

# WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE



*Reading Camp at Christ Church, Springfield, one of the countless moments where people in need took a stride this year towards a better future through the love and ministry of local Episcopalians.*

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REPORT OR GO ONLINE  
TO FITCH IN FOR  
**GOD AND NEIGHBORS!**

*This is a Reading Camper from Christ Church, Springfield.*

# PEOPLE OF HOPE

The expert clearly knew the letter of the law. To earn salvation: **LOVE GOD, AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF**. But, testing Jesus, he probed:

**“AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?”**

Replying with the shocking parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus asked in turn: “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “the one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” *Luke 10:25-37, NIV*

**THIS REPORT BRINGS YOU NEWS OF FELLOW EPISCOPALIANS WHO PUT THEIR HEARTS, SKILL, AND BODIES ON THE LINE FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS. AT NO TIME IN THE LAST THREE DECADES HAS THE NEED BEEN MORE DESPERATE.**

**OHIO HAS LOST ALMOST 600,000 JOBS SINCE 2000.** We are one of only ten states where real wages actually fell over the last decade – and ours was the steepest drop of all.

1.76 million of our neighbors are so poor – even many who are working - that they have signed up for food stamps, many for the first time in their lives. Last year, almost a third of unemployed Ohioans had been trying for more than a year to find a new job.

Here, from this fall’s grant applications to ECSF, are glimpses of the daily anguish underlying these statistics.

**IN TROY**, a 51 year-old man worked in the lumber business all his career until losing his job three years ago. Struggling to overcome depression, still hunting for work, he tried to adapt by getting a Pell grant and enrolling in community college to learn website design. With no insurance, he went to a local health center to get an ominous mole checked out. It proved to be malignant melanoma. Removing it would cost over \$1,100. Volunteers at Trinity went to bat for him and negotiated with a surgeon to remove the lesion for a reduced fee they paid with the help of an ECSF grant.

**IN MARTIN’S FERRY**, the virtual shut-down of the construction industry means a roofer can’t even come close to covering the basic needs of his three children on intermittent jobs paying \$9/hr. Food stamps can’t get them through the month. Our Daily Bread, the pantry spearheaded by Holy Trinity, is their lifeline for groceries. Holy Trinity also provides them clothing and school supplies.

**IN NELSONVILLE**, Tanya Howe, who coordinates the monthly free meal at Epiphany, sent this news: “One gentleman came in a couple of dinners ago with three children and just sort of stood by the door. I went over and told him to just get in line and we could serve them. He then stated that his children were embarrassed - could he just get carry-out dinners for them? He said he and his wife could do without. Without saying, I fixed five carry-outs and bagged them for him so they could all eat. He said they had nothing left to eat. I told him to come back later and we would fix him up with something to tide them over. It was really heart-wrenching for me to think that these little folks and even the adults had nothing to eat. He was very grateful and each of the children thanked me.”

**NEW CENSUS DATA REVEALING THE DIRE CONDITIONS OF OHIO’S ECONOMY** are now online at [www.PolicyMattersOhio.com](http://www.PolicyMattersOhio.com). This scholarly website documents the rapid erosion of this state’s human services under wave after wave of public sector cuts. We’re facing a disaster as great as the hurricanes that dominated the news in the summer of 2011.

The good news is that Ohio’s disaster is man-made. With God’s help, we can mobilize our communities to reverse it. Some of the most creative and resourceful proposals ECSF received this fall have been designed by people in their 50’s who have lost their own jobs, but aren’t letting that stop them from reaching out to help others.

Sustained by their love of God, they are dedicating their skills to comfort and revive neighbors who have sustained grievous harm.



*Gayle Glanville, David Kendall-Sperry, and Gary Givler weighing words as the board crafted ECSF’s new mission statement in August. At the end of a burst of creativity and discernment, it was adopted by unanimous vote of all fifteen trustees.*

THIS REPORT SPELLS OUT  
HOW YOUR DONATIONS,  
RESOURCEFULNESS AND  
PRAYER KEEP **HOPE**  
**ALIVE** AND CHURCHES  
STEADFAST AS HAVENS FOR  
TRAUMATIZED COMMUNITIES.

