

EPISCOPAL CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND - 2021

In acknowledgement of the Gospel imperative to feed, clothe, heal, and visit, Episcopal Charities of Rhode Island assists ministries of the diocese and charities of the wider Rhode Island community by raising and helping to provide funds, and in so doing, bringing hope, comfort, and healing to Rhode Islanders in need.

Seventy years ago, Episcopal Charities began its mission to help those in need. As part of the outreach arm of the diocese, our stated goal continues to this day - to share the love of Christ with all our neighbors by providing funds to meet unmet needs of those in our community. Over the last 70 years, Episcopal Charities has raised millions of dollars to support ministries of our diocese and churches as well as nonprofit agencies that partner with our churches in meeting critical needs in Rhode Island.

Over the years, funds raised by Episcopal Charities helped battered women and abused children seeking safety and healing, provided thousands of Rhode Islanders with food, shelter, healthcare, and other basic needs, and cared for the elderly and ill in our communities. Additionally Episcopal Charities has provided support for ministries of the diocese such as college chaplaincy, Hispanic ministry, and youth programs at our Episcopal Conference Center. Our annual grant to ECC continues to ensure that all young people who want to attend can do so regardless of their families' ability to pay.

Unfortunately, the number of Rhode Islanders lacking basic human needs continues to grow. Because of this challenge, four years ago, Episcopal Charities began focusing our annual grants to meet basic human needs – food, shelter, healthcare – for at-risk seniors and at-risk children and their families. To support the good work that our churches are doing in their local towns and cities, we prioritize grants to those agencies who partner with our churches to bring much needed relief to their local communities.

When we made this change in focus, little did we know that a pandemic would begin in late 2019 that would test our state's abilities to meet critical needs in our communities. In the spring of 2020, Episcopal Charities launched **Charities NOW**, a fundraising effort to get small grants out the door quickly to assist church feeding ministries and local food pantries and meal sites that were working tirelessly to serve the thousands of Rhode Islanders where food insecurity deepened due to the pandemic. Over the past two years, that fund has provided over \$109,000 to help meet the critical need for food in our local communities. And today with inflation rising rapidly, more of our neighbors are struggling to keep food on their plates.

Our **Charities Annual Fund** continues to raise funds for sustaining grants that support diocesan ministries and the ongoing work of agencies that partner with our churches to provide food, shelter, and healthcare to those who go without. Through **Charities NOW** gifts, we are able to provide early support to some of these same agencies who need the money **NOW** to meet critical needs in our communities and assistance to our church feeding ministries that continue to care for those in their community who go without adequate food.

Through the generous spirit and caring of individuals in the Episcopal churches of the diocese, in 2021 Episcopal Charities gave \$344,400 to 39 nonprofit agencies and church-based feeding ministries serving at-risk seniors and at-risk children and their families in Rhode Island. As of the end of October 2022, we are hopeful that donations this year will be able to provide support to the agencies and ministries critical at this time of need. We are proud to say that 100% of each gift provides direct support to the agencies and ministries we fund. Episcopal Charities has a separate fund that we use to cover our administrative costs.

In 2021 we supported...

- 20 nonprofit agencies and 8 church-based food ministries providing meals, basic food and household goods for more than 13,000 at-risk seniors and at-risk children and their families each month,
- 2 free clinics that provide primary health care to those who have no insurance and little access to care because of poverty or immigration status. These clinics also act as Covid testing and vaccination sites in the most vulnerable neighborhoods,
- a mental health clinic that provides counseling to at-risk seniors needing immediate and long-term assistance,
- a volunteer organization providing meals and food delivery to homebound seniors as well as wellness checks and transportation to appointments for at-risk seniors living alone,
- the Rhode Island Community Food Bank as it provided food for 50,000 people each month through its network of member agencies including many of our local churches.

2021 EPISCOPAL CHARITIES GRANTS

Church Sponsored Grants – *Nonprofit agencies that work with our churches to care for people in need listed with their sponsoring churches.*

Beautiful Day, Providence	Transfiguration, Cranston
Central Falls Self-Sufficiency Foundation	St. Luke's, East Greenwich
Connecting for Children and Families, Woonsocket	St. James, Woonsocket
Dorcas International Institute, Providence	Grace Church, Providence
East Bay Food Pantry, Bristol	St. Michael's, Bristol
Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center, Warwick	St. Mark's, Warwick
Friends Way, Warwick	St. Mark's, Warwick
Furniture Connection, East Greenwich	St. Luke's, East Greenwich
Good Neighbors, East Providence	Epiphany, East Providence
Hope Clinic/Clinica Esperanza, Providence	St. Martin's, Providence
House of Hope, Warwick	All Saints, Warwick

Interfaith Counseling Center, Providence
Jonnycake Center of Hope, Peace Dale
Jonnycake Center of Westerly
Martin Luther King Community Center, Newport
McAuley Village, Providence
New Urban Arts, Providence
North Kingstown Food Pantry
Rhode Island Free Clinic, Providence
RI Center Assisting Those in Need, Charlestown
Rhode Island Community Food Bank, Providence
Southern Rhode Island Volunteers, Charlestown
The Sharing Locker, East Greenwich

St. Luke's, East Greenwich
St. Augustine's, Kingston
Christ Church, Westerly
St. Mary's, Portsmouth
Transfiguration, Cranston
All Saints' Memorial, Providence
St. Paul's, Wickford
Grace Church, Providence
Holy Spirit, Charlestown
St. James, Woonsocket
St. Augustine's, Kingston
St. Luke's, East Greenwich

Charities NOW Grants – Church-Based Feeding Ministries – *Support for 8 of our own churches feeding those in their local communities during this pandemic*

Church Beyond the Walls, Providence
Emmanuel Church, Newport
St. Peter's by-the-Sea Community Market, Narragansett
St. Thomas Church, Greenville

Church of the Redeemer, Providence
St. Andrew's and St. Peter's, Providence
St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich
Trinity Church, Newport

Charities NOW Grants – Community Agencies – *Support for community feeding programs working in neighborhoods in need recommended by our churches and clergy*

Camp Street Ministries, Providence
City Meal Site, Providence
Epiphany Soup Kitchen, Providence
Food Pantry at Haitian Baptist Church, Cranston

Redeemer, Providence
All Saints' Memorial, Providence
St. Martin's, and St. Stephen's, Providence
Deacon Grace Swinski

Diocesan Sponsored Programs – *Support for Diocesan Programs and affiliated organizations*

City Camp – part of ECC Summer Camping program
Episcopal Conference Center – youth programs

Bishop's Discretionary Fund
St. Mary's Home for Children

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