

**Compassionate Outreach Annual Report**  
**7/1/2010-6/30/2011**  
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**Outreach**

**Mission**

*Called by our Baptism, we the followers of Christ at St. Andrew's Parish, invite all to share their time, talent and treasure, □as we seek justice and charity for those in need.*

Thank you so much to all of you for participating in our Compassionate Outreach Ministries! We are thankful for your participation and commend you for all you have accomplished this year.

Adopt a Family (Julie Waicus at waicus@verizon.net) - 40 families were serviced this Christmas in Our Adopt a Family Program. Parishioners donated gifts to nineteen Division of Youth and Family Services families and twenty-one St Andrew's families.

Armed Service Ministry (Denise Fanelli at TMarchSearch@comcast.net) - We continued to distribute "Homecoming" announcements to encourage people to welcome returning soldiers home from their service overseas. About 50 - 60 messages were sent in the last year. Thanks to anyone who may have attended. "Friendly Visits" were made to the VA Hospital nursing home in Philadelphia. You could feel the appreciation from the residents and we thanked them for their service. Visitors were enlightened by stories from "Charlie's Fox Hole" courtesy of a vet who served in the Pacific and from one of the original Tuskegee Airmen. We continue to look for any opportunity to minister to this community and welcome any suggestions or initiatives parishioners may have.

Christian Cupboard (Denise Sulpizio at talktodonsulp@aol.com and Maria Williams at williamsmcw@verizon.net) -

<b>Month</b>	<b>Families Served</b>	<b>Gift Cards</b>	<b># Of Bags</b>
July 2010	27	\$315	73
August 2010	28	\$265	61
September 2010	20	\$210	54
October 2010	27	\$310	73
November 2010	Holiday Baskets	\$40	Holiday Baskets
December 2010	Holiday Baskets	\$70	Holiday Baskets
January 2011	31	\$370	87
February 2011	34	\$370	96
March 2011	32	\$370	90

April 2011	Holiday Baskets	\$80	Holiday Baskets
May 2011	31	\$400	84
June 2011	33	\$320	93
Totals	263	\$3,120	711

Excluding the 3 Holiday Basket months, we served an average of 29 families each month that received an average of \$11 in Shop Rite Cards and 3 bags of groceries.

Clothing Bin (Donna Hoel at donnahoel@comcast.net) - Clothes are picked up every day of the week by different charity organizations and distributed to those in need. On Thursdays five St Andrew's volunteers rotate their schedule and take clothing donations to New Visions Day Shelter, Camden.

Coat and Sneaker Drive (Bob Borbe at bborbe@verizon.net) - Over 100 coats were collected at St Andrew's during our annual coat drive and donated to New Visions Day Shelter, Camden, and Saint Bart's Church, Camden. During our Spring Sneaker Drive approximately 85-100 pairs of sneakers were collected and sent to New Visions Day Shelter, Camden.

English as a Second Language (Stacy Roche at stacy.roche@abeots.com) - English as a Second Language had another successful year. Weekly one-hour classes were taught to four students from September to November 2010 and January through May 2011. Twelve volunteer teachers taught each weekly class in teams of two. Each student was provided with a textbook and a workbook. Volunteers from St Andrew's met with a representative from Fr. Joe's office at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Lindenwold to discuss class formation and will meet again in August to finalize plans. This parish has a large Hispanic congregation and a need for English as a Second Language class.

Faith and Justice (Howard Mendelson at hmendelson@davismendelson.com) - Faith and Justice has been meeting monthly to discuss the interrelationship of faith and justice and is presently developing a program to be presented this coming Fall; the program will be exploring the legal and moral issues surrounding questions of life and death; abortion, death penalty, euthanasia, and war; this point/counterpoint presentation will be examining the similarities and differences between the theological and secular perspectives as to each of these life/death issues; with one side addressing each issue from the moral perspective and with the other side addressing the issue from the legal perspective. Consistent with the mission of this Committee; to foster an informed conscience and inspire action, the program will conclude with some discussion as to how the sharing of these different perspectives should appropriately motivate those in attendance to take action toward accomplishing what is both moral and legal once they leave the program; resources will accordingly be provided from both the moral and

legal perspective for further action, which it is hoped the program will inspire.

Image and Attitude (Joanne Taufer at taufer@comcast.net) - During our spring professional clothing collection the following items were collected:

Men's - suits 50; separates 125 (trousers and shirts); outerwear 20; men's ties and belts 40.

Lady's - suits 75; separates >200 (dresses, skirts, blouses); handbags and accessories 25.

A similar amount of clothing was collected for the winter collection, but exact numbers were not recorded.

Job Development (Monique Melara at mmmelara@aol.com) - This year 19 individuals found work with the help of St Andrew's job development team. Approximately 50 individuals have been assisted and there are four volunteers working in this ministry. These job development volunteers have worked with candidates on resumes, mock interviews, and finding employment.