IF YOU HAVE GIVEN THIS YEAR  
**THANK YOU!**

IF YOU ARE ABLE, **PLEASE**  
**GIVE NOW** TO SUSTAIN  
VITAL FRONT LINE MINISTRY IN  
THE YEAR TO COME.

GIFTS BY **FIRST TIME**  
**DONORS WILL BE**  
**MATCHED** THANKS TO  
GENEROUS MATCHING GRANTS  
BY CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
AND THE REV. LAURA CHACE.

## FIRST TIME DONORS WILL BE MATCHED

### NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE!

Wave after wave of state and federal funding cuts have created huge holes in Ohio's safety net even as need continues to rise. By fall of 2011, stimulus funds that kept many families above the poverty level were almost exhausted. Up to 160,000 Ohio families will lose unemployment benefits by year's end unless Congress acts to extend them again.

Many human service programs are at risk of further big cuts as Congress focuses on deficit reduction. Ohio's legislature has cut billions more, delivering a devastating blow to public schools, mental health care, and protective services for vulnerable children and elderly people. The diocese's public policy page ([www.PublicPolicy.DioSOOhio.org](http://www.PublicPolicy.DioSOOhio.org)) includes links to analyses of these changes and their impact on our hurting neighbors.

Because this perfect storm of rising need and shrinking funding is forcing so many human service programs to close or cut back, ECSF's board changed grant guidelines this year to encourage churches to work strategically.

*In August, the board forged a new mission statement signaling their determination to support Episcopalians in combining faith, service, and advocacy:*

**THE EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION SERVES GOD AND NEIGHBOR** in Southern Ohio by **RAISING FUNDS, AWARDING GRANTS,** and **SHARING WHAT WORKS** to alleviate poverty and eliminate injustice.

More than ever, our community ministry needs to be grounded in facts and to reach for big-picture transformation. ECSF is now asking grant applicants to ask the people they serve to describe what they are enduring, and tell churches frankly how they can be of most help. ECSF's new grant guidelines also call on churches to link arms with the wider community to aim for and bring about real improvement. We've asked churches to draw on their faith to define what conditions would be closer to God's desires for human dignity and well-being.

The board and grants committee held seven town hall meetings across the diocese to explain the new guidelines. These drew over 150 people from churches and non-profits to brainstorm how to reshape ministry to meet the current crisis.

Despite the tougher requirements, churches have stepped up to the challenge, submitting **A RECORD-SHATTERING 55 PROPOSALS REQUESTING A TOTAL OF \$232,000 FOR MINISTRY IN 2012.** That's 54% more than ECSF's entire grants budget in 2011. The proposals resound with news of dire need met with courage and resourceful teamwork.

These are our first responders. Your donations are vital to their ability to stay the course.

*One of seven regional meetings on ECSF's new proposal guidelines: On June 14 Episcopalians from the rural Hocking River Valley filled the undercroft of St. Paul's, Logan to trade news of how they are combining prayer, direct service and advocacy to respond to continuing economic distress in their communities.*





The CycleWorks has several work stands where neighbors master the art of bike repair.

Kelly Young is part of a community of young Christians who run the Franklin-ton CycleWorks in inner-city Columbus, enabling impoverished residents who can't afford a car or bus fare to earn a free bike by learning bike repair and fixing one up. So much more happens than overcoming the lack of affordable transportation. Kelly writes:

Grandpa is in his late sixties and was recently released from a long stint in prison. As an ex-convict, let alone an ex-convict his age, he has been refused employment on a regular basis. Giving up on traditional employment, he started attending open shop as a volunteer to earn shop credit with the goal of earning a bike for his granddaughter. He has since successfully earned her a bicycle and continues to volunteer with FCW.

