

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Outreach of St. George's Church 2018



ST. GEORGE'S OUTREACH

We're excited to share some of the great work St. George's is involved in through various outreach mechanisms.

In 2018, St. George's is financially supporting 47 organizations in the Nashville community and throughout the world. In this brochure, we feature the organizations who receive funding from St. George's, either through our Outreach Funding process, St. George's Enterprise Ministry, or special gifts such as our Christmas Offering.

We also highlight our Missional Communities (MCs), which are at the core of St. George's vision of worship, discipleship, and mission. MCs are the primary mechanism through which we want to be practicing outreach as a church. Listed on the back page of this brochure is more information about MCs, which we are excited to share with you as a way of celebrating the great work God is doing among us. Through these MCs, we hope to inspire others in the congregation to use their gifts and passions to reach out in their own neighborhoods and spheres of influence with the gospel.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Amputee Blade Runners

amputeebladerunners.com

2017 Christmas Offering

Amputee Blade Runners is an organization that helps provide free running prosthetics for amputees. Health insurance companies have declared running prosthetics as "not medically necessary" and do not cover their cost. ABR helps amputees keep an active lifestyle by providing this vital equipment free of charge.

Episcopal School of Nashville

esnashville.org

Financial Partnership

Episcopal School of Nashville is an independent co-educational Pre-K through elementary school, serving students of diverse ethnic, cultural, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Valuing the education of the whole child, the school encourages students to engage their minds, bodies, and spirits as they grow in confidence and communion with others. In addition to a full range of curricular offerings on campus, we take advantage of our urban location by exposing students to place-based learning initiatives across the city, transforming the broader community itself into a vibrant classroom.

The Branch of Nashville

thebranchofnashville.org

2017 Christmas Offering

From a foundation of Christian values, The Branch of Nashville helps struggling families and individuals of any ethnicity and culture find paths to self-sufficiency through food support, education, and job assistance. The Branch offers English as a Second Language classes and provides food to families each month in addition to providing support to people seeking employment.

ST. GEORGE'S ENTERPRISE MINISTRY (SGEM)

St. George's Enterprise Ministry seeks to share the Gospel by partnering with innovative and compassionate social entrepreneurs who seek to improve the long-term economic viability of underserved communities in Nashville. We partner with selected social enterprises through providing financial support of up to \$100,000 over a potentially three-year commitment, and through leveraging the skills and talents of parishioners to meet developmental needs of the enterprise. This leveraging takes place through mentorship, consulting, board representation, and/or access to network connections. Social enterprises are selected for funding based on the following characteristics:

- Faith-based in nature
- Target an underserved community within Metro Nashville
- Led by a committed, visionary leader
- Developmental in nature, with an orientation toward job creation or jobs training
- Start up or early stage in development
- Championed by one or more St. George's parishioners
- Provide ongoing, consistent opportunities for parishioner involvement

To learn more about SGEM, visit stgeorgesnashville.org/serve.

CURRENT SGEM PARTNERSHIPS

BRANDED Collective

brandedcollective.com

BRANDED Collective exists to empower survivors of human trafficking through meaningful employment producing jewelry and economic independence. Their hope is that each employee will be inspired to rediscover the dreams she has lost and be motivated to go forth and pursue them. They also seek to unite a collective of survivors and patrons who work together to advance the abolition of human trafficking.

Humphreys Street Coffee

humphreysstreet.com

Born out of a desire to create jobs in their neighborhood, provide mentoring opportunities that empower youth, and train teenagers in job skills such as customer service, marketing, and craftsmanship, Humphreys Street Coffee was created. They are a social enterprise within their parent non-profit, Harvest Hands Community Development, and employ 16 teens per year. One hundred percent of their profits are reinvested into programs and scholarships that support their students.

