

Outreach Report 2015 Annual Meeting

In 2015 the monthly Hands On activities were reduced because of other priorities for the organizers. We did continue to operate on more of an ad-hoc basis

Food Bank:

We did volunteer at the North Helpline Food Bank in Lake City in January 24th with Phyllis Becker, Doris Kennedy, Reilly Mannery, Pam Pomeroy and Maryellen Young participating and March 28th with Reilly Mannery and Maryellen Young participating.

Books for Cedar Valley

We provided books for 60 students in the third grade classes at Cedar Valley Community School with Camille Hartley's assistance. This continues to be one of the most popular outreach programs we do.

Chase Lake

During June, we collected items for Chase Lake Community School which continues to provide food during the summer to those students participating in the Bottomless Backpacking program. The need is especially critical during the summer when the kids no longer have access to free breakfasts and lunch at school. In December we collected money for gift cards.

St. Alban's Outreach Donations

On the third Sunday of the month, we collect donations for outreach. In 2015 the Vestry implemented a new approach to how we distribute the funds. Members of the congregation are provided an opportunity to recommend a charity to receive the money we collect on a quarterly basis. Special consideration is given to organizations supported with time or treasure by members of our congregation and to local charities. We invite a representative of the charity to be present at one of our services, if possible, to receive the check and have an opportunity to share with us more about the ministry we support.

1st Quarter 2015, \$509.69, Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County

Domestic Violence Services is a non-profit organization providing free and confidential services - emergency shelter, legal advocacy, support groups and domestic violence education to victims of domestic abuse.

2nd Quarter 2015, \$641, Matthew House

Matthew House is an organization dedicated to assisting children and the families of people incarcerated in Washington's prisons. Matthew House is there with clothes, food, day care and, most important, open loving arms of support and caring for 1,000 families a year.

3rd Quarter 2015, \$569, Smithwright Services, Now Alpha Supported Living Services

The group home located on Bowdoin Way provides a safe, comfortable and homelike environment for adults with severe developmental disabilities, some of whom have ongoing medical issues. We also donated a large laundry basket full of white bath towels and wash cloths.

4th Quarter 2015, \$250, South Snohomish County Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

The South Snohomish County Emergency Cold Weather Shelter operates when temperatures fall below 34 degrees. Along with a place to stay, they also receive three meals and a welcoming environment.

Special Donation, \$500, Compass Center

We had money from 2014 that had not been distributed, so we chose to give Compass Center, transitional housing for homeless veterans, a donation because the Hands On ministry is no longer able to provide dinners on a quarterly basis as we have done for the past few years.

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Celtic Christmas Concert

The Celtic Concert was a big success with 175 people attending, many of them new to St. Alban's. We raised \$1947 and donated 400 food items to Chase Lake Community School. In addition, one lady dropped off 7 bags containing packets of a fleece blanket combined with a stuffed toy and book prior to the event. The music program was fantastic. Following the program, the parish hall was filled with people sharing conversation and refreshments as well as taking advantage of the opportunity to purchase CDs. The costs of putting on this concert were provided by the Endowment Fund. We also got media coverage through articles and advertisements in the Beacon, MyEdmondsNews.com and the Herald.

During 2015 we collected the following amounts for outreach donations:

Organizations	Amount
Food Bank: Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace & North Helpline Food Banks	\$4,710.25
Cedar Valley Books	\$525.00
Chase Lake Christmas Gift Cards	\$935.00
1st Qtr Outreach	\$509.69
2nd Qtr Outreach	\$641.00
3rd Qtr Outreach	\$568.25
4th Qtr Donations	\$250.00
Nepal Earthquake Response	\$758.00
St Stephen's Oak Harbor	\$620.00
Discretionary Fund	\$1,488.00
Total Donations	\$11,005.19