Jonah, a 17 year old autistic Franklinton teenager, showed up one day curious about bicycles and returned to our shop twice a week for the duration of the summer. Curious about mechanics, Jonah would walk in the door and continue straight to the "bicycle stacks" - the back area of our warehouse that stores bicycles in disrepair. Asking questions and exploring tools, Jonah's favorite thing to do was sit on the floor and take things completely apart in order to learn how to put them together. He fixed 5 or 6 bikes in total, in addition to acting as the guardian for his younger siblings to be able to participate in shop activities.

## GRANTEE IMPACT

**YOUR DONATIONS AIDED ECSF GRANTEES TO PROVIDE VITAL AID TO 93,000 NEIGHBORS IN NEED IN 2010, SERVING AS A LIFELINE TO 8,000 MORE PEOPLE THAN IN 2009.**

- ▼ Pantries distributed 44,000 orders of free groceries, each providing several days of food to over 63,500 different people ranging from infants to frail, elderly people living alone or struggling to raise grandchildren.
- ▼ Churches and community-based programs prepared and served 44,688 free meals providing solace, fellowship and nourishment to almost 10,000 people, many of whom attended regularly.
- ▼ Your donations helped shelter 908 homeless people, 524 of them children.
- ▼ Grantees provided emergency assistance to over 8,500 households, preventing evictions and utility cut-offs, overcoming transportation challenges, providing clothes and covering the cost of IDs essential to applying for jobs and benefits.
- ▼ Over 5,600 families benefited from special distributions including holiday baskets, school clothes and school supplies.

## IN ADDITION, GRANTEES AIDED THE PROGRESS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TOWARDS DIGNITY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

- ▼ Volunteers used the Ohio Benefit Bank software to help 542 families to apply for public benefits including the Earned Income Tax Credit, child and education credits, food stamps and Medicaid coverage worth thousands of dollars to cover basic survival needs.
- ▼ Grantees aided many people to progress in recovery from addiction.
- ▼ Advent, Cincinnati continued in close contact with 80 mentally ill clients to manage their bills and disability income, helping to prevent them from being evicted or decompensating.
- ▼ Grantees aided people who've lost their jobs and insurance to negotiate solutions to crushing medical debt and to apply for manufacturers' discounts for essential prescriptions.
- ▼ Shelters equipped 70% of their guests to regain stable permanent housing.
- ▼ Grantees provided tutoring and mentoring to 322 children and 188 adults. Children advanced in reading and math, gained confidence in school and learned to solve conflict non-violently. Sixty four of the adult learners advanced at least a great level and fifty passed the GED exam, a huge milestone towards greater earnings. Many adults won new jobs.



Warm welcome as dark is falling:  
Community Free Meal at Trinity Episcopal/  
McArthur Presbyterian Joint Ministry



Love goes into every bite at the  
Wednesday Free Lunch at Good  
Shepherd, Athens

## RAISING FUNDS

ECSF's annual grants budget comes entirely from donations by individuals, churches, foundations and businesses. These annual fund gifts are used 100% for grants to local community ministries addressing hunger, homelessness and many other needs.

Telling people about current community needs and asking them to support solutions engages their hearts, prayer and creativity. This proves Bishop Herbert Thompson's wisdom in creating ECSF in 1991 as a free-standing charity of the diocese: a channel for freewill giving unconstrained by the pressures on the diocesan operating budget.

For Episcopalians in Southern Ohio, ECSF has become a meeting place for donors and doers who embrace the Church's calling to bring about a society and economy that seek and serve Christ in all people and embodies justice and dignity for all (Baptismal Covenant, *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 305).

Donations and pledges made to ECSF by early January, 2011 equipped the ECSF board to make grants totaling \$151,000 this year, 23% more than in 2010. ALL OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTED IN 2010 DESERVE A HUGE SHOUT-OUT for equipping local churches to do more to meet rising needs in a year when funding from many secular sources has withered. You are truly bearing witness to God's love and concern!