Poverty & the Arts

povertyandthearts.org

Located in the Wedgewood-Houston neighborhood of South Nashville, Poverty & the Arts is a social enterprise nonprofit that provides opportunities for artists overcoming homelessness to engage in creative outlets, earn income through selling artwork and merchandise, develop entrepreneurial and professional skills, and build community relationships. In their Artist Collective program, artists utilize the provided art supplies and studio space to create artwork in partnership with mentors from the local art community.

CORE ORGANIZATIONS

St. George's supports 41 organizations in the Nashville community and throughout the world through our Outreach Funding process. Over the last few years, we as a church have discerned a need to invest more narrowly and deeply with organizations, rather than spreading our outreach funds over a wider array of organizations in a way that lessens our impact for each. To that end, we have decided to concentrate around 80% of our Outreach Funding budget on 10 to 15 organizations each year. These comprise our core group of funding recipients. The Outreach Funding Committee's discernment of all our recipients is guided by three main factors: 1) the congruence of an organization's mission with that of St. George's, 2) the impact that a contribution from St. George's will have on an organization, and 3) the relationship that St. George's has or feels called to foster with an organization. While there are many organizations worthy of funding, we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the core group listed below.

DuBose Conference Center

duboseconf.org

In 1956, the Tennessee Diocese of the Episcopal Church purchased the school. Today, it is open year-round for camps, conferences, meetings, and recreational events, offering a spiritual and educational center to the now three Dioceses of Tennessee. It is also open to other religious and secular groups.

Faith Family Medical Clinic

faithmedical.org

In the spring of 1999, Nashville physicians Dr. David Gaw and Dr. John Lamb began discussions concerning the feasibility of opening a family practice medical clinic devoted to serving the primary healthcare needs of low-income Nashville residents without health insurance. That vision became Faith Family Medical Clinic and opened in 2001. The clinic follows the commitment of people of faith to provide hope and medical care for the working uninsured by meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Nashville Fellows Program

thenashvillefellows.com

The Nashville Fellows Program is a nine-month Christian leadership and discipleship program for young adults. We offer recent college graduates a holistic opportunity to enhance their understanding of who they are called to be in Christ and engage with their calling to advance God's kingdom in both their future vocation and every aspect of life.

Our Little Roses, Honduras

ourlittleroses.org

Our Little Roses is committed to preparing Honduran girls to be engaged and productive members of their society by caring for them in an environment of love, self-reliance and respect and providing each girl with the best education possible based on her individual abilities.

Preston Taylor Ministries

prestontaylorministries.org

Preston Taylor Ministries empowers children and youth to build joy-filled friendships, develop a love for learning, and discover God-inspired dreams through kindergarten through 8th grade after-school programs, mentoring, and SaLT (servant and leadership training) for high-schoolers.

Restore Small Groups

restoresmallgroups.org

Restore Small Groups provides an opportunity to make changes to anything that causes dissatisfaction in life. Participants address challenges related to their relationships, family dynamics, careers, food and body image issues, grief, anxiety, addiction, and much more in a small group setting and using the "Journey" curriculum developed by founder Scott Reall.

Rooftop Foundation

rooftopnashville.org

Since 2006, Rooftop has been providing emergency rental assistance through partnerships with 56 local congregations. They have helped more than 5,000

Nashvillians in need and provided over \$1.8 million in assistance. All applicants are referred by a partner congregation and screened by a Rooftop social worker for eligibility.

Room in the Inn

roomintheinn.org

From November 1 through March 31 every year, 6,500 volunteers from over 190 congregations in Middle Tennessee shelter 1,400 men and women through Room in the Inn. Every day of the year, Room in the Inn offers emergency services, transitional programs, and long-term solutions to help people rebuild their lives. They walk with people on their journey out of chaos, through periods of great change, and continue to support them as they rejoin the workforce, seek education, and work with partner agencies.

Safe Haven Family Shelter

safehaven.org

Safe Haven Family Shelter seeks to eliminate homelessness in Middle Tennessee by leading the community's efforts to house, support, empower, and advocate for families experiencing homelessness. Safe Haven keeps the family together and provide comprehensive services that empower them to achieve lasting self-sufficiency.

