

Outreach Ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville, Virginia – Update: 19th July 2026



In light of the congregation's steadily increasing participation in, and support of, Trinity Outreach Ministries, the Outreach Grants Committee and Trinity staff want to highlight some of the many organizations that benefit from our parish's charitable grants and other gifts. Outreach funds are made possible by the generosity of Trinity congregants and the greater community, via direct donations and annual fundraisers: Hunt Country Stable Tour, Online Christmas Auction, and Trinity Thrift & Boutique.

In 2025, Trinity's Outreach Planning and Grants team allocated \$121,181 to charitable organizations and individuals/families facing hardships. Trinity's 2026 budget for Outreach grants is \$140,000. A grant request must be sponsored by any Trinity parishioner who is active in, or familiar with, an organization they believe is worthy of Trinity's financial support.

Allocations are broken down by categories determined by Vestry. The 2026 target breakdown is: Local: 35%; Local Emergency: 5%; Regional: 30%; National: 20%; International 10%.

Trinity Outreach Ministry beneficiaries (grants and other distributions) of recent years are highlighted below; Trinity POC's are listed after the organization name.

- **Piedmont Local Emergency Assistance and Relief Fund - Upperville, VA** (Lisa White and Jim Gemmer) This fund, administered by Tree of Life Ministries, directly impacts members of our community in need of food, rent assistance, and other forms of direct relief. In addition to funding the Piedmont Emergency Assistance Fund, Trinity has worked with other Upperville churches to launch the Piedmont Region Tree of Life Ministries. Piedmont chapter offerings as of July 2026 include monthly community dinners at Trinity, a clothing drive that provided clothes to 150+ people, and a hands-on work project at the home of a neighbor in need.
- **Seven Loaves Food Pantry - Middleburg, VA** (Mary Looney) Ecumenical, faith-based ministry providing nutritious food and personal supplies to those in need in Middleburg and the surrounding area. For over 30 years, Seven Loaves has evolved to meet people's needs, remaining true to its mission to serve anyone in need in a respectful and clean environment.
- **Piedmont Childcare Center - Upperville, VA** (Will Nisbet) Independent, non-profit school providing quality early childhood care and education for children aged 6 weeks-12 years. Trinity provides an annual scholarship, has supported the children's garden and playground, and contributed to the 2026 capital campaign for much-needed procurements, repairs, and maintenance.
- **Windy Hill Foundation - Middleburg, VA** (Shannon Davis)
A support network for low-income individuals, families, and seniors in Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. Trinity has provided funds for housing assistance and for the after-school program for children served by Windy Hill Foundation.
- **Holistic Haitian Alliance - Haymarket, VA and Kay Anj, Haiti** (John MacDonnell) Faith-based holistic care, education, and support to Haitian families and communities. HHA's 40-acre Kay Anj Village includes foster homes; an education campus with primary-through vocational schools; a dental clinic; five farms; transitional care for young adults; volunteer housing; and a center of Evangelism.

- **Cloverleaf Equine Center - Clifton, VA** (Gray Coyner) Equine-assisted therapy organization that assists families and individuals facing physical and psychological challenges in finding the power of the horse within a caring community. Staff and volunteers help students interact with animals and nature while improving their physical and mental health.
- **By His Wounds Ministry “Welcome Home Initiative” for Veterans –Virginia Beach, VA** (Ginny and Joseph Fluet) Faith-based spiritual and emotional healing retreat program provided at no cost to veterans and their spouses. Participants often attend the retreat to complement medical and psychological treatments; many suffer from Post Traumatic Stress.
- **Boulder Crest Virginia Veteran Trauma Treatment – Bluemont, VA** (Sandra Markus) Offering strength and hope to veterans through a Posttraumatic Growth program in a serene setting in the VA foothills. Rest & Reconnection weekends are available to veterans’ families.

Crisis Relief

Each year, Trinity generously responds to worldwide crises, prioritizing faith-based missions and churches in the midst of disaster. Beneficiaries in 2025 included an Episcopal school ravaged by CA wildfires; and flood-devasted churches in TX, FL, and NC. In 2026, we will support earthquake relief in Venezuela and untold future crises.

New in 2025 and 2026:

Since 2025, the Outreach Grants team has proactively encouraged Trinity parishioners to submit grant requests for organizations they support or are familiar with. They heard the call! New beneficiaries include:

- **Buy One, Build One -Ashburn, VA** (Amy Smith) Faith-based organization that works with global partners to build much-needed homes, community centers, and clinics in impoverished regions, improving lives and communities while sharing the Good News and love of Christ.
- **Storymakers - New York, NY** (Jonathan Adams) Non-profit that designs and distributes Gospel resources in English and Spanish for kids and teens. Services include no-cost materials for low-income churches, Christian foster care communities, children of incarcerated parents, and inner city after school programs.
- **Educating with Love After School STEAM program - Leesburg, VA** (John Gale) Free supplemental education in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math through after-school and summer camp programs in underserved Loudon communities. Trinity funds support a new Environmental Sciences camp, robotics equipment, and art materials.
- **The Plains Community League After School Program - The Plains, VA** (Andres Uribe) Free full-day educational, safe space serving 73+ children, plus counselor in training opportunity for teens. Teaches skills in swimming, STEAM, pottery, music, and sports. Trinity funds provide supplies, field trips, and healthy lunches and snacks.

To submit a grant request, complete the grant form, available at <https://trinityuppperville.org/outreach>, or scan the QR code, and email the form to outreach@trinityuppperville.org.

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