All this was accomplished with just 5% of the households in our diocese contributing to ECSF in 2010. Think what we can do together if each of you who donated to ECSF in 2010 asks just one friend to join you!

Between September and December of 2011, gifts by first-time donors will be matched dollar for dollar thanks to a challenge grant by Christ Church Cathedral, an extraordinary bequest by the Rev. Laura Chace, and pledges by other major donors.

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*Making philanthropy a joy: The Rev. Steve and Jan Smith of St. Patrick's raised \$27,000 for ECSF's grants budget by leading two incredibly fun events this year. Jan chaired Chocolate Fest, linking it to worldwide good by inviting bakers to use fair trade chocolate in their recipes. Steve followed up by organizing the glee-ful Tour de Ohio bike ride in August. Read about the bikers' adventures with glimpses of the life-changing ministry the proceeds will support in the coming year: [www.ECSFsouthernohio.org](http://www.ECSFsouthernohio.org)*

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# RAISING FUNDS



Assigned to Christ Church, Glendale, The Rev. Laura Chace embodied the true vocation of deacons by educating and inspiring this suburban parish to welcome and shelter homeless families through Cincinnati's Interfaith Hospitality Network. IHN engages hundreds of Episcopal volunteers and major financial support from many local Episcopal churches, and receives an annual ECSF grant.

ECSF's board was amazed and grateful to learn from Laura's brother that she had designated her entire estate to be divided among four charities, among them ECSF and IHN.

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Margaret Nelsen has lifted the Chocolate Fest auction to new heights. Granddaughter Emma Rose helped her set up this year at St. Patrick's.

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Celebrity chocolatiers Cristen Corey of Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream, Linda Kick of Our Cupcakery, Mike Cotton of Graeter's, and Randy Young of Aglamesis Brothers eagerly sampled 18 scrumptious chocolate concoctions awarding three grand prizes at Chocolate Fest 2011 at St. Patrick's, Dublin. Inga Pearson Stimmel of St. Patrick's won the Most Gorgeous award for her White Chocolate Raspberry Cake decorated with the Episcopal shield.

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## RAISING FUNDS

**BRINGING IN YOUNG LEADERS THROUGH NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS:** *The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks awarded ECSF two of its prized VISTA team members this year, to expand the capacity of new inner-city food security and nutrition programs. Federal funds pay for most of the VISTAs' stipends and benefits. A grant from the Procter Fund enabled ECSF to cover the match required of sites plus supplies and mileage. Assigned to the Gabriel's Place initiative in Avondale, VISTA Leslie Stevenson, brainstormed with Bishop Breidenthal at the Cincinnati CDC Association annual meeting, where he accepted the Outstanding Collaboration award on behalf of the project.*



## DONOR CONGREGATIONS IN 2010

Church of the Advent, Cincinnati  
All Saints, New Albany  
All Saints, Portsmouth  
Ascension and Holy Trinity, Wyoming  
Christ Church Cathedral  
Christ Church, Dayton  
Christ Church, Glendale  
Christ Church, Springfield  
*In memory of the Rev. Donna Hart*  
Christ Church, Xenia  
The Marjorie P. Lee Chapel Fund  
Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens  
St. James, Clintonville Episcopal Church Women  
Epiphany, Urbana  
St. Peter's, Gallipolis Episcopal Church Women  
Grace Church, Pomeroy  
Holy Trinity, Belmont County  
Holy Trinity, Kenwood  
Holy Trinity, Oxford  
Church of Our Saviour, Cincinnati  
Church of the Redeemer, Cincinnati  
St. Alban's, Bexley  
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St. Andrew's, Dayton  
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St. Andrew's, Washington Court House  
St. Anne's, West Chester  
St. Barnabas, Montgomery  
St. Christopher's, Fairborn  
St. James, Piqua  
St. James, Westwood  
St. James, Zanesville  
St. John's, Cambridge  
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St. John's, Worthington  
St. Luke's, Granville  
St. Luke's, Marietta  
St. Margaret's, Trotwood  
St. Mark's, Dayton  
St. Mark's, Upper Arlington  
St. Mary's, Hillsboro  
St. Matthew's, Westerville  
St. Paul's, Chillicothe  
St. Paul's, Logan  
St. Patrick's, Dublin  
St. Peter's, Delaware  
St. Peter's, Gallipolis  
St. Philip's, Circleville  
St. Philip's, Columbus  
St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights  
St. Stephen's, Columbus  
The Bookworm at St. Stephen's, Columbus  
St. Stephen's, Mt. Healthy  
St. Thomas, Terrace Park  
St. Timothy's, Anderson Township  
The Society of the Transfiguration  
Trinity, Capitol Square  
Trinity Episcopal/McArthur Presbyterian  
Joint Ministry

