



# Outreach House

*A Ministry of St. James' Episcopal Church*

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## #Community Helping Community

A COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY SERVING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

### 2023 RECAP!

*Outreach House served an average of 89 family units or 285 persons per month from January through December 2023. Registered family units increased by 18 over the course of the year. Individual family units range from single-person households to families with 5+ children. Many of the registered units shopped the permitted twice each month while others visited more sporadically as their needs dictated.*

*As always, community support was vital to our continued operation. Over the course of the year, Outreach House received and distributed over 35,000 pounds of community-donated food, cleaning supplies, and personal care items.*



OH display table Next Community Church giving Saturday

- \*8000+ pounds were supplied by key partners:  
 Boy Scout Troop #119,  
 Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairview Village  
 Members of St. James Episcopal Church/ Veterans in  
 Recovery/Blue Comets Motorcycle Club
- \* 7500+ pounds of *surplus* food were donated by:  
 Costco Wholesale through Evansburg Methodist Church  
 Kimberton Whole Foods  
 Wawa Royersford
- \*19,800+ pounds were provided often anonymously by  
 numerous individuals and community organizations

*"To know and serve God by serving others"*

## RECAP, CONTINUED....

Grants valued at \$18,500 were awarded through:

- Mission Fund Committee of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Audubon
- Nourish Monto Food Purchase Grant awarded through the Monto Anti-Hunger Network, with funds provided by Montgomery County Commissioners.
- Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, to assist with reduction of operating costs

In addition to in-kind donations monetary support was provided by individuals, and community businesses and organizations:

- Kimberton Whole Foods Round Up At The Register during the month of September
- Next Community Church on their December Giving Saturday
- Community Club of Collegeville
- Optimist Club of Lower Providence
- Trinity UCC CROP Walk

Again, we point out the support of numerous community organizations and individuals whose donations ranging from small to large amounts allowed us to continue to support our neighbors in need. Though we are unable to mention every one of them the importance of their support and our appreciation cannot be overstated.

### Special services were provided during the year:

- Before the opening of school in the fall 122 students were provided with backpacks that they were able to fill from our shelves with items to meet their specific needs.
- At Thanksgiving 72 families received donated turkeys.
- The St. James' Mitten Tree Project provided 153 children from 58 families with Christmas gifts. Walmart gift cards were presented to 39 adult-only households. We appreciate the local organizations that assist St. James' parishioners with the Mitten Tree Project.



*Cassel Mill residents deliver Mitten Tree gifts to Outreach House*



*Phoenixville Federal Bank lobby with collected gifts*

*Thank  
you!*

**Kiwanis Club**  
**Veterans in Recovery**  
**Cassel Mill Community**  
**Phoenixville Federal Bank Collegeville**



## RECAP, CONTINUED....



*A special thank you to the ladies of Traditions of Skippack for generously supporting our Christmas Shop for the past 5 years. Multiple deliveries each year ensure there is never a storage of gift items.*

Over and above Mitten Tree donations, numerous businesses, organizations, and individuals made it possible during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas for clients to select gifts for friends and loved ones from the Christmas Shop. All Christmas Shop items were new and collected to be used as gifts. Decorative items, stocking stuffers, and gift wrap were also available .

*We Value Our Donors!*

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## WE VALUE OUR DONORS!

**Kiwanis Club of Collegeville Area** held several collection drives in 2023 to support Outreach House. The club collected donations at Redner's Warehouse Market in Audubon. Redner's shoppers were generous in donating food, school supplies, and cash to help Outreach House support our neighbors in need.



### Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairview Village:

Trinity Lutheran's ongoing food drive provided food, household supplies, and on occasion, cash or gift card donations to Outreach House weekly through the whole of 2023.

Trinity collected not only from congregation members, but also from local groups and individuals. *Thank you, Methacton Mennonite Church* for being a part of the Trinity Lutheran collection family.





## ....AND OUR SUPER-DONORS!



Thank you to **Representative Joe Webster** and community members living in the 150<sup>th</sup> PA State Legislative District who supported Rep. Webster's multiple food and clothing drives throughout the year. Outreach House was the recipient of food items for our pantry, winter coats and boots for the clothing room, school supplies, and many other needed items.



Valerie Fulton of Rep. Webster's office delivers collected winter items.



**Community members** Trudy Skibbe and Rosemary Mennuti are special friends of Outreach House. Every 6 weeks or so Trudy arrives with a car-load of items collected for our clients. Not only do these ladies give food and clothing they also use their creative talents to sew beautifully patterned fleece blankets. We estimate that over the course of this year, Trudy and Roe have sewn and donated **25+** warm, cozy blankets for our very appreciative clients. Thank you Trudy and Roe for the love we feel every time you visit.





# KIDS HELPING KIDS!

It's never too early to instill a sense of community service in our children. Outreach House thanks these young people and their parents and teachers for supporting Outreach Houe in 2023!



CHILDREN'S SCHOOLHOUSE OF COLLEGEVILLE

We appreciate socks collected by children and parents of Children's Schoolhouse of Collegeville!



Thank you Spring-Ford Cross Country team! Group food drives mean a lot to Outreach House.



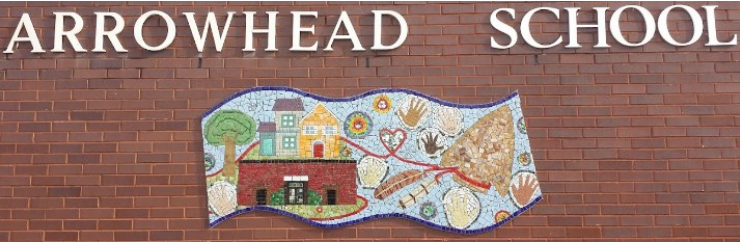
Corpus Christi Elementary School  
Lansdale - 3rd Grade Outreach Project!

Students Involved the whole school in collecting cereal in the spring and snacks in the fall.





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Red Bridge Montessori House's cereal drive helped supply other kids with breakfast food!



Arrowhead Elementary School Student Council made a cash donation that allowed Outreach House to purchase needed supplies!



Girl Scout Troop #4373 helped organize food at OH following the Boy Scout Food Drive



Scout Troop #119 Annual Food Drive



## Ways to Donate

### Special Donation Events:

#### Spring Valley YMCA

February Canned Food Drive

#### Blue Comets Motorcycle Club

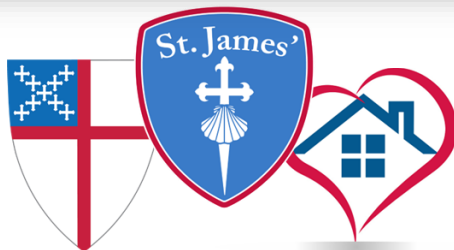
Spring Food Collection

### **Visit us online!**

[www.stjames-episcopal.org/  
outreach -house](http://www.stjames-episcopal.org/outreach-house)

### **There are so many ways that you can help!**

- Monetary Donations—scan the QR Code below to make an instant monetary donation to the St. James' Outreach House to help with the purchase of food and supplies for our clients.
- Organize a Drive—whether you focus on a particular product such as canned goods, paper goods or personal care items, or you hold a general drive, every single donation helps a local family in need.
- Volunteer—you can also donate your time to help stock shelves, assist clients and mark clothing for recycling or for the shelves. All are welcome to lend a hand!
- Recycle—believe it or not we can recycle your old clothing, towels, sheets and shoes and turn them into money for the purchase of food and products to stock our shelves! This is a win-win option because it also prevents those items from going to a land field. Just mark your donation “Recycle” and place in our donation area. We will handle the rest!



**Donate Today!**

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