

The Church of the Holy Spirit Outreach Committee

The **CHS Outreach Committee** is responsible for making grants from the Parish Budget, from Badger Fund income and from funds raised by the First Fruits (Holiday Greens) committee and the Badger/Heed Fund. We fulfill this responsibility prayerfully and seriously. Our members liaise with the agencies we support and keep the committee aware of their needs and activities. Please contact any of our committee members who represent these agencies (names in parentheses) if you have suggestions or questions.

Process & 2023 Grants

We review questionnaire responses and financials annually from our agencies. Meetings are open to the parish and are held the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 in the Fireplace Room. Through the Outreach Committee, CHS made grants to 18 agencies on Cape Cod. We also donated off Cape to support relief efforts in Turkey and through the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem (earthquake relief), Israel/Gaza and Ukraine (war refugee relief) and the Endupoto primary school in Tanzania. For 2023, these awards totaled \$62,000.

Team

Fay Cole, Sally Dewing, Sally Drew, Kathy Goddard, Bill Heuss, Robin McLaughlin, Page McMahan, Nancy Miller, Brooke Eaton-Skea, Earle Bailey (Vestry Liaison). Co-chairs for 2024– Chip Bechtold, Phil Suraci

Agencies

AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod (AS-GCC) saves lives through prevention, education and life-sustaining services that address public health crises to build healthy communities across the Cape & Islands. We are rooted in values that come from our founding on the frontlines of the response to the first wave of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in the 1980s. We believe in the dignity and inherent self-worth of every individual, inclusive of race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation/identity, socio-economic status, health status, and/or relationship to substances. We are committed to health equity, and to racial and social justice. (Fay Cole)

Contact: Dan Gates

dgates@asgcc.org

AMAZING GRACE is a community of caring mentors and volunteers who seek to nurture positive and healthy futures for children and their families impacted by incarceration. Our programs include a weeklong summer camp experience that we run with YMCA Camp Burgess staff in Sandwich and year-round activities for 8–11-year-old children. We host twice-monthly club meetings via zoom for 12–15-year-olds. We also have a

Mentor-In-Training Program for 16-year-olds and a Junior Mentor program for 17-year-olds. Seventy-seven children from 60 families have been supported since our founding in 2014. Founded by parishioners at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable, Amazing Grace is supported by grants and faith communities and businesses across the Cape. (Nancy Miller)

Contact: Julie Lytle

jlytle0214@comcast.net

AMERICARES When people are in crisis, we make sure that health comes first. Our emergency help communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. We support Medicine Security for millions of people around the world. Our Health Services deliver quality health care for people who have none. We create and support sustainable programs to strengthen local health centers. (Phil Suraci)

Contact: AmeriCares

www.americares.org

CAPEABILITIES is a sheltered workshop allowing physically or mentally challenged people to help support themselves by working in a friendly, supportive environment. Its mission is to serve individuals by educating, counseling, and providing residential, therapeutic, social, and employment supports that empower them to achieve meaningful and valued roles in their community. Founded in 1968 Cape Abilities currently services more than 400 people throughout Cape Cod. The individuals we serve have a broad range of disabilities, including developmental and intellectual disabilities. We offer a wide variety of programs and services including Life Skills Day Habilitation, Pre-Employment Training and Community Job Placement, Transportation, and a range of Residential services and support including Adult Family Care and Shared Living. As part of our ongoing effort to meet the needs of individuals seeking meaningful employment opportunities, we have developed innovative, entrepreneurial businesses that provide training and employment and significant community interactions for those we serve. (Nancy Miller)

Contact: Mairead Graf
mgraf@capeabilities.org

CAPE COD CHILDRENS' PLACE in North Eastham has developed free parent education programs and playgroups promoting early literacy and community connections for isolated families. These programs grew to other locations throughout the Lower and Outer Cape and are now reaching the Mid-Cape region. As community needs have

evolved, CCCP has continued to develop services to meet those needs, including programs to support families affected by substance use disorder and support groups for grandparents raising grandchildren. (Bill Heuss)

Contact: Erin Sullivan
erin.sullivan@capecodchildrensplace.com

CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES is an ecumenical Christian service agency coordinating churches across the Cape to provide practical goods and hope to neighbors in need. Our services are available through six ministries: *The Hands of Hope Food Pantry and Outreach Center* provides free groceries, rental and utility financial assistance, and Christmas gifts for families throughout the mid-Cape area; *A Baby Center* provides young families with children up to five years old with baby essentials such as diapers, wipes, formula, baby clothing and equipment and period supplies; *Faith Family Kitchen* serves free nutritious meals three times weekly year round to alleviate hunger; *Covenant to Care for Foster Families* provides church liaisons to support foster families along with the Fostering a Dream Fund to help finance enrichment activities for foster children; *Homeless Ministries* provides short-term emergency hotel sheltering for those facing homelessness and also sponsors Youth StreetReach and Here Now Ministry to connect youth with our unsheltered community; *Hospital Chaplaincy* places a chaplain at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Cape Cod. Our delegates represent the parish at the Council's annual meeting and volunteers work

at a variety of these programs. (Bill Heuss)