*Thanks also to all churches and individuals who made generous pledges for 2011 which enabled us to increase the grants budget 23% over 2010 at a time of extraordinary need!*

## CHOCOLATE FEST

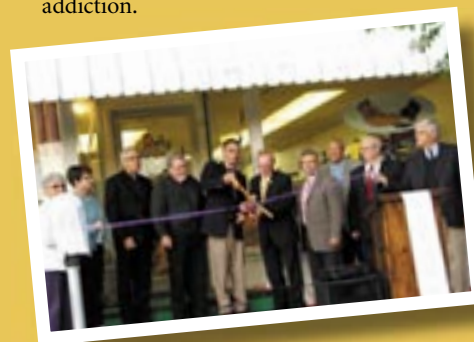
Chocolate Fest blooms like daffodils in a different church each spring to launch fundraising for the next year's grants budget. Hosted by St. Patrick's, Dublin, Chocolate Fest 2011 shattered previous years' records. Sponsorships more than doubled over last year, thanks to businesses, churches, and deacons of the Diocese in memory of their beloved colleague Laura Chace, who succumbed to cancer in Easter Week. Shown here with Canon Anne Reed: Susan Crompton of Trinity Capitol Square won both the grand prize for Best Chocolate and a People's Choice award for her Raspberry Ganache Pie. Susan persuaded four fellow parishioners to bake for Chocolate Fest and leads the weekly In the Garden service and meal for homeless guests at Trinity on Sunday afternoons.



**HE GIVES POWER TO THE FAINT,  
AND STRENGTHENS THE POWERLESS.  
(IS. 40:29)**

## AWARDING GRANTS

No one is better positioned than the local church to learn what their neighbors are enduring and to encourage the community to develop the vision and teamwork to significantly improve conditions. For this reason ECSF's annual grants portfolio shows flourishing diversity as churches catalyze unique combinations of local skills, resources, and vision to tackle an array of problems from childhood hunger to recovery from addiction.



**SMALL BUT MIGHTY!** \$5,000 went this year to Holy Trinity, Belmont County for hunger ministry in Martin's Ferry. Once thriving thanks to coal mining and steel production, Martin's Ferry has been hemorrhaging jobs for the past generation. With an average Sunday attendance of only 27 people, Holy Trinity has become so resourceful in responding to hunger that the town's other churches and non-profits shut down their pantries and sent their donations and volunteers to join the Episcopalians. On September 15, the community held a huge ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Our Daily Bread Center spearheaded by ECO missionary the Rev. John Brandenburg. When he started his ministry in Martin's Ferry, St. Paul's pantry was open one day a month, serving about 30 people. In August, Our Daily Bread provided several days' groceries for 571 people, as well as health screening and referral to an array of other vital services.

