



MISSION STATEMENT: *Develop and implement a program of SERVICE, ACTION, and FINANCIAL AID for those who suffer and are in need.*

OUTREACH COMMITTEE 2024 REVIEW

2024: Agency changes continue as they stretch available resources to meet the ever-growing needs. Likewise, we streamlined our agency list to make the most of our lower donated funds. We continued other Outreach collections, food / hygiene / toiletries / warm clothing / backpack, which were heartily supported by our generous parishioners.

New this year – More volunteers helped with Food Drives, School participation with our Share the Warmth and Shoes That Fit programs, and one of our best Christmas Food Drives in years!!!

We look forward to working with the school and all of you, in future activities helping the underserved. Thank you for participating, sharing and caring!

- 1. Financial - \$22,905 distributed** from 5th Sunday, EFT and other Outreach collections. Funds also supported Shelter dinners, Contra Costa Interfaith coalition (CCIC) cleaning kits & other targeted projects.
- 2. Food**
 - ✦ **10** Food Drives delivered more than 1 full SUV each month.
 - ✦ **\$990 and 2 SUVs + 2 cars filled** for **34th Christmas “Cash For Turkeys” & Food Drive.**
 - ✦ **Over 600 meals** prepared for Shelter dinners.
- 3. Household, Clothing, Other Collections**
 - ✦ **Shoes that Fit – 56 pairs** donated in 2024, totaling 1,135 since 2012; **St. P’s School** participation appreciated.
 - ✦ **Cleaning Kits – 94 kits assembled** for underserved moving into apartments.
 - ✦ **Special Needs – 3 Collections - hygiene items, backpacks & warm clothing.**
 - ✦ **Faith Formation – Families filled 40 “Spring baskets”** for 1 agency.
- 4. Building Awareness and Learning –**
 - ✦ **Specific Needs** – Help agencies when supplies run low – socks, underwear, hygiene items.
 - ✦ **Working together** – 4 new families helped with food drives; school & faith formation participation.
 - ✦ **Awareness** – 5 speakers shared their gratitude for St. P’s support along with their agency’s focus, challenges and needs: at mass (St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry) and at meetings (Options Health, Loaves & Fishes, Winter Nights and RotaCare Pittsburg).
 - ✦ **Outreach Bulletin Board** – Weekly Timely Perpetuan has links to agency news, galas, volunteer opportunities and other information.

See next page for more Outreach information



St. Perpetua Outreach Committee

Join us for a meeting and see how you can become involved!

- The Outreach Committee welcomes new members who are interested in helping others. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.
- Our mission is to develop and implement programs of *service, action and financial aid* for those who suffer and are in need.
- Activities include:
 - Volunteer opportunities like distribution of shoes / food, Shelter dinners, agency needs.
 - “Special Needs” collections of goods for worthy agencies.
 - St. P’s Food Drive deliveries of monthly food collections.
 - Shoes That Fit to distribute shoes to low-income school children.
 - Winter Nights shelter for families, supported with meals, homework assistance, children’s play time, and overnight supervision.
 - Publicity to communicate activities and programs.
 - Agency assessments to insure reliable distribution of goods and funds.
 - Administrative duties such as Secretary, Treasurer, rotating Chairperson and Publicity.
- Individuals may be involved in many of the activities above without being a regular Outreach committee member or attending monthly meetings.
- Shelter dinners are periodically provided to the Concord Shelter and rely on volunteers to prepare and transport the meals. Your participation depends on your schedule. Additional cooks and transporters are welcome. The parish office can provide contact information.
- Each committee member can choose to act as a parish liaison or co-liaison to a supported agency. Periodic contacts via phone or in person are made to understand the agencies needs or if its organization / structure has changed. This information helps to make informed decisions regarding parish contributions of money, volunteer time, or Special Needs items.
- The committee meets via Zoom at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month for 1 hour. If interested, an additional 1 to 2 hours per month may be given to above noted activities.
- If you are interested in joining this worthwhile committee, feel free to contact any member, the parish office, or come to a meeting – no obligations!
- More information, including a list of members, can be found on the parish website www.stperpetua.org, in top row menu click GETTING INVOLVED, click OUTREACH, scroll down for a list of available documents and click to open, or click *Bulletin Board* or *Minutes* for their information.