

Outreach Report 2014

OUTREACH: To reach out to others, or becoming involved in a community or effort.

2014 Funds Raised

January	Homeless Awareness Sleep-out	\$332
February	No Specific Project	\$124
March	Youth Group Mission Trip	\$100
April	Geraniums for Scholarships	\$113
May	Ears to You & Relay for Life	\$85
June	Cans of Change for All Faiths Pantry	
July	Veterans	\$224
August	Stearns Homestead	\$156
September	United Thank Offering	\$446
October	Thanksgiving Food Drive	\$93
November	Hope Lodge	\$183
December	Epiphany Friendship Soup	\$75
	2-Cents-A-Meal	\$229
	Thanksgiving Offering	\$320
	General Outreach	\$438

Outreach is more than just one person, one idea, one area, one time. Our outreach ministry at All Saints goes further than asking for monetary & physical donations, many times those donations are just the beginning of a project. A project that will have us reaching into our community as disciples...as Helpers. Going, giving & doing with others, for others "our neighbors", serving God with gladness and singleness of heart.

At All Saints we invest in our community. It starts within our walls, but doesn't stop there. We support our youth as they raise awareness for the homeless: panhandling to raise funds, sleeping out in January in cardboard boxes, serving meals at women's shelter. For those same youth, we help fund, pack up and send off to another state to be God's hands & feet for others, learning home improvement skills, building friendships and drawing them out of their comfort zones away from home.

We support our school district's PTA by purchasing flowers that raise funds to give scholarship opportunities to graduating seniors. Those flowers we purchase are planted by our youth in the landscape around our church.

We invite others to join us as we make earrings for women and girls undergoing radiation and chemotherapy, and we walk for hours and hours bringing people together to celebrate, fight back & remember those in the fight against cancer.

Loose change is collected to give to All Faiths Pantry to purchase food for our nearby seniors and mobility challenged neighbors. That food is then delivered monthly by a small group of dedicated parishioners.

I heard someone say veterans, we help them too. When we asked the Cleveland VA hospital how we could help, they asked for undergarments, so new undergarments it is and they look forward to our call and delivery every year.

Animals are God's creatures, so we've taken our Pet Blessing to Sterns Farm along with members of our parish to hand out certificates & treats, take photos and get to know some of the friends on the farm.

We help the Parma Christian Food Pantry at Thanksgiving, our food drive helps put together holiday meals for local families. We also enjoy some pie and fellowship after our Thanksgiving service, and the pies are bought through a local elementary and their Market Day fundraiser.

Christmas was upon us we packed 67 Christmas Gift Bags to give to residents of The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge of Cleveland. To celebrate Epiphany we gathered for soup, bread & fellowship and kids of all ages assembled jars of Friendship Soup to share with our neighbors that we deliver groceries to every month.

Can you say, AWESOME?! Months seem to fly by and roll into each other when recapping a year... well it's just AWESOME! You know what else? Yes, there's more. We also have a global project funding micro loan through Kiva, we invested \$25 a few years ago, it has since then been paid back 10 times and we lent the money to individuals in 7 different countries. Our current loan is assisting 5 women who are retail merchants of fruit, vegetables, clothing and food preparations in the South Pelengana neighborhood of the city of Segou, Republic of Mali.

Now let's come back to Ohio again. We participate in the 2 Cents-a-Meal program and United Thank Offering. 2 Cents-a-Meal is designed to remind us of the poor and needy at mealtimes. It encourages us to engage in a daily devotional exercise of collecting 2 cents per person as they give thanks for their own food. Our collected funds are shared between a local hunger ministry in which we are involved in/support and the Hunger Network in Ohio. United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. We are to nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God and our thankfulness leads to generosity. UTO monies support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church.

Now you might be thinking ok, we've reached out globally (Mali and 6 other countries), nationally (Ohio and West Virginia) and locally (Parma and Northeast Ohio), and Lisa is going to thank us for our support...nope not yet! You also give to the Thanksgiving Offering (a specific envelope for Thanksgiving), money which is used for ministries we may want to develop, but haven't designated as a specific collection or project for (yet).

Last but not least, you also give to our General Outreach. These are contributions given in our outreach envelopes not earmarked for any specific month or project, but still used appropriately for Outreach.

Now Lisa's going to say THANK YOU!!!! Thank you to each and every one of you and your efforts and support of our many projects as disciples ...Helpers of Jesus.

Thank you,

Lisa Czerny & All Saints Outreach -
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