

# OUTREACH COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2024

Following is our “Mission Statement”. We review the three parts of this statement at each meeting to help us properly balance our general directive to change lives.

#### **Mission Statement**

- A. Focus on those ministries which have an Episcopal tradition.
  - A. Evangelize to the West County community, first, then the greater community
  - B. Support individual/personal needs only as recommended by St. Martin’s or Community Agencies.
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The Outreach Team – Alice McLaughlin, D'Arcy Elsperman, Anne Fischer, Mary Edmonson, Linda Biederman, Angela Logan and Dana Griggs

Following are St. Martin’s Outreach supported ministries:

**The St. Martin’s College Scholarship** – This ministry supports ambitious West County students from low income families. This past year we again supported Circle of Concern’s scholarship program financially from Outreach funds (\$600) This was the same as last year.

**Food Pantry support** - Daryl Norman insured that food contributions to Circle of Concern were delivered. All Sundays are now food pantry Sunday. Daryl delivers food to Circle whenever the donations warrants a delivery.

**Thanksgiving Food Collection** – There were 37 bags of Thanksgiving food collected (same as last year) plus \$100 was donated (down \$100 from last year) from Outreach to support the Thanksgiving food drive.

**Christmas Giving** – This year we again collected Toys for Tots. New this year, we worked with the Ellisville Fire Station, where the toys were delivered. The estimated amount was \$320. Gift cards were given to the Episcopal City Mission in the amount of \$75.

**Blood Drive** – Linda Biederman organized an American Red Cross blood drive at church last April and November We collected a total of 35 units serving over 100 patients.

**Laundry Love** - St. Martin's initiated Laundry Love in late 2021 serving the west county area. This year we served 119 clients (approx. 10 clients per month) and used \$3647. This was slightly up from 2023. We serve clients at Winchester Cleaners on Manchester the second Tuesday of the month (rain or shine). In addition, we provided \$20 gas cards at the December event totaling an additional \$300.

**Spring Festival and Car Show** - The festival supported St. Martin's outreach to our local community. See the Men's Group report for more details.

Following are charities supported at the direction of the Outreach Committee. These charities were supported by some individual donation. In addition, \$3000 was designated by the Vestry from the Legacy Fund.

**Legacy Funding:**

- \$1800 Laundry Love
- \$300 - Circle of Concern Scholarship fund
- \$600 - Episcopal City Mission
- \$100 - St. Andrews Resources for Seniors
- \$100 – Thanksgiving Food
- \$100 – Adopt a Christmas family (Circle of Concern)
- \$3000 Total Spent

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