Helping Hands - (Chris Parry at spcp1@comcast.net) -18 individuals in need of transportation were helped by 20 volunteers this year with rides to doctors' appointments, church, grocery store, physical therapy, employment interviews, St. Andrew events, etc.

Local Outreach (Chris Parry at spcp1@comcast.net) -Guidance and direction was given to numerous individuals calling for assistance with their specific concerns.

Furniture assistance - Over 350 pieces of furniture, including bedroom sets, kitchen sets, living room furniture, outdoor furniture, baby furniture, appliances, etc. were donated to Saint Andrew's and delivered to needy families in Camden County. If no one on our local outreach list was in need of furniture assistance when furniture became available, local outreach volunteers organized furniture donations to two organizations - 7th Day Adventists, Camden, and Jesus Loves You Ministries, Philadelphia.

Two cars and two computers were donated to families in need by St Andrew's parishioners.

Collections included:

Backpack Collection - 75 backpacks filled with school supplies were sent to St Bart's, Camden, Mount Carmel School, Berlin and New Visions Day Shelter, Camden.

Summer School Toy/Game Collection for St Josephine Bakhita, Camden Summer Program

Musical instruments collected for Partnership Schools, Camden - 11 instruments collected.

A variety of collections for men, women and children in need.

Meals for the Homebound and Needy (Lisa Papp at the\_papps@comcast.net)

Total number of meals provided from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 = 424

Average number of recipients = 12/month

Number of families = 3

Total number of volunteers = 45 (20 new volunteers joined between Dec 2010 – May 2011)

5 volunteers stopped participation for personal reasons

Recipients:

2 passed away

2 moved out of area

Added additional meals/week for 2 recipients

Added 1 new recipient in May

With addition of new volunteers, all meals have been adequately covered and 1-2 volunteers/month are given off on a rotating basis.

Goals accomplished -

A welcome letter to all new recipients has been devised explaining the ministry.

An Interview form has been devised for all new recipients.

An Evaluation form has been devised to determine helpfulness of ministry in meeting recipient needs as well as continued frequency and duration of meals.

New volunteers gained from Stewardship Sunday.

Meals for the Homebound Ministry Guidelines have been devised for volunteers to assist them in the process of recipient food requirements, scheduling and delivery.

New Visions Day Shelter (Bill Slaven at [william.slaven@wgint.com](mailto:william.slaven@wgint.com))-

- 5 New Visions Shelter Luncheon dates were arranged: 2 summer barbeques, 1 Halloween, 1 New Year's Eve, and 1 spring time lunch
- 450 meals for homeless people were served at New Visions Shelter with left over's of well over 250 meals for the next day.
- Kennedy Hospital donated over 100 orders of ribs for one lunch
- Pat Milanese Pizzeria donated cooking and packaging of 150 hamburgers and 150 hot dogs for two of the luncheons.
- For New Visions; at each luncheon, parishioners bought new clothing & personal items to be donated for those in need, at an estimated value of \$400. The total estimated value of items for the year was over \$2000
- Over 30 deliveries of clothing were brought to New Visions Shelter with an average of 4 large trash bags per visit.
- Average value of one bag of donated clothing \$50 the total value of clothing donated over the year would be \$6,000.
- For each New Visions lunch, we averaged 40 people involved totaling 200 people volunteering over the year, this number includes many children.
- Joseph's House donations rough total of provided items from January to April of 2011:
  - Over 75 new blankets, over 30 gently used blankets
  - Over 30 new winter coats, over 30 gently used coats
  - Over 400 pair of new socks
  - 12,000 coffee stirrers

- 4,500 disposable coffee cups
- 2,300 disposable soup bowls
- 1,000 plastic spoons, forks and knives
- 2,200 tea bags
- 30 liters of non-dairy creamer
- 250 heavy-duty large trash bags
- 200 lbs of sugar
- 200 cans of soup

Nursing Home Companions (Chris Parry at spcp1@comcast.net) - Thirty-five volunteers visit approximately sixty residents at the local nursing homes - Lakewood Nursing Home, Voorhees; Kressonview Nursing Home, Voorhees; and Voorhees Senior Living, Voorhees. Most volunteers visit on a weekly basis or any time commitment their schedule allows, bringing friendship and companionship to the residents.

Prison Ministry (Chris Parry at spcp1@comcast.net) - Women prisoners were visited Thursday mornings at Camden County Jail, Camden and a faith-based lesson was shared. In addition, volunteers led AA meetings for women offenders early afternoon on Mondays. On average 25 women were seen each week. Some of these women were mentored upon their release. This year we worked very closely with three ex-offenders providing them clothing, food, toiletries, bus passes, furniture, job development services, mentoring and counseling. We assisted 20 others with food, clothing, toiletries and other services as well. Each plan is individualized based on their specific needs.

