


OUTREACH

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A HUGE THANK YOU to our generous ODEC members for the incredible support of our Outreach programs in 2025, especially during the holidays. We have many working behind the scenes monthly to help those in need: Beach Bags provides weekend food for students at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School; many meals for people at JCOC and Feed My Sheep. Lunches were served to college kids at the Episcopal Campus Ministry at ODU Canterbury House. We organized a collection of coats and gently used clothing for kids at PMES.

We sent an outreach member loaded with hundreds of dozens of homemade cookies into a local women's prison to support Kairos Prison Ministry and prayed for everyone inside. Many un-housed people in VB were served dinner hosted by Old Donation members at Bayside Presbyterian Church as a part of the city's NEST program. Two cars filled with coats, hats, gloves, socks, and blankets were delivered in December to the Feed My Sheep program in downtown Norfolk. Bags of rice, beans and masa were collected for those with food insecurity on the Eastern Shore at Dos Santos.

Over 120 Christmas toys, blankets, bikes, scooters, helmets, puzzles and more were delivered to children experiencing homelessness or in transition through our Angel Tree partnership with ForKids, Inc - one of the largest year-round providers of homeless services for families in Virginia. Thirty-six children from Mission of the Holy Spirit were given Walmart gift cards to shop for gifts as part of the E.L.F. program. All of this was made possible by donations of time, talent, and treasure from generous, caring Old Donation parishioners living the Word of Christ to care for those in need.

In 2026, we have had our very first, very successful Bunny Trail, which provided pantry staples to families connected with ForKids, Inc. We continue our other feeding/housing program support for various other ministries that we provide hands-on or financial support. We said thank you to Bill Waide for his past dedication as Outreach Co-Chair and Vestry Liaison and welcomed Jenn Oakley as our new Co-Chair and Leslie Brunick as our new Vestry Liaison.

We have established a relationship with The Pantry at Eastern Shore Episcopal Church and welcome anyone who would like to volunteer in this exciting ministry. Be on the lookout for a revised outreach page on the ODEC website later this year that gives more info about the ministries we support and how you can become involved. **Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, 6 May at 6:30pm with a presentation by ForKids, Inc.**