



# Outreach House

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*Community Helping Community*

A COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY SERVING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

## CELEBRATING ANOTHER YEAR OF VOLUNTEERISM

*It's April—time to once again observe **National Volunteer Month** and celebrate the contributions of our amazing Outreach House volunteers.*

As most individuals and organizations that support Outreach House know, Outreach House has no paid staff. Our volunteers are the engine that keeps our doors open. That engine, powered by donations of both time and resources, provides our nearly 200 registered families with the extra help they need to make ends meet.



If you provided any of the 3,716 hours volunteered in the past year to process in-kind goods, stock shelves, sort clothing, pick up and deliver donations, and/or personally assist clients, we celebrate you. You are the muscle that physically powers our mission.

If you drop donations of food or clothing at the Outreach House, if you donate to any of the annual or ongoing community food drives supporting Outreach House, if you provide items for special collections (school supplies and Christmas gifts), and if you are among the generous donors offering financial assistance throughout the year, we celebrate you. You are our unsung and often unknown heroes.

***A simple “Thank You” never seems enough. Know that your contributions, large or small, are appreciated more than we can ever express. – Outreach House Advisory Board***



***“To know and serve God by serving others”***

## WHY THEY VOLUNTEER:



“Volunteering gives me **a sense of purpose** and helps me build new friendships through our teamwork. It is something I look forward to each week.”

“St. James’ Outreach House has been **a gift** to my daughter and me. The experience of service has taught us empathy and given us a sense of service that can only be learned through actions. I will be forever grateful to have shared this experience with her. I know that she will use the skills developed while volunteering for the rest of her life, as will I.”

“I enjoy helping at the Outreach House. **I feel it is my calling.** It is wonderful to see how the program has grown so that it helps so many families and individuals. God gave us the direction we should go.”

“I love working with the volunteers at Outreach House! They are some of the nicest folks who really care about what they do to help others. The clients we serve make me smile as they are so appreciative, no matter what is going on in their lives.”

“Food insecurity is a critical issue both globally and locally. I’m compelled by the need I see and hear in the voices of our clients. I see the Outreach House as **a way to build community** between those who have so little and those of us who are privileged. It’s really an honor to be part of the team.”

“Volunteering gives me a sense of purpose. It is an opportunity to give back to a community that has given so much to me. The client base reinforces that **we are all one in humanity**, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity. I hope that through volunteering, I help our clients see kindness and caring in a world that is often challenging for them.”



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## CLIENT RESPONSE



“My family and I appreciate the ability to come to the Outreach Center. Many thanks to the volunteers who treat us with **respect and dignity.**”

“Outreach House and the volunteers are **a blessing** to my son and me.”



“As you celebrate National Volunteer Month, I want to share my deepest gratitude for the incredible support. The food assistance provided is **a vital lifeline**, and I am truly thankful for the kindness shown every day. The volunteers are all wonderful, selfless, and dedicated. Their warm smiles and hard work make a huge difference, turning a simple distribution into a moment of genuine community care. Thank you for being there when it matters most.”

“Outreach House **made a meaningful difference** for me during my pregnancy, and I’m grateful for the kindness and support from the volunteers. Their compassion truly helps families during important moments in their lives.”

“There are so many of us who appreciate all that the volunteers do. **We love all of them.**”

“I have been blessed to be able to receive kindness from Outreach House since Covid. **The generosity overwhelms me.** The volunteers are always kind and helpful and never judge our circumstances. Everyone should appreciate their tireless work to ensure that the food and clothing are always sorted and shelved properly. I appreciate all the time they take to be sure our visit is a pleasant one. Thanks to all who are involved.”

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**Special Donation Events:**

- **April Underwear Drive**
- **Spring Dine-and-Donate**

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!**

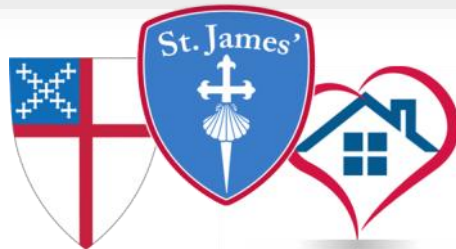
- **Monetary Donations**—scan the QR Code below to make an instant monetary donation to the St. James' Outreach House to help with the purchase of food and supplies for our clients.
- **Organize a Drive**—whether you focus on a particular product such as canned goods, paper goods or personal care items, or you hold a general drive, every single donation helps a local family in need.
- **Volunteer**—you can also donate your time to help date donations, stock shelves, assist clients, and/or sort clothing. All are welcome to lend a hand.
- **Redner's Save-a-Tape Program** provides cash rewards to Outreach House. Drop boxes for tapes are available at the church in the marked bin above the coat racks outside the office, and in the lobby and the gated donation area at Outreach House. If you are a Redner's shopper, please enroll and save your tapes!



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