

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Outreach of St. George's Church 2019



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 2019, St. George's is financially supporting 44 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 & OUTREACH

Tennessee Kids Belong

tnkidsbelong.org

2018 Christmas Offering Recipient

Tennessee Kids Belong seeks to mobilize leaders from the government, faith groups, businesses, and the creative community around the goal that every child should belong in a loving home. Tennessee Kids Belong accomplishes its mission through the recruiting of foster and adoptive families; engaging wrap-around support for at-risk, foster, and adoptive families; and helping older youth without a family to reach their full potential.

St. George's Farmers Market

facebook.com/stgeorgesfarmersmarket

The St. George's Farmers Market is open from 3:30-6:00pm every Thursday throughout the summer. We are a market whose mission is to host a high-quality, producer-only farmers market that enriches the lives of vendors and consumers, the local food economy, and community life in Belle Meade and surrounding neighborhoods.

Seniors Helping Others

stgeorgesnashville.org/serve/volunteer

Seniors Helping Others offers one-time volunteer opportunities through the year that benefit various ministries of St. George's or outside organizations. As a volunteer, you can select the type of project and time that fits your schedule. Questions? Contact Karen Lackey, Coordinator at lackeyjk@comcast.net

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.

ST. GEORGE'S ENTERPRISE MINISTRY

St. George's Enterprise Ministry (SGEM) 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/sgem.

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 its 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. This is a social enterprise within the parent non-profit, Harvest Hands Community Development, and employ 16 teens per year. One hundred percent of profits are reinvested into programs and scholarships that support the teens.

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 40 organizations in the Nashville community and throughout the world through our annual 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.

Cumberland Heights Foundation, Inc.

cumberlandheights.org

A nationally recognized alcohol and drug treatment center, Cumberland Heights is a nonprofit recovery center where the natural beauty of its campus, its unparalleled facilities, and over 50 years of experience provide lasting healing to those suffering from addiction.

DuBose Conference Center

duboseconferencecenter.org

An historical Episcopal camp, conference, and retreat center that offers hospitality, programming, and sacred space to groups of all faiths and backgrounds for education, creativity, and renewal.

Episcopal School of Nashville

esnashville.org

The Episcopal School of Nashville, a diverse urban independent school, is dedicated to nurturing the joy of learning and the spirit of discovery in each of its students. Our vision is to shape students who are intellectually, spiritually, and responsibly engaged with the place, community, and world they call home.

Faith Family Medical Clinic

faithmedical.org

Seeking to follow the commitment of people of faith to provide hope and medical care for the working uninsured and other underserved by meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Harvest Hands Community Development Corporation

harvesthandscdc.com

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.

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

Empowering children and youth to discover and live their God-inspired dreams, develop a love for learning, and build joy-filled friendships that glorify Christ Jesus.

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.

Room in the Inn

roomintheinn.org

Providing programs that emphasize human development and recovery through education, self-help, and work, centered in community and long term support for those who call the streets of Nashville home.

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 provides comprehensive services that empower them to achieve lasting self-sufficiency.

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 creates a community 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.

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

alivhospice.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.

American Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East

frmeamerica.org

Providing humanitarian assistance and hope to Christians and other religious minorities who have become Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Middle East. They also provide assistance to Iraqi and Syrian refugees.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville

chtnashville.com

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

East Nashville Hope Exchange, Inc.

enhopeexchange.org

Strengthening literacy of at-risk children in East Nashville through building relationships with children, caregivers, teachers, and the community; delivering high-quality programming; and championing a life of success for each child.

End Slavery Tennessee

endslaverytn.org

Promoting healing of human trafficking survivors and strategically confront slavery in Tennessee.

Honduras Development Network

hondurasdevelopmentnetwork.org

Encouraging and supporting the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras to be faithful to the Good News of Jesus Christ, as she bears witness to the people of Honduras and the world.

Hope Clinic for Women

hopeclinicforwomen.org

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

Lambcroft Ministries

lambcroft.org

Bringing the poor, spiritually bankrupt, and/or financially destitute into a safe environment and providing immediate shelter while they enter earnestly into learning skills necessary for the restoration of their entire being.

Luke 14:12

luke1412.org

Providing free meals to the hungry, homeless, and working poor of Nashville in order to address the nutritional needs of those who are inadequately fed.

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.

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.

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 from 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.

Stronger Than My Father - Hope Leadership Academy

strongerthanmyfather.org

Providing academic assistance, character development, and skill building exercises for kindergarten through eighth grade students who live in the community of Antioch, Tennessee.

The Branch of Nashville

thebranchofnashville.org

Helping struggling families and individuals of any ethnicity and culture find paths to self-sufficiency through food support, education, and job assistance.

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

Stacey Hanburry

Missionary in Northern Ireland

givenministries.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.

The Warehouse Trust

thewarehouse.org.za

Inspiring, equipping, and connecting churches in Cape Town, South Africa to become a transformed and transformative presence in their communities thereby effectively addressing poverty, injustice, and division.

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
- Belmont University/Evensong
- Blakeford
- Arts
- Foster Care
- Light on Literacy (Buena Vista Elementary School)
- Martha O'Bryan Center
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Safe Haven Family Shelter

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 Joe King, Director of Lay Ministry Engagement, at joe.king@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 249.