

## **Brief overview of St Mary's Outreach 2018**

<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; Gillian Ballard,Lili Neuhauser, Jane Garofano, Sandy Taylor, Jim Hays, Dana Roccasecca [our rep on the Sloatsburg Food Pantry Board],Janet Galuska, Inger Grueterich,Elizabeth Ochieng, Sally Sonne, Nan Bewlay, Paula Sink, James Weatherstone.

**Income:** Endowment \$12,832; Two yard sales \$4,497; Episcopal Charities Basic Human Needs grants for Food Pantry \$7,000, for Helping Hands BHN grants \$15,900, HH Hope Center renovations \$20,000; Walmart \$1,000; Board of Managers of Hudson Episcopal Diocese \$3,000. Apart from the Walmart grant, the others are a wash through to the organizations indicated. We have representation on both boards. Shop Rite gives us a 20% discount on purchase of gift cards.

### **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. Total cost \$7,915 appeal donations \$5,725. **St Mary's Pre-school scholarships** cost \$3,169.50. **Baker High college** scholarships \$2,000. **Thanksgiving baskets** and **Angel Tree** gifts for families on free school meals due to low income; **Thanksgiving Baskets** cost \$1,079.39 appeal donations \$300 plus gifts of food from parishioners and turkeys from the food pantry. **Angel Tree** cost \$5,700 appeal donations \$2,533 plus TPS gifts of winter clothing accessories. **Response to individual needs** inc Christ Church Soup Kitchen lunch with love \$1,837.

Total expenditure Tuxedo local area: \$21,700

### **Sloatsburg Community Food Pantry**

The pantry is open twice monthly and can be opened on request for a crisis. Susan Meyer and her team have made the pantry into a much friendlier place with a great choice of healthy food and fresh vegetables and fruit. The clients are welcomed and

have individual help in selecting what is right for their particular families. Dana Roccasecca is on the board and gave me these statistics:

Total households served: 2633 (duplicated), 1684 (non duplicated)

Total Individuals served: 8941 (duplicated), 5702 (non duplicated)

Avg # of individuals served each month: 745 (duplicated), 475 (non duplicated)

Total number of meals provided in 2018: 80,469

**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 [ Habitat for Humanity]** We have started working on rehabbing our 7<sup>th</sup> House, on William Street, and are now raising money for the sponsorship of our 8<sup>th</sup> House. \$75,000 is needed to sponsor each house. In 2018, the 12<sup>th</sup> Night Concert was held at St. James Church in Goshen, and over \$7,000 was raised. We attended the Habitat Walk for Housing in April (raising over \$4000 for EpiscoBuild). St. Mary's "walkers" included Father Rick, Prudence and George Thurston, the Fuller family, Sue Heywood, Sally Sonne and Sandy Taylor. We hosted an EpiscoBuild table at the Habitat for Humanity "Ask Breakfast" in New Windsor in October. EpiscoBuild also had work days at Habitat for Humanity in Newburgh in 2018. Opportunities to work on the 7<sup>th</sup> EpiscoBuild House on William Street are planned in 2019! Outreach donated \$1,800 to Habitat but many parishioners also made donations directly to Habitat for Episcobuild.

**Helping Hands of Rockland County** We continue to support their work with the homeless, but the next month will determine the organization's future. The breakfast program is thriving but the outreach center and sheltering programs are facing a financial crisis due to a fire and the mis- management of the salaried executive director, Ya'el Williams. We are currently in negotiations with the Methodist Church to establish a new outreach center in their premises in Spring Valley.

**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 project is to provide educational materials for the two play groups. The children attending have no stimulation in their

home environment of makeshift shelters on and around the tip. These play groups are a haven, giving the children relief from the poverty and filth of their environment and preparing them for school when they reach the age of six. 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.

Respectfully submitted     Sue Heywood