

## **Brief overview of St Mary's Outreach 2019**

<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,<sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

<sup>40</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:35-40

St Mary's Outreach seeks to serve Christ with our time, our talent and our treasure. We address the problems of **hunger, homelessness, poverty, sickness, and inequality of educational opportunity**; and respond to natural disasters, locally, nationally and internationally.

Anyone who wishes to serve on the Outreach Committee is welcome.

**Currently active members are:** Sue Heywood, Chair and our rep on the Helping Hands Board and Carryou; Prudence and George Thurston[our reps on the Episcobuild Board; Lili Neuhauser, Jane Garofano, Sandy Taylor, Gillian Ballard Jim Hays, Dana Roccasecca [our rep on the Sloatsburg Food Pantry Board],Janet Galuska, Inger Grueterich, Elizabeth Ochieng, Sally Sonne, Father Rick

**Currently today in the outreach account:** \$16,525.75 but we have yet to pay for the pre school scholarships which are around \$10,000.

On January 19 2019 we had \$7,731.13.

**Income: Endowment** \$13,388; **One yard sale** \$3,547; **Episcopal Charities Basic Human Needs** grants for Food Pantry \$7,000, for Helping Hands BHN grants \$15,900, **Board of Managers of Hudson Episcopal Diocese** \$3,000 for FP. The EC grants are a wash through to the organizations indicated. We have representation on both boards. **Soup for Scholarships** \$3,914. Shop Rite gives us a 20% discount on purchase of gift cards which we take as extra cards. Individual donations to outreach or to a specific appeal: **Summer Camp** \$2,810 in donations; **Angel Tree** \$4,878; **Donations for specific individuals** \$445 ;**Concert at Chastellux** **\$17,468.37**

### **Expenditure:**

**Local: Families and individuals in Tuxedo and immediate areas north and south.**

We respond to needs as they arise and also support: **The Tuxedo Summer Camp** with sponsorships for those who would be unable to attend without financial aid totaling this year 18 students. Total cost \$8,600; **St Mary's Pre-school scholarships** cost \$10,000; **Baker High college** scholarships \$1,500.

**Thanksgiving baskets** and **Angel Tree** gifts for families on free school meals due to low income; **Thanksgiving Baskets for 23 families which comprised 93 individuals**, cost \$1,250 for the SR cards plus generous gifts of food from parishioners and turkeys from the food pantry; cash donations were only \$25. People seem to like to give in kind for these baskets. **Angel Tree served 32 families with**

**78 children** cost was \$7,100[ each child received a \$50 Kohls card and the family \$100 SR.] TPS gifts of winter clothing accessories were added to the bags.

**Total expenditure Tuxedo local area: \$27, 713.00.**

**Expenditure to Episcopal and local outreach organizations for disaster relief: ERD,Episcobuild,Bishop's appeals,Waldwick Humane Society, BBBS,etc \$10,200.**

### **Sloatsburg Community Food Pantry**

St. Mary's provides organizational, financial and volunteer support to the Sloatsburg Food Pantry.

**In 2019, there were 148 families (469 individuals)** who regularly received assistance from the food pantry each month. Approximately half of those families came to the pantry twice a month. There was a slight increase in the number of *households* receiving food (+3.5%), but a decrease in the number of *individuals* receiving food (-3.5%). This is attributed to the increase in the number of seniors, and decrease in the number of families with children that came to the food pantry. This past year the food pantry distributed 76,544 meals to those who are in need in our local community. In 2019 the food pantry launched a new program, the School Healthy Snack Program, to assist children in our community who are in need of supplemental snacks during the school day. The food pantry is open on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, from 2-6 PM.

**ESL classes** Free twice weekly classes are held for adults in Sloatsburg Library. The library is in walking distance for most of the students. Sue Heywood teaches the classes which were initiated from the Sloatsburg Food Pantry.

EpiscoBuild, St. Mary's hosted 12<sup>th</sup> Night on January 6, 2019, raising \$7,200 for Habitat for Humanity. We participated in the Walk for Housing on April 28, 2019. We dedicated our 7<sup>th</sup> Habitat Home on October 5, 2019. We just held our 13<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Night at Grace Church Middletown and raised over \$8,000 for EpiscoBuild. St. Mary's and St. James sponsored the reception afterwards. St. Mary's and its members gave about \$2,500 of that.

**Helping Hands of Rockland County** We continue to support their work which at the moment is dependent on the breakfast program which is feeding a hot meal between 7am and 8am every weekday morning. Clothing is available as needed at the breakfast program and a van takes individuals for showers where provided. Sue Heywood is on the Board

**Carryou Ministry, Randfontein, South Africa:** Carryou is working from three premises, a basic office in Randfontein, a Drop In Center in Toekomsrus [ a township of low cost housing with extra shacks erected in most yards] and a DIC in the rural area of Elandsvlei. Carryou is feeding around 800 children a day in the two DICs with one nutritious cooked meal. Caregivers and auxiliary social workers provide health education, in home nursing care, support for destitute families [help in applying for birth and death certificates to facilitate basic government grants, documentation for refugees, child supervision, transport to medical clinics etc] They run two free play

groups/ pre/schools; one on a dump site [ garbage tip] which is home to a large group of families, and one in a rural area close to several informal settlements. Our funding provides **32 impoverished families on a monthly basis with a substantial food parcel, and six college students with stipends for food, books and transport.** We assist with specific projects as needed. The current Funding for this comes from direct donations from individuals, churches, child sponsorships, and one company. More than half the donors are **non parishioners** and account for more than half of the funding. Their donations go through St Mary's Outreach account for tax purposes and ease of transfer to the Carryou account in South Africa.

**Donations:\$ 24,083**

**Overall distribution of funds :\$61,996**

Respectfully submitted      Sue Heywood