Our men's group visited the male incarcerated at Camden County Jail Thursday mornings. Education related to building self-image and faith based lessons were conducted. On average 12 offenders voluntarily attend these classes weekly.

The juvenile ministry program at Camden Transitional Center in Camden, NJ remains active. Mentor group size has ranged from as low as 10 to as high as 22. The mentoring sessions are one hour on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Some of the topics covered this year have included: Hope and the Six Steps to Becoming Hopeful; The Healing Power of Animals; Seeing Things Through Others' Eyes; Stock Market, including picking and tracking stock performance; Laws of Supply & Demand; among others.

Eleven volunteers participate in our prison ministry.

In addition, Many Christian books, Bibles, rosaries, stamped envelopes, cards, notebooks, ink pens, and colored pencils were donated to the incarcerated.

Holiday Baskets (Chris Parry at spcp1@comcast.net) - Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter Food Baskets were organized this year. Each basket consisted of four bags filled with produce, turkey or ham, bread, pies, and non-perishable goods.

Thanksgiving Baskets - 92 food baskets were distributed. 80 were picked up by the recipients, and volunteers delivered 12.

Christmas Baskets - 100 food baskets were distributed. The recipients distributed 85, and 15 were delivered by volunteers. Recipients of our Christmas Baskets also benefited from our Giving Tree collection of over 100 gifts. Parents were able to pick out presents for their children from our Giving Tree.

Easter Food Baskets - 84 food baskets were distributed. 66 were picked up by the recipients, and volunteers delivered 18. In addition, 50 Children's Easter Candy Baskets were prepared and given to families with young children.

Two Food Drives -

Thanksgiving Food Drive - 435 bags of food were collected for the food baskets.

Easter Food Drive - 300 bags of food were collected for the food baskets. In addition, Eastern High School, Gibbsboro School, Voorhees Middle School and the Girl Scouts conducted food drives and donated the groceries to Saint Andrew's.

Second Saturdays (Sam Parry at [spcp1@comcast.net](mailto:spcp1@comcast.net)) - Over the past year, approximately 50 parishioners aged 8-70 years old participated in the Second Saturday's program. This year, the Director of the Heart of Camden, Helene Pierson, was cited by the Philadelphia Inquirer as its Citizen of the Year. The Inquirer article highlights the accomplishments of the Heart of Camden, many of which were achieved in part by volunteers from St. Andrew the Apostle in the Second Saturday's program. The Inquirer editors write "the Waterfront South neighborhood in Camden is the home of one of the strongest and most prolonged grassroots revitalization efforts in the city spearheaded by the Heart of Camden, a nonprofit that has been working to rebuild the neighborhood for three decades. The results thus far are impressive: 200 rehabilitated homes, an art gallery, a greenhouse, and a community center under construction. The South Camden Theater opened in June 2010. And more is in the works." Over the past year, volunteers from St Andrew the Apostle have participated in the revitalization of numerous homes, the greenhouse, community center, and theater. We also have helped to clear debris from and replant numerous open spaces in the neighborhood. Parishioners of all ages may participate in this rewarding program (Second Saturday every month, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM).

**ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE - COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH  
2010-2011 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PER MINISTRY**  
(\$400 - Special Services, per accounting)

Month	Local Outreach	Ministry for the Homebound	Hidden Barriers	Newspaper Services	Speaker Drive	Christian Outpost	Armed Forces Ministry or other	Image & Audio	Prayer Graduation	Job Development	Nursing Home Companion	Prison Ministry	Faith & Justice	Second Saturdays	Other special needs	Monthly total	Yearly total
July						\$173				\$75						\$200	\$200
August	\$759		\$100														\$859
September	\$300					\$950											\$1,250
October	\$100					\$185									\$200		\$485
November	\$166		\$1,539														\$1,705
December			\$1,061														\$1,061
January	\$400																\$400
February	\$184					\$950											\$1,134
March	\$250					\$167											\$417
April	\$250		\$1,844														\$2,094
May	\$840																\$840
June	\$813					\$1,123	\$500										\$2,436
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,062</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,544</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,547</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$400</b>		

**Total Expenditures to date for 2010-2011 = \$13,227.30**

Money spent local to the parish and surrounding community =	\$10,227	76%
Money spent distant to parish, within our Diocese =	\$2,500	19%
Money spent outside of our Diocese =	\$500	4%
	<b>\$13,227</b>	

We look forward to continuing to serve those in need the best we can. If you would like more information on one of our Compassionate Outreach ministries contact the ministry leader directly or contact Chris Parry, Pastoral Coordinator for Compassionate Outreach at [spcp1@comcast.net](mailto:spcp1@comcast.net) or C#856-906-5127.