

- **St. John's Episcopal Outreach Committee 2020 Year in Review**

The St. John's Outreach Committee started the year off planning for various outreach functions that would introduce our committee to the church, connect with the adult formation curriculum and provide a year of monthly focused Outreach Programs. The agenda was quickly diverted to crisis assistance to the community in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- \$8,814 was made available from the Endowment for Outreach needs. The following is the allocation and reason for disbursement in April 2020:
 - **\$5,000 - Galilee Ministries** is currently hosting Community Kitchen which is the diocese run food truck that is feeding approximately 360 meals per week. They have estimated a need of 600 meals per week for 8 more weeks costing approximately \$10,000.
 - **\$2000 - Charlotte Family Housing** is in the process of moving its residences into temporary housing like motels as the shelter itself is temporarily being closed due to concerns over limiting resident's exposure. There are too many people in the shelter to properly quarantine. They are also assisting in rent, utilities and food for the families that have their own homes since many have lost their jobs.
 - **\$1814 - Roof Above** has additional burdens of food, cleaning supplies, security/staffing and rental subsidies. Normally food is brought in and served by various volunteer groups but the shelter has had to ban outside volunteers for health safety. Staff is also visiting homeless camps and providing food. In addition, rental subsidies are being made for current tenants to help prevent re-entry to homelessness. The shelter has upgraded their cleaning supplies to hospital grade which are depleted quickly due to advised protocols.
- \$10,000 was budgeted from the Vestry for Outreach. These funds went to the same organizations following the grant application process in May 2020:
 - **\$5,000 to Galilee Ministries**
 - **\$2,250 to Charlotte Family Housing**
 - **\$2,250 to Roof Above**
 - **\$500 was moved to the food program for Roof Above to cover cost of quarterly meal through February 2021.**
- The St. John's Community responded to the pandemic crisis by donating over \$14,000 directly to Outreach enabling us to distribute the following:
 - **\$10,000 to Crisis Assistance Ministry** to help those in need with rent and utility payments
 - **\$5000 to the CMS Foundation** to assist in providing the over 16,000 CMS families without internet capabilities for remote learning with service and modems.

- Throughout the summer and fall our outreach liaisons with Communities in Schools kept in touch with the needs of Merry Oaks Elementary students and teachers. Lacking the normal back to school back-pack drive need, we focused on teachers and were able to gift them back to school gift cards and treats.
- The Merry Oaks giving tree was another success with over 105 children provided for at Christmas. Volunteers from St. John's responded by providing all gifts (including 17 bicycles), transportation to the school and delivery of the gifts in a drive through type setting.

Our 2021 focus will continue to assist with those particularly in need due to Covid-19 and start the grant process again. We have been allowed a new budget from the Vestry of \$20,000 and the Endowment is providing a little over \$9,000 in funding. We want to thank St. John's for their support this past year and ask them again to respond to the future needs of our community as they will continue to be great throughout 2021.