



ST. PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE 2016 REVIEW



MISSION STATEMENT: *Develop and implement a program of SERVICE, ACTION, and FINANCIAL AID for those who suffer and are in need.*

2016: Homelessness and poverty levels in Contra Costa County continue to rise. St. P parishioners respond...

- **No One Left Behind**, agency helping refugees in the Bay Area, received a 17-foot truckload of clothing and home goods collected from a special July Blue Barrel - donations from St. P's & Holy Shepherd.
- **Concord Shelter meal** program needed extra help this summer – St P's responded with 3 meals + a \$2500 cash donation, all in addition to the meals supplied the first Thursday of each month. Meals for over 75 recipients were prepared, transported & served by faithful school and parish volunteers. Consider joining this rewarding group coordinated by Monica Chappell and Ann Diemer.

"Shoes That Fit" in its 5th year has delivered a total of **594 pairs of shoes** to children in Los Medanos Elementary



School in Pittsburg. Children shared "Shoes that really fit my feet, don't hurt." Program runs during the school year Sept through May.

- **\$40,499 received in 5th Sunday collections distributed to 24 agencies.**

- **"Blue Barrel" Collections:** Clothing and warm winter garments were in demand. The hall was filled in April for Hillcrest + other agencies & "Share the Warmth" in November for various agencies.
- **Food Collection:** St. P's Food Basket in its 13th year gathered food for Monument Crisis Center and Food Pantry at St. Francis Assisi in Pleasant Hill/Concord. Our 26th Annual Christmas Food drive collected 300 bags and \$1200 in Cash for Turkeys! Mark the 2nd full weekend of each month to bring your goods.
- **Friendly Manor:** Your donations of new socks, toiletries and small Bingo gifts brought joy to many clients. (Administered by St. Mary's Center of Oakland diocese).
- **Christmas Sock Project:** Thanks to Faith Formation classes who filled 285 sacks with new socks, donated toiletries, candy and friendship notes for clients of Hope Project at ANKA.
- **Cleaning Kits:** 80 kits were assembled & donated through Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition for new home setups.
- **Review:** Activities, job duties & donation guidelines updated to reflect current agency needs & committee positions.

- **Agencies receiving financial distributions & speakers attending ORC meeting (*):**

- † Bay Area Crisis Nursery
- † Bay Area Rescue Mission
- † Child Abuse Prevention Council
- † Contra Costa Food Bank
- † Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition
- † Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi
- † Foster Family Network of CCC
- † Friendly Manor *
- † Hope Conference
- † Loaves & Fishes
- † Monument Crisis Center
- † Options for Women
- † Project Hope (ANKA Behavioral Health)
- † RotaCare Pittsburgh (new)
- † Senior Outreach Services (Meals on Wheels)
- † SHARE
- † Shelter Inc.
- † Shelter Dinners
- † SPRED
- † STAND for Families Free Of Violence *
- † Trinity Center (new) *
- † We Care
- † Winter Nights
- † Youth Homes *

Your generous financial support assists Contra Costa County agencies provide basic needs for those less fortunate.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the many volunteers who contributed their time and talents to make all this possible.
Join our committee or any of its activities to see how good it feels when you help those in need.

Your continued support is appreciated.....

The Outreach Committee 2/17 (over)



St. Perpetua Outreach Committee

Join us for a meeting and see how you can become involved!

- The Outreach Committee welcomes new members who are interested in helping others. Your time, talent and treasures are greatly appreciated.
- Our mission is to develop and implement programs of *service, action and financial aid* for those who suffer and are in need.
- Activities include:
 - “Blue Barrel” collections of food and goods for worthy agencies.
 - Shoes That Fit to distribute shoes to low income school children.
 - Volunteer opportunities such as the monthly Shelter dinners.
 - Publicity to communicate activities and programs.
 - Agency assessments to insure reliable distribution of goods and funds.
 - St. P’s Food Basket deliveries of monthly food collections.
- Individuals may be involved in many of these sub-committee activities without being a regular Outreach committee member or attending monthly meetings.
- Shelter dinners are held once a month and rely on volunteers to help prepare, transport, and serve the meals. Your participation depends on your schedule. Additional cooks, transporters, and servers are welcome. The parish office can provide contact information. Special need for cooks who coordinate menu selection and meal preparation with the help of a well-tested St. P’s Cookbook full of delicious recipes and dedicated volunteers.
- Each committee member can act as a parish liaison to a supported agency. Periodic contacts via phone or in person are made to understand the agencies needs or if its organization / structure has changed. This information helps to make informed decisions regarding parish contributions of money, volunteer time, or Blue Barrel goods.
- The committee meets at 7:30pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month for 1 – 1 ½ hours. If interested, an additional 1 to 2 hours per month may be given to special projects.
- If you are interested in joining this worthwhile committee, feel free to contact any member, the parish office, or come to a meeting – no obligations!
- More information, including a list of members, can be found on the parish website www.stperpetua.org, click CHURCH, in top row menu click GET INVOLVED, scroll down and click OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

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