Nicole Corlew Curtis & Wayne Curtis

SAMS Missionaries

nicolecorlew.com

After serving the people in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and helping the church of the province grow, Nicole and Wayne are now transitioning to the United States from South Africa with the help and support of St. George's Church.

Siloam Family Health Center

siloamhealth.org

Siloam Health was founded in 1989 to share the love of Christ by serving those in need through health care. They are motivated by the love of Jesus Christ and exist to share it by being a healing and welcoming community that is an extension of the local Body of Christ. At Siloam, compassionate care includes both respect for each individual patient and active pursuit of whole-person healing on multiple levels. Siloam consciously strives to impact the health care profession itself by creating a model of a Christ-centered learning environment for volunteers and trainees.

St. Luke's Community House

stlch.org

St. Luke's educates, enriches, and empowers the community through meaningful collaborations and quality services as we seek to build a place where children, families, and seniors from all walks of life can easily access the resources needed to live fulfilling lives.

The Salama Institute

salamaserves.org

Salama is committed to improving each child's life trajectory through Christ-centered academic enrichment, performing arts, and character development. They serve K-8 students during the school year and K-12 students in Edgehill and the greater Nashville area during the summer session. The goal is to develop value-guided leaders who will impact their communities and the world.

St. George's Helping Holy Land Christians

Helping Holy Land Christians is an outreach initiative of St. George's whose purpose is to provide scholarships for Christian students who live in the Holy Land and to encourage and support them in their struggle for survival. In addition, they enhance understanding of Holy Land Christians through special guest visitors to St. George's and pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

The University of the South

School of Theology

theology.sewanee.edu

The seminary educates women and men to serve the broad whole of The Episcopal Church in ordained and lay vocations. It develops leaders who are learned, skilled, informed by the Word of God, and committed to the mission of Christ's church in the Anglican tradition of forming disciples through a common life of prayer, learning, and service.

ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

Alive Hospice

alivehospice.org

Providing loving care to people with life-threatening illnesses, support to their families, and service to the community in a spirit of enriching lives.

All About Women

allaboutwomen.org

Connecting women with free, engaging education and resources to balance and renew their lives and improve their health through our online and live programming.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 31

troop31.net

Preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Building Lives Foundation, Inc.

wearebuildinglives.org

Helping veterans get back on their feet through job assistance, affordable housing, and guidance.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville

chtnashville.org

Spreading God's love into the world through teaching and action consonant with the traditions of the Episcopal Church.

Friends Life Community

friendslife.org

Helping adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to grow personally, develop socially, and live productive and fulfilling lives as part of the community.

Full Circle at Bellevue Family YMCA

ymcamidtn.org

Providing social and recreational opportunities to help children with special needs grow in spirit, mind, and body.

Harvest Hands Community Development Corporation

harvesthandscdc.org

A catalyst for Christ-centered, wholistic community development working alongside our neighbors to further education, healthy living, spiritual formation, and economic development in South Nashville.

Hope Clinic for Women

hopeclinicforwomen.org

Equipping women, men, and families to make healthy choices with unplanned pregnancies, prevention, pregnancy loss, and postpartum depression.

Insight Counseling Centers of TN

insightcounselingcenters.org

Providing spiritually informed and psychologically sound counseling, professional training opportunities, and mental health awareness education for the Nashville area.

Matthew 25, Inc.

m25m.org

Moving homeless men from the streets into permanent housing and providing supportive services to 200 men each year, sixty percent of whom are veterans.

Men of Valor

men-of-valor.org

Bringing men in prison and their families to Jesus Christ, discipling them, and equipping them with the tools they need to become successful, productive members of the community.

Monroe Harding, Inc.

monroeharding.org

Providing security, support, and a chance for success to young people in, or transitioning out of, state custody.

