

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

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.

**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 [point person for pastoral care] 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; fundraisers and individual donations in response to specific appeals; Episcopal Charities Basic Human Needs grants for Food Pantry \$7,000, for Helping Hands, \$15,900; Walmart \$1,000; Board of Managers of Hudson Episcopal Diocese \$3,000 for Food Pantry. 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 in 2018 \$7,920, appeal donations raised \$5,725.

**St Mary's Pre-school scholarships** cost \$3,170.

**Baker High college scholarships** \$2,000.

**Angel Tree** gifts for families on free school meals due to low income, each child receiving a \$50 gift certificate and the parents a \$50 SR gift certificate; cost \$5,700 appeal donations \$2,533

**Thanksgiving Baskets** cost \$1,080 appeal donations \$300 plus gifts of food from parishioners and turkeys from the food pantry.

**Response to individual needs** including Christ Church Soup Kitchen lunch with love \$1,840.

Total expenditure Tuxedo local area: \$21,710

## **Sloatsburg Community Food Pantry**

The pantry is open twice monthly and can be opened on request for a crisis. Dana Roccasecca is on the board and gave 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)

**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. St Mary's purchased text books.

**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.** 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. The breakfast program is thriving but the provision of clothing and toiletries, access to computers, shower and laundry facilities, and counseling is in the process of moving. The premises where we were renting have been sold to another church which has a different plan for the use of the space. We are currently in negotiations with Catholic Charities and the Department of Social Services to reach out to the homeless using a van and to rent a small office from which to provide them with access to help finding employment and housing.

**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 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] 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 laptops, stipends for food, books and transport.** In December 2018 we provided 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. Our funding for this comes from direct donations from individuals, churches, child sponsorships, and one company. More than half the donors are **non- parishioners.**