## AWARDING GRANTS



*Three Episcopal churches are using ECSF grants to provide free diapers – something young parents desperately need but can't use food stamps to buy. Here, Girl Scouts in Gallipolis volunteer with St. Peter's diaper and baby food booth in the parking lot of the local Lutheran parish when Lutheran Social Services' mobile food van comes to town. In Pomeroy, Grace Church supplies diapers to Meigs County's WIC office where families come for vital nutrition. The WIC director wrote to ECSF about a mother fleeing domestic violence with her tiny children: "Their only escape was to a homeless/women's shelter. Obviously, safety was the utmost concern, so diapers were not the first thing on her mind when she left the home. Through your generosity, we were able to provide diapers for her children. This is just one example of why we feel that this grant and this partnership are such a blessing to our community."*

## HERE ARE THE RECIPIENTS BY CHURCH AND FOCUS: GRANTS AWARDED IN 2011

### COMPREHENSIVE MINISTRIES

Church of the Advent, Cincinnati - Open Door Ministry - \$5,000  
Grace Church, Pomeroy - Meigs Cooperative Parish - \$3,000  
St. John's, Columbus - Community Ministry - \$12,500  
Trinity, London - Ministry for Community - \$3,500  
Trinity, Troy - Partners in Hope - \$3,000

**Total \$27,000**

### TUTORING AND MENTORING

Christ Church, Springfield - Peace Camp - \$2,500  
Reading Camp - \$1,000  
Ministerio Latino, Forest Park - Homework Club - \$4,300  
St. Anne's, West Chester - Whiz Kids - \$500  
St. Mark's, Dayton - Kemp School-Community Partnership - \$1,000  
St. Simon's, Lincoln Heights - Future Stars - \$4,550

**Total \$14,050**



**FAST TRACK OUT OF POVERTY**  
donations to BCSEF powered a host of reading and mentoring programs to equip impoverished children for academic success. Here, one of St. Simon's Future Stars ponders her artwork in a summer workshop.

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Ascension and Holy Trinity, Wyoming -  
Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing - \$4,250  
St. Andrew's, Washington Court House -  
SOCKS (Spirit of Christmas for Kids) - \$1,500  
Christ Church, Dayton - CityHeart - \$5,000  
Grace Church, Pomeroy - Outreach - \$2,500  
Precious Ones Diapers/Depends - \$1,500  
Redeemer, Cincinnati - MEAC  
(Madisonville Education and Assistance Center) - \$5,000  
St. John's, Cambridge - Dry Bottoms - \$1,500  
St. Mary's, Hillsboro - Samaritan Outreach - \$6,000  
St. Peter's, Gallipolis - Dry Bottoms - \$1,500  
St. Stephen's, Columbus - Neighborhood Services, Inc. - \$5,000  
St. Timothy's, Anderson - CAIN (Churches Active in Northside) - \$4,000  
Trinity, Columbus - In the Garden/ID's for the Homeless - \$5,000

**Total \$42,750**



On the shelves at MEAC in Cincinnati: food stamps can't be used to buy cleaning supplies, soap, shampoo or toothpaste, so these items are real blessings to pantry guests.

### PANTRIES AND FREE MEALS

Christ Church, Dayton - Dayton Community Garden - \$700  
Epiphany, Nelsonville - Community Dinner - \$2,000  
Good Shepherd, Athens - Wednesday Free Lunch - \$1,000  
Holy Trinity, Belmont County - St. Paul's Food Pantry - \$5,000  
Bellaire Hospitality Ministry - \$1,500  
Our Saviour, Cincinnati - Food Ministries - \$2,500  
St. Andrew's, Cincinnati - Food Pantry - \$2,000  
St. Andrew's, Dayton - Dayton Episcopal Pantry - \$3,500  
St. James, Piqua - Choice Pantry - \$3,000  
St. James, Zanesville - Friendship Dinner - \$2,000  
St. Mary's, Hillsboro - Soup's On - \$2,000  
St. Paul's, Logan - Community Dinner - \$1,750  
St. Peter's, Delaware - Second Fridays Dinner - \$2,000  
St. Peter's, Gallipolis - Loaves and Fishes - \$1,000  
Trinity/McArthur Presbyterian Joint Ministry -  
Community Dinner - \$500

**Total \$30,450**



Five Episcopal parishes team up to donate and distribute food through the Dayton Episcopal Pantry at St. Andrew's, serving impoverished American and refugee families in Dayton View. In 2010 the pantry served 3,000 people: they are on track to double that number by the end of 2011.

