most of the remaining balance of the \$2,500 grant funds to Henderson Settlement by check - \$600 to their Thrift Store to purchase gifts and make them available to grandparents and community members for purchase and \$600 to their food pantry to support their efforts to give Christmas food boxes to members of the community in need. We then proceeded to pick up our rental car for the return trip and then turned in the U-Haul truck.

2024 Henderson Settlement Christmas Mission Travel Expenses				
Item	Day	Date	Purpose	Amount
1	Friday	11/22/2024	10' U-Haul Truck Rental	\$948.00
2	Monday	11/25/2024	Truck Gas	\$54.00
3	Monday	11/25/2024	Truck Gas	\$66.00
4	Tuesday	11/26/2024	Enterprise Car Rental	\$146.00
5	Tuesday	11/26/2024	Car gas	\$35.00
6	Tuesday	11/26/2024	Car gas	\$20.00

**Total \$1,269.00**

### Remaining Grant Funds given to Henderson Settlement

\$600.00 Thrift Store to purchase Christmas gifts

\$600.00 Food Pantry for Christmas Food boxes

**\$1,200.00 Total donated to Henderson**

\$2,500.00 District Grant Award

\$1,269.00 Total Travel Expenses

\$1,200.00 Additional donation to Henderson Settlement

\$2,469.00 Total Grant funds used

\$31.00 Remaining grant fund balance to be saved for 2025

The following spreadsheet shows the number of boxes collected or prepared by church, along with monetary donations:

Church	Number of boxes donated	\$\$\$ Donated
Colonial Beach		\$85.00
Bethany *	41	\$1,400.00
Phoebus	8	\$500.00
Bowling Green	4	
Woodland *	9	
Andrews Chapel		\$500.00
Trinity	6	\$200.00
First UMC Hampton		\$500.00
Crooks Memorial	5	
Benn's	10	
Uzzells & Riverview	4	
Matthew's Chapel	<u>2</u>	
Parkview		\$785.00
One Family	1	
<b>Total</b>	90	\$3,970.00

\* Woodland UMM also donated 4 bikes, tire pumps, and gift cards for helmets.

\* The number of boxes from Bethany included items we purchased using funds donated.

### Photos from the Christmas Mission in 2024:

The Bethany team that loaded the truck Nov 23



The truck all packed neatly on Nov 23



Showing the truck after adding 2 more bicycles and 6 more bags of gifts that were donated on Sunday Nov 24



Linda and the truck all unloaded in about 10 minutes on Tuesday morning Nov 26



Henderson Settlement had their Community Christmas event on December 10, 11, and 12. They had families register to attend either the morning or afternoon on those days to select Christmas gifts for their children, as well as pajamas, underwear, and socks. The Outreach Director at Henderson Settlement, Katrina Webb, let us know that they served 122 families with a total of 274 children aged 0-18. Here are some photos showing the gym at Henderson Settlement, once our boxes and bicycles were unloaded.