Nations Ministry Center

nationsministrycenter.org

Welcoming refugees and immigrants to Middle Tennessee by promoting genuine self-sufficiency by serving the needs of the whole person.

NeedLink Nashville

needlink.org

Helping families, seniors, and people facing an unexpected crisis to avoid homelessness and stay connected to power, water, and natural gas service.

Room in the Inn at St. George's

St. George's hosts 12 guests the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month November through March providing them a safe place to sleep, shower, and be fed a warm meal.

Room in the Inn Thursday Lunch Program

Parishioners at St. George's prepare and serve approximately 300 people at the Room in the Inn campus five Thursdays each year.

St. Andrew's Sewanee School

sasweb.org

Providing an inclusive Christian community in which the Episcopal heritage is central and providing educational opportunities for those students for whom such experiences might not otherwise be available.

St. Mary's Sewanee: Ayres Center for Spiritual Development

stmaryssewanee.org

Offering hospitality to groups and individuals seeking a quiet place for retreat, spiritual formation, and education.

The Family Center

familycentertn.org

Breaking the cycle of child abuse and neglect by empowering parents to raise happy, healthy children.

The Nashville Food Project

thenashvillefoodproject.org

Bringing people together to grow, cook, and share nourishing food, with the goals of cultivating community and alleviating hunger in our city.

The Next Door, Inc.

thenextdoor.org

Providing a continuum of evidence-based services for women and their families impacted by addiction, mental illness, trauma, and/or incarceration with Christ-centered compassionate care.

Thistle Farms, Inc.

thistlefarms.org

Healing, empowering, and employing women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction by providing safe and supportive housing, the opportunity for economic independence, and a strong community of advocates and partners.

INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES

South Africa Feeding Program

St. Thomas, Kagiso

Feeding 100 orphan students from the Tsholetsega School, who have no source of regular meals, one meal every week.

Stacey Hanburry

Missionary in Northern Ireland

giveministries.org

Providing outreach counseling to children in Northern Ireland to help them towards emotional regulation, growth and development, trauma resolution, and social integration.

The Alexandria School of Theology, Egypt

dioceseofegypt.org

A non-residential theological school serving over 100 Egyptian and Sudanese students. It is the only Anglican theological school in the Middle East with courses taught in Arabic.

MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES

At St. George's we believe that the deliberate formation of community is central to our stated mission to receive, live, and share the abundant life of Jesus Christ. We harbor a dual desire that as our people deepen fellowship with one another, they will also be led to expand our commitment to mission and evangelism through new relationships beyond the life of the parish. Missional Communities (MCs) are the prominent expression of this vision.

WHAT IS A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY?

St. George's Church is focused on developing mid-sized groups we call Missional Communities (MCs). Missional Communities are groups of church members committed to growing in Christ through regular fellowship and intentional engagement with people outside the church. MCs are prominent expressions of our vision and embody two vital truths of the Christian faith: life in Jesus is best done in community, and our Lord calls us to go forth beyond our community to bless others with his truth, love, and mercy.

FIVE MARKS OF MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES:

- **Mid-sized fellowship** of 20-50 church members. Groups can be inclusive of children when families participate.
- **Gather at least once a month** for a casual meal and fellowship.
- **Make time for prayer and worship.** Each gathering includes some form of prayer, worship, Scripture meditation, singing or other intentional spiritual engagements, as well as theological reflection time.
- **Develop a relationship** with a group outside the church. Identify a group of people outside the church that the MC will seek to serve and bless.
- **Be a community** of continuous theological reflection about shared experiences of missional outreach.

MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES:

- Active Boomers
- Alpha
- Evensong
- Faith & the Arts
- Foster Care/ Monroe Harding, Inc.
- Healing Prayer
- Harvest Hands
- Poverty & the Arts

In addition the MCs listed above, we have new ones forming and you are encouraged to start your own. If you are interested in learning more about leading or being part of a missional community, contact Claudia Taylor at claudia.taylor@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 218.