

EPISCOPAL CHARITIES REPORT TO CONVENTION

In 1952, Episcopal Charities began its mission to help those in need. As part of the outreach arm of the diocese, our goal then continues now – **to share the love of Christ with all our neighbors by providing funds to meet the unmet needs of those in our community.** Since its beginning, 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 to meet critical needs in Rhode Island.

In 2022 donations to Episcopal Charities helped Rhode Islanders in need in so many ways through our focus on providing basic human needs - **food, shelter, healthcare** - for at-risk seniors and at-risk children and their families during these unsettled times and challenging economy. With the help of our donors over \$348,000 in grants were made to bring hope, comfort and healing in very tangible ways to our neighbors in need. **With your help we will have an even greater impact in 2023.**

Donations to the **Episcopal Charities Annual Fund** provide sustaining support for nonprofit organizations that work with our congregations to meet needs in local communities. Donations to **Charities NOW** provide funding for small grants that go out the door quickly to support feeding ministries in our churches and nonprofit agencies that partner with our churches to serve our neighbors. Through **Charities NOW**, we also provide early funding to agencies that request an annual grant but need the money **NOW** to meet critical needs in our communities.

Among the 39 ministries and agencies funded in 2022 by Episcopal Charities are

- 20 nonprofit feeding programs and 9 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,
- RI Free Clinic and Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic which provide primary health care to those who have no insurance and little access to care because of poverty or immigration status,
- St. Mary's Home for Children which provides both residential and out-patient support for children who are victims of abuse and their families,
- Interfaith Counseling Center which provides therapeutic services to at-risk seniors needing immediate and long-term assistance,
- Friend's Way which specializes in assisting young people through grief at the loss of a parent or significant family member,
- Southern Rhode Island Volunteers which provides 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 which provides food for 50,000 people each month through its network of member agencies including many of our churches.

And the list continues. On the next page is a list of all the recipients of 2022 Episcopal Charities Grants and the churches that sponsor them. Please look and see how much good your Charities donation has done to alleviate critical needs in Rhode Island.

Episcopal Charities Advisory Board: The Rev. Susan Carpenter, The Rev. Christine Cassels, Ms. Nancy Kaull, chair, The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, Ms. Karen Knisely, Mr. Steve McAleer, Ms. Susan Ursillo. Canon Betsy Fornal and Ms. Joan Collins, staff.

2022 EPISCOPAL CHARITIES GRANTS

Church-Sponsored Grants – Nonprofit agencies that work with our churches to provide basic human needs - food, shelter, housing - for our neighbors in need. Those with an (*) have received grants from both Charities Annual and Charities NOW funds.

Beautiful Day, Providence	Transfiguration, Cranston
Central Falls Family 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*	St. Michael's, Bristol
Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center, Warwick	St. Mark's, Warwick
Friends Way, Warwick	St. Mark's, Warwick
Good Neighbors, East Providence*	Epiphany, East Providence
Hope Clinic/Clinica Esperanza, Providence*	St. Martin's, Providence
Interfaith Counseling Center, Providence	St. Luke's, East Greenwich
Jonnycake Center for Hope, Peace Dale*	St. Augustine's, Kingston
Jonnycake Center of Westerly*	Christ Church, Westerly
Little Compton Community Center, Senior Program	St. Andrew's, Little Compton
Lucy's Hearth Family Shelter, Middletown	St. Columba's, Middletown
Martin Luther King Community Center, Newport*	St. Mary's, Portsmouth
New Beginnings, Woonsocket*	St. James, Woonsocket
New Urban Arts, Providence	All Saints' Memorial, Providence
North Kingstown Food Pantry*	St. Paul's, Wickford
Rhode Island Free Clinic, Providence	Grace Church, Providence
Rhode Island Community Food Bank	St. James, Woonsocket
Southern Rhode Island Volunteers, Charlestown	St. Augustine's, Kingston
St. Mary's Home for Children, North Providence	Christ Church, Lincoln
The Sharing Locker, East Greenwich*	St. Luke's, East Greenwich
Westerly Area Rest Meals WARM Center*	Christ Church, Westerly

Charities NOW Grants – for Community Agencies feeding programs

Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Providence	St. Luke's, Pawtucket
Camp Street Ministries, Providence	Redeemer, Providence
Foster Forward, East Providence	St. Thomas, Greenville
McAuley Ministries – McAuley Village, Providence	Transfiguration, Cranston
Rhode Island College Food Pantry	The Rev. Tanya Watt, Campus Minister

Charities NOW Grants – for Church-based Feeding Ministries

Church Beyond the Walls, Providence	Church of the Redeemer, Providence
Emmanuel Church, Newport	St. Augustine's/URI
St. George's, Central Fall	St. Peter & St. Andrew's, Providence
St. Peter's Community Market, Narragansett	St. Thomas, Greenville
Trinity Church, Newport	

Diocesan Sponsored Programs

Bishop's Discretionary Fund	City Camp - ECC outreach
Episcopal Conference Center Youth Program	Campus Ministry at URI
Hispanic Ministry at St. George's, Central Falls	