### SHELTER

Christ Church, Springfield - Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$8,000  
Christ Church, Xenia - Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$3,000  
Redeemer, Cincinnati - Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$7,000  
Cincinnati Emergency Overflow Shelter - \$2,000  
St. Mary's, Hillsboro - Highland County Homeless Shelter - \$5,000

**Total \$25,000**

### SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND RECOVERY

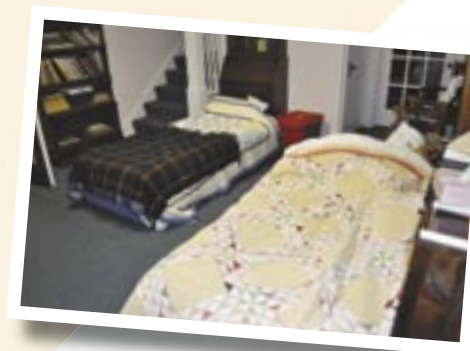
All Saints, Portsmouth - St. Lucy's Sober House - \$3,000  
Christ Church, Springfield - Jobs and More - \$2,000  
E-FREE: LifeBridge Ex-Offender Re-entry Ministry - \$2,250\*  
St. John's, Columbus - Franklinton CycleWorks - \$2,500  
St. Paul's, Chillicothe - Horizon Prison Ministry - \$1,000  
Trinity, Troy - Torrence Medical Fund - \$1,000

**Total \$11,750**



\*Challenge grant to encourage donors to pitch in to ensure training and professional support for volunteers aiding Christ-centered ex-felons to succeed in responsible, fruitful lives after release.

Nyoka (l), a graduate of the St. Lucy's Sober House, is now serving as a peer counselor to support other women in recovery. The Rev. Sallie Schisler (r) serves on the board of the Counseling Center, which worked with All Saints, Portsmouth to spearhead St. Lucy's.



At Christ Church, Xenia, neighbor-love means making up beds in the foyer for homeless people every night of the winter.

## SHARING WHAT WORKS

As the diocese's consulting team for community ministry, we're continually networking with local churches and local and statewide non-profits to learn about current needs and relay news of creative and effective responses. You'll see this reflected in community ministry reporting and action alerts in Interchange and the diocese's E-News Connections.

ECSF's biggest accomplishment this year was revising the grant guidelines and holding town hall meetings throughout the diocese to brainstorm on moving community ministry from conventional to transformative. See our website for notes on ideas and practices local churches are already following to bring this about. Other milestones for 2011:

▼ Six people - The Revs. Steve Domienik, Leslie Flemming, John Paddock and Jane Gerdson, Prof. Gifford Doxee, and Maureen Boyles - wrote a brilliant online Lenten study guide for ECSF called *Where there is Despair, Hope*. Each segment included a case study of a parish response to a current urgent need, Bible study, intercession, and a call to action. The curriculum was publicized by the Episcopal News Service and posted on the websites of the Episcopal Church's Jubilee Ministries Office, the North American Association for the Diaconate, and Everyday Democracy's Issue Guide Exchange.



▼ ECSF was invited to co-sponsor a Bridges Out of Poverty workshop with St. Anne's West Chester which drew almost 100 people on an icy morning. Sherman Bradley of City Gospel Mission coached them on how to team up with people in need to achieve their goals for dignity and well-being.

▼ We played a key role in shaping the regional Mountain Grace Conference on Ministry in Appalachia to showcase the success of small bands of Christians in making progress on seemingly hopeless situations: prescription drug addiction, post-traumatic stress, the giant obstacles faced by ex-offenders, and transcending the stunted expectations for rural youth.