Contact: Edye Naismith
cccouncildirector@gmail.com

CHAMP HOUSE in Hyannis' ongoing mission is to provide transitional housing to adults on Cape Cod who are homeless or near homeless in a safe, compassionate, respectful environment, where we instill confidence and hope through providing life skills, mentoring, vocational opportunities, and self-advocacy, while building faith in one's God, oneself, in others and beyond. (Page McMahan)

Contact: Adam Burnett
a.burnett@champhomes.org

FOOD FOR KIDS is a ministry of Church of the Holy Spirit in partnership with the US Department of Agriculture that works to alleviate childhood hunger on the lower/outer Cape and beyond by bringing together CHS and local communities to provide free meals for children and teens to make up for the absence of school lunches during summer months. Meals are made and distributed to children in many different sites (recreation programs, camps, libraries) on the Lower Cape. Also, through grants, new books are distributed. Volunteers from CHS and our community work to prepare meals in our kitchen and distribute them, working steadily 5 days a week for the nine weeks of operation. (Page McMahan)

Contact: Jenn Gale
jenn Gale@food4kidscapecod.org

ENDUPOTO PRIMARY SCHOOL was started in 2008 with one classroom in a remote and arid area in the Maasai Steppe in Tanzania. Presently there are over 800 Maasai girls and boys attending K-7 in 2024. The Church of the Holy Spirit donations have helped with the building of 10 classrooms, 4 teachers' houses, 6 rainwater harvesting tanks, as well as providing daily porridge and fresh water, supplying textbooks, planting trees, and working with the government and the Maasai elders. It is the Maasai villagers' school and they are proud of it. The program of education continues as the students who passed the National Exam attend Oljoro Secondary School. Donations to our work at Oljoro Secondary School have helped to provide a computer, textbooks, outfitting the students, and lab materials, building a teachers' house, renovating an existing teachers' house, building a kitchen, boys and girls dorms, latrines, classroom and completing the physics and biology labs. Since the school's founding, our parishioner Cheryl Kyle has provided critical support for this successful Primary School of Tanzania. (Chip Bechtold)

Contact: Cheryl Kyle
cherylkyle@aol.com

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT has worked world-wide for over 80 years with faith-based and secular partners to advance lasting change in communities affected by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change. Inspired by our faith and grounded in expertise, we reach over three

million people annually, achieving impact through an approach that is purpose-driven, compassionate and respectful of the dignity of all human beings. Through collaboration and shared learning with local faith-leaders and organizations with deep community ties, we strengthen each partner's capacity to operate within highly challenging contexts and provide effective responses and care amidst disaster, crisis and growing instability. (Phil Suraci)
Contact: www.episcopalrelief.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY builds homes with volunteer labor, which are sold at low cost with interest-free mortgages to first-time homebuyers who otherwise could not afford a home. Mortgage payments are recycled to build more homes. CHS parishioners have been actively involved with building area homes. (Kathy Goddard)
Contact: Wendy Cullinen
wendy@habitatcapecod.org

HOMELESS NOT HOPELESS people work to educate the homeless to live independent, productive lives. We offer a helping hand to those in need of short- and long-term help through supportive housing, educational training and other tools to help our homeless become productive members of society. Our organization is actively managed by men and women who were formerly homeless themselves. They are aware of the problems and issues the homeless face and are equipped to help. The Managers volunteer their time as a way to "Pay it Forward." We currently have four homes, two for women and two for men.

Our goal is to help residents move back into their communities as productive members.
(Sally Dewing)

Contact: Deacon Dick Murphy
rmurph1@comcast.net

HOMELESS PREVENTION COUNCIL's main objective is to keep people in their homes in times of financial and emotional stress. The council works with other local advocacy and non-profit organizations, towns, churches and state and federal entities to help people with prevention services to keep them housed and financially stable. The Church of the Holy Spirit helped establish the Council in 1990 and supports it financially and with volunteers. (Sally Dewing)

Contact: Hadley Luddy
hadley@hpccapecod.org

HOSPITALITY HOMES provides free or low cost temporary housing in volunteer host homes and other donated accommodations for families and friends of patients seeking care at any Boston-area Hospitals. Since 1983, this unique, home-away-from-home lodging option has provided a caring response as well as relief from emotional and financial challenges for these individuals and families. (Chip Bechtold)

Contact: Deborah Pepper
dpepper@hosp.org

HOUSING ASSISTANCE CORPORATION's vision is building a vibrant year-round community where everyone has a stable place to call home. Our mission supports this vision by empowering individuals, fostering community connections, and increasing affordable housing opportunities throughout Cape Cod and the Islands. (Bill Heuss)

