



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

YOU PUT SMILES ON STUDENTS' FACES!

Your generosity has warmed our hearts & sent children on their path towards success!

In our last issue of #Community Helping Community we asked you to assist Outreach House in providing school supplies needed by local area students. Your response was beyond what we imagined. With your help, 133 students began the school year equipped with the tools required for their particular classrooms.



Rather than receiving a filled backpack, each student had the opportunity to select a backpack from our large selection of colors and styles. Once their selection was made, students moved to the shelves of supplies to fill backpacks with the needed items for their classroom.

Outreach House is grateful to each individual, service organization, business, school, and area church that donated supplies or funds that allowed our volunteers to provide for these students.

"To know and serve God by serving others"

SUCCESSFUL FALL EVENTS

Once again, **Veterans in Recovery** rallied their members along with the **Biker Church** and the **Blue Comets Motorcycle Club** for a Sunday afternoon food and clothing drive. Thank you to everyone who donated to the drive. A special thanks to the organization members who gave up their Sunday afternoon to assist donors and organize the items collected.



Food and Clothing Drive

Hosted By:



St. James' Episcopal Church
1pm - 4pm
3768 Germantown Pike,
Collegeville, PA 19426



- Major Needs Include (not limited to):
- Paper products
 - Laundry detergent
 - Tooth paste
 - Non-perishable foods (PB&J)
 - Gently used clothing

Please contact Rosko at 484-250-3934 for additional drop off opportunities.



Thank you Trinity UCC for again this year organizing the CROP Hunger Walk and for selecting Outreach House as the local organization to receive 25% of the funds collected.



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2024
CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



ANOTHER WAY TO HELP



In conjunction with Redner's Warehouse Markets, you can support Outreach House through their SAVE-A-TAPE program.



Here's how it works:

Go to the store office or Customer Service desk and ask for a **Save-a-Tape card**. Swipe the card each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's Warehouse Markets. By using the card your receipt will be designated as a Save-a-Tape customer receipt. Then just place your collected tapes into the Redner's collection box most convenient for you.

If you are a St. James' parishioner, you will find the Redner's tape collection box on the shelf area across from Fr. Mike's office. Not a parishioner, tapes can be left in the designated box inside the donation area at the end of the Outreach House porch or dropped off any Monday or Wednesday morning during volunteer hours 9:30-11:30. Or, if you wish, tapes could be mailed to us at **Outreach House, 147 Evansburg Road, Collegeville 19426**.

Tapes will be tallied and submitted periodically for a 1% rebate of the total amount of tapes submitted.

THE NEXT BIG THINGS:

SCOUTS FOOD DRIVE: NOVEMBER 16

Watch for the announcement of the date and for bags left at your doorstep by the scouts. In 2023 the scouts collected over 2696 lbs. of food. Outreach House looks forward each year to receiving the generous donations that result from the scouts' hard work. These donations help to sustain us through the winter months when donations are often light.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

As in years past, Outreach House will be making a special effort to ensure our client families have the extras that ensure a joyous Christmas. Our **Mitten Tree** (St. James' giving tree) will provide donors with the opportunity to provide a child 17 years or younger with a gift under their Christmas tree. Each child or their parent is asked to list three items on a wishlist to be attached to the child's mitten cutout for the tree. Donors select a mitten and use the list to shop. Those who prefer not to shop may select a mitten for a \$25 Walmart gift card, Walmart cards will be distributed to single-person households or to those families where there are no children in the home.

Each year the Outreach House office is turned into a **Christmas Shop**. New or barely used donated items are available for clients to shop for loved ones, teachers, or others for whom providing a gift might be a hardship. Gifts for children, teens, and adults (both men and women) are needed.



Ways to Donate

Special Donation Events:

- Rep. Joe Webster's Winter Food & Clothing Drive
- Scouts' Food Drive—November 16

If you are aware of grant opportunities, or ways that we could work with a business or organization to raise funds, please contact us at **610-489-3481** or **outreachhouse@stjames-episcopal.org**

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 landfill. Just mark your donation "Recycle" and place in our donation area. We will handle the rest!



Visit us online!
www.stjames-episcopal.org/outreach-house



Donate Today!

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