



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

TOGETHER WE FULFILLED OUR MISSION—2024

The mission of St. James' Outreach House is to foster the mission of St. James' Episcopal Church by helping to improve the day-to-day lives of local area individuals and families in need by providing the basic necessities of food, personal care items, cleaning supplies, and clothing with the generous support and assistance of our community.

A key component of this mission is the role played by our community at large. Be you an individual or part of a school community, religious or social organization, business corporation, etc. your monetary and/or donations of in-kind goods and personal time provide the means whereby Outreach House continues to open its doors. Through your generosity, we provide a place where clients have access to the basics in an environment where the preservation of their dignity allows them to thrive.



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We are thankful that many of our donors see the importance of stocking shelves with items ineligible for government assistance coverage. You may be surprised to learn that toothpaste, laundry detergent, diapers, menstrual supplies, and other basic but nonfood items are ineligible for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). These everyday supplies while not nutritional would be considered by most of us to be essential.

We are happy to report we will be able to continue offering these items into 2025 with a **grant provided by St. Andrews Lutheran Church Audubon** and through a substantial individual monetary donation earmarked for these supplies.

Thank you!



Mitzvah Circle

We addressed the needs of the youngest members of our client families through a monthly donation of diapers from Mitzvah Circle, a sister nonprofit, devoted to filling the gap left where government assistance ends. Supplies not covered by Mitzvah Circle donations were supplemented by in-kind donations and purchased with your monetary assistance.



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*...and the donations kept coming week after week from individuals and community groups.
You kept our shelves stocked and our client's shopping carts full!*



Representative Joe Webster delivered food from his semi-annual Community Food Drive.



Community Club of Collegeville provided baking supplies



Meadowood Seniors hosted a summer food collection



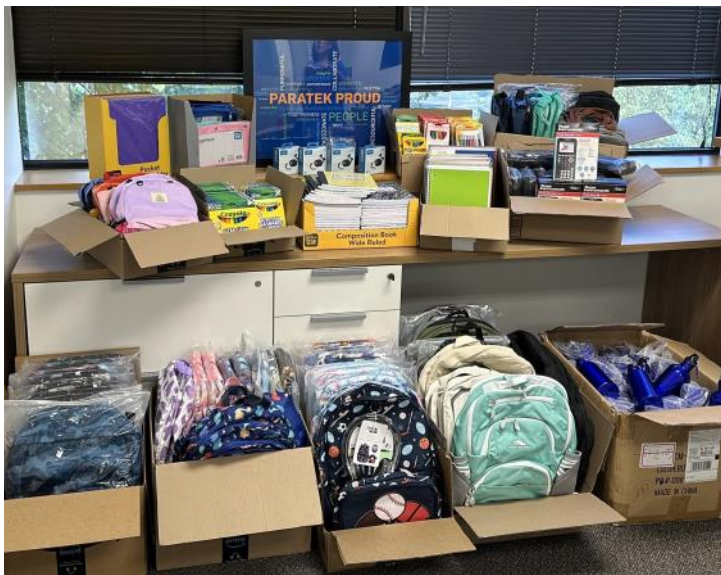
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Oaks delivered gently used apparel collected for our Clothing Room.

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YOU SENT OUR STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL IN STYLE!



Norristown Maenner_Chor Club - Community Club of Collegeville - Blue Comets Motorcycle Club - Veterans in Recovery Representative Joe Webster & Staff - Kiwanis Club of Collegeville Area - and so many others - enriched the lives of **133 local students** with your generosity.



Paratek Pharmaceuticals supplied backpacks, scientific calculators and so much more.



Kiwanis Club of Collegeville Area held its annual school supplies drive at Redner's Audubon.

YOU WALKED TO PREVENT HUNGER!



Outreach House was designated the local recipient (25% of funds raised) of the annual **CROP Walk for Hunger**. The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Thank you **Trinity UCC** for your many years as local sponsor of this annual event.



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YOU MADE IT A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust - Cassel Mill Community - Traditions at Skippack
Valley Forge Mustang Club - Blue Comets Motorcycle Club - St. James' Parishioners
Veterans in Recovery - Coldspring Crossing Friends & Neighbors
Spring Valley YMCA - Asahikan Dojo
Fit Results Personal Training - Norriton Presbyterian Church
McMahon Plumbing and Heating - Weinstein Kitchen & Bath
Biker Church of Boyertown

You made sure our Christmas Shop was stocked and our children had holiday treats and gifts under their Christmas Tree!



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YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS PITCHED IN!



Montgomery County 4H Seeing Eye Puppy Club collected winter coats and jackets for our clothing room



Scout Troop 119 involved the community in its annual fall food drive.



Troop 7343 worked at Outreach House to organize food collected by Troop 119.

We also thank Spring-Ford Cross Country Team, Children's School House of Collegetown, Corpus Christi Catholic School, youth from the Giving Tree, and Red Bridge Montessori House for their community service.

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CORPORATE PARTNERS MADE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you Redner's Fresh Market Collegeville for making Outreach House one of the recipients of your Opening Day celebration donation!



Redner's Save a Tape Program provides ongoing support. Drop boxes for tapes are available at St. James' Episcopal Church and at the Outreach House in the lobby and gated donation area on our porch. Tapes can be mailed to Outreach House 147 Evansburg Road Collegeville 19426.

Weekly donations of available surplus foods from **Kimberton Whole Foods**, Collegeville and **Costco Wholesale**, King of Prussia as well as sandwiches from **Wawa**, Royersford are a welcome addition to the nonperishable foods regularly supplied to our clients.

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WAYS TO DONATE

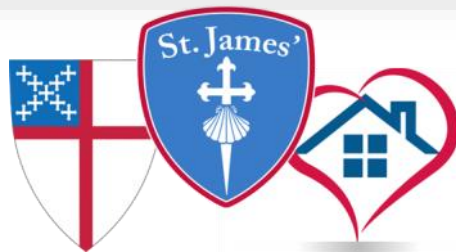
Special Donation Events:

- **Superbowl Sunday—bring cans of soup to services during Superbowl Weekend!**
- **Look for a Spring food drive from our neighbors at Providence Montessori!**

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!

- **Word of Mouth**—If you are reading this newsletter you already appreciate the part Outreach House plays in the lives of our clients. You can strengthen your support by passing this issue to friends and/or business contacts who might feel moved to help fulfill our mission.
- **Monetary Donations**—scan the QR Code below to make an instant monetary donation to the St. James' Outreach House to help with purchase of food and supplies.
- **Organize a Drive**—whether you focus on a particular product such as canned goods, paper goods or personal care items, or hold a general drive, every donation matters.
- **Volunteer**—you can also donate your time to help stock shelves, assist clients, and sort clothing donations. 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



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Donate Today!

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