Contact: Patty Mitrokostas
pmitrokostas@haconcapepod.org

INDEPENDENCE HOUSE is Cape Cod's leading resource, counseling and advocacy center to address and prevent domestic and sexual violence. Offering critical response programs and services, Independence House assists children, teens and adults of all gender identities, races, sexual orientations, abilities and cultures who have been impacted by domestic or sexual violence. Independence House has four Cape offices: Hyannis, Falmouth, Orleans and Provincetown; a full court advocate staff in Falmouth, Barnstable and Orleans District and Barnstable Probate Court Houses; meets and assists sexual assault survivors at Cape Cod and Falmouth Hospitals 24-hours a day; and maintains both a 24-hour hotline and confidential emergency domestic and sexual violence shelter on Cape Cod. (Brooke Eaton-Skea)

Contact: Donna Giberti
donnag@indhouse.net

LATHAM CENTERS The Latham School began in 1970 as a therapeutic residential program for girls aged 8 – 22 who had traumatic backgrounds and behavioral issues. Since then, Latham has evolved into a coed program for children and adults with complex special needs, including PTSD, Reactive Attachment Disorder, Autism, Depression, Anxiety, Learning Disabilities, and Prader-Willi Syndrome. PWS is a genetic disorder that results in lifelong cognitive limitations, behavioral issues, and insatiable appetite. Without food-security and the proper treatment, PWS is a life-threatening condition. Latham is the only program in the country that meets the complex needs of children, youth and adults with PWS.

(Brooke Eaton-Skea)
Contact: Jackie O'Connor
joconnor@lathamcenters.org

LOWER CAPE OUTREACH COUNCIL (LCOC) provides emergency assistance to families and individuals in need on the Lower and Outer Cape. LCOC hosts three year-round programs including managing nine food pantries, a financial assistance program, Katy's Korner, a free clothing and household resource center, as well as several seasonal programs. In the fall, LCOC hosts Operation Warm, a new coat distribution for children and adults, a Thanksgiving meal program which supported over 600 families last year and Santa's Shop, our holiday toy distribution. LCOC also encourages self-sufficiency and

uses their financial assistance program to support high school students and adults with continuing education. Many LCOC volunteers are members of our parish. In addition to financial support from the Outreach Committee, the Holy Spirit congregation contributes generously to the LCOC food pantries (Robin McLaughlin)

Contact: Katie Wibby
katie@lcoutreach.org

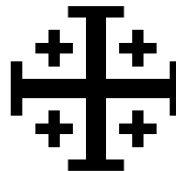
ORLEANS ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM: The Orleans After School Program provides a safe, nurturing, creative and fun environment for children of working parents after school. We believe in offering a variety of activities to respond to varying ages and developmental levels, to correlate the needs of our students. The Outreach Committee provides a camp scholarship for a child whose parent(s) work, during the summer months. (Phil Suraci)

Contact: Serena Kilawee
orleansafterschoolprogram@gmail.com

SAFE HARBOR is a comprehensive program of the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands, Inc., providing shelter and support services in two Hyannis locations for eligible women and their children, who have become homeless due to domestic violence. Case Managers/Housing Advocates consistently confer and partner with outside agencies to meet individual needs of the residents and their children. Educational workshops are designed to help families build healthy, happy bonds and educate them with tools and skills to break the cycle of violence and live abuse free and independently. These services are provided through team advocacy, staff integrity, safe shelter and educational opportunities that empower families. Safe Harbor is a program of Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands, Inc. (Fay Cole)
Contact: Nahir Ojeda
nojeda@cacci.com

UP WITH KIDS helps families with special needs children through the age of 21. Most of the kids we support have had brain damage with cerebral palsy like conditions and may have a diagnosis as being on the autism spectrum. Families of these children are referred to us for financial help. We have an annual fundraiser : a Good Friday walk in Nickerson State Park which helps the 7-10 families we serve during each year.. (Phil Suraci)
Contact: Rich Weeks
tracyandrichweeks@hotmail.com

YOUTH OUTREACH AND HOSPITALITY (YOH) is an action team of the Nauset Interfaith Association. Through member contacts from the three Lower Cape High Schools and a Case Manager at Homeless Prevention Council, YOH is available to all high school students and other youth and young adults on the Lower Cape in urgent need of a safe place to stay the night, funds for rent, car repairs or food. Because LGBTQ youth and youth of color are disproportionately represented in the homeless population YOH invites speakers to raise consciousness on this issue and how this might be addressed and prevented. A YOH Scholarship is awarded to one student graduating from each of the three Lower Cape High Schools each year who has been homeless, at risk, or has overcome significant adversity. Students are supported with scholarships each semester they remain in college or vocational school for up to four years. (Brooke Eaton-Skea)
Contact: Fr. Ken Campbell
ksbcampbell5050@gmail.com



204 Monument Road
Orleans, MA 02653
(508) 255-0433
www.chsorleans.org
office@chsorleans.org