

2016 Outreach Grant Recipients

Each year, the Outreach Committee of the Vestry accepts grant applications from organizations which address education, health & welfare, safety, homelessness, child activities for children in shelters, after-school care, and transportation.

The committee had \$40,000 to disburse from the operating fund to make an impact in our local community and around the world. These eleven organizations were chosen as recipients of the awards.



AUSTIN STREET CENTER

Grant Amount: \$9,500

Grant Purpose: for the monthly meals Transfiguration provides

Mission: The mission of Austin Street Center is to provide safe shelter, food, clothing, showers and resources for homeless men, women and children in Dallas. Their programs and services support clients who transition out of homelessness. As a long-time partner of ASC, Transfiguration has a volunteer group of close to 300 people who assist with preparing monthly meals, as well as a Thanksgiving dinner each year.

DME EXCHANGE OF DALLAS

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Grant Purpose: for the sanitizing and refurbishing of used medical equipment, such as walkers and wheelchairs, to give to people who are unable to afford them

Mission: DME collects, refurbishes, and distributes gently used medical equipment free of charge to Dallas County residents who have a financial need, no health insurance, or a gap in coverage.

GATEWAY OF GRACE

Grant Amount: \$4,500

Grant Purpose: for help with the purchase of a van to drive their clients to English classes

Mission: Gateway of Grace serves as a resource center for refugees coming to the Dallas area. This ministry strives to bridge the socio-cultural gaps between refugees and Christians, with a practical and spiritual approach of compassionate care. In addition, GOG furnishes apartments, and has a school for adults and children where they receive English, computer, cultural literacy, youth mentoring, and pre-K preparation classes.

GENESIS WOMEN'S SHELTER

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Grant Purpose: for Camp G, the summer program for children living at the shelter and in Annie's House

Mission: Genesis Women's Shelter & Support seeks to end the epidemic of domestic violence against women and their children by providing safety, shelter, and expert services.

HAPPY HOMES PRE-SCHOOL OF SOUTH AFRICA

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Grant Purpose: for roof repairs and signage updating

Mission: Happy Homes Pre-School is an international project which provides a school to 180 young children and babies in a desolate part of South Africa.



NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Grant Purpose: for client services such as medical, dental, food, and clothing needs; administrative costs

Mission: NDSM serves 20 zip codes in Northwest Dallas through an inter-faith effort of over 50 North Dallas congregations. Clients of this ministry are Dallas's poorest population who need assistance with medical & dental care, rent & utilities, school supplies & uniforms, food, job counseling, etc.

OUR FRIENDS PLACE

Grant Amount: \$3,000

Grant Purpose: for items the young women living at the home need, including hygiene items and bus passes

Mission: Our Friends Place is an Episcopal Girls Home, providing transitional living facilities for young women ages 18–24. In this safe and nurturing environment they are provided resources to help them become more self-reliant.

ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CENTER

Grant Amount: \$5,500

Grant Purpose: for an after-school program for their students and other children who live in their community

Mission: St. Philip's enhances the lives of children and families in South Dallas, with particular emphasis on low and moderate income families. Excellent education with Christian principles, youth programs, and a free legal clinic are some of the numerous services offered.

ST. SIMON'S AFTER SCHOOL

Grant Amount: \$4,000

Grant Purpose: The funds given will provide half of a program for about 25 children in one of the DISD after-school programs.

Mission: Pre-K through 5th graders are eligible for after-school care based on parent's income status and employment. Many are under-performing students who are assisted with homework, remedial activities, computer skills, art, gym, etc.

THE GATHERING

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Grant Purpose: for hygiene kits given out to the homeless

Mission: This faith community, founded in 2012 by a group of dedicated Dallas clergy and laypeople, provide spiritual support and fulfillment, lunch, weekly Mass, and some basic essentials to homeless men and women. Transfiguration's liaison is Dick Kerner through the Episcopal Men's Fellowship.

VOICE OF HOPE

Grant Amount: \$4,500

Grant Purpose: to support Voice of Hope's out of school programs—ASPIRE After-school Program and Summer Day Camp, and family outreach services.

Mission: A cornerstone in the West Dallas and DeSoto communities, Voice of Hope provides out of school time programs for 593 children and their families in a Christian-based environment. Additional resources support low-income seniors and neighbors in the community including a small emergency food pantry and social services referrals.