▼ ECSF expanded its partnership with national service programs, recruiting two new VISTAs to recruit and coordinate volunteers, strengthen partnerships, and raise funds for community gardening and nutrition programs in inner-city Columbus and Cincinnati.

▼ We connected Episcopalians on the front line of needs to state legislators. Their advocacy helped pass a major criminal justice reform bill and preserve stable state funding for emergency food.

**ECSF'S E-FREE** task force unites deacons, a lawyer, a doctor and a peace educator with years of experience in prison and re-entry ministry. E-FREE members advocated for a landmark criminal justice reform bill passed by the Ohio legislature this year, and are working with retired wardens Maggie Beightler and Chris Money (seated) to engage a wider circle of churches and volunteers in equipping ex-offenders to rebuild their lives, family relationships, and livelihood after release.



*Bob Walton, Jr and Jay Hash of All Saints Portsmouth launched Mountain Grace with the searing story of how they uncovered the soaring crime, addiction death, and economic suffering caused by prescription drug dealing in Scioto County and overcame official inaction to shut down ten of the eleven pain clinics that fuelled it. In front is the visionary Mary Woodward of Lutheran Social Services who has created a vibrant network of emergency response connecting suburban and rural parishes. Mary won this year's Jean Carson Award for excellence in lay ministry in Appalachia.*

*John Harris, a founding trustee of ECSF and a member of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, presenting CHRC's 2011 Bishop Herbert Thompson Jr. Humanitarian Award to ECSF's executive Director Ariel Miller for her two decades of reporting on human need and effective response in Cincinnati.*



*Donna Nickerson and Gary Haslop with cards hand-made for inmates and blessed at St. Paul's on Pentecost Sunday.*

**A NEW ECSF** grant helped St. Paul's Chillicothe to provide cards, envelopes and postage to men in the Horizon Faith-based Dorm at Chillicothe Correctional. "These letters go to family members, many of whom are estranged from the prisoner," writes parishioner Gary Haslop, who volunteers as a mentor in the program. "Each prisoner writes two letters per week. It is hoped that through honest, open communication that reconciliation can take place between these family members. Here's part of a letter from a Horizon graduate that illustrates this:

"The family letters have allowed me to utilize new understanding with my biological family, and relationships that I had given up on years ago have been restored. I have a new hope of restorations more to come. Horizon...has had the most positive and life-changing effects on my life, since it has given me the tools I needed, to finally become a part of the world as opposed to being the ill-equipped foreigner, unable to speak the language of selflessness and love. For this, I thank God."

"The call to serve as Jesus served is not a passive act," Gary continues. "Jesus said that whenever we visited one in prison, we visited him. When family relationships can experience healing, dignity is restored. When we help to reduce recidivism rates, we are helping to promote a culture of justice and peace not just for these inmates who will one day live on the outside but for the communities in which they live. We also hope that these inmates will begin to experience a renewed sense of self and will come to know what it means to be loved by others and perhaps most importantly, what it means to be loved by God."

## THANK GOD SUCH TALENTS CAME OUR WAY!

Six phenomenal people are completing their ministry as ECSF trustees this fall.

As President for the past two years, the Rev. David Kendall-Sperry led the board through strategic planning that equipped us to reach new clarity and daring in our capacity-building work with churches. David's insight, collegiality, pastoral care and attention to implementation have been incomparable gifts to ECSF in this major transition. He took part in every aspect of ECSF work from conferences to fundraising to evaluating grant applications, all while serving as a full-time parish priest, serving on the diocese's National and World Mission Commission and Ministerio Latino, studying Spanish, and making several mission trips to El Hogar in Honduras.

Grants Committee members Paul Clever and Gary Givler served on the task force that forged new grant guidelines and explained the applied theology underlying it to participants in this year's regional town hall meetings. In coaching and by compelling personal example they challenge fellow Episcopalians to break through the old Episcopal culture of noblesse oblige to recognize Christ in people in trouble: to honor and call on their dignity and strengths. Both men show that ministry rooted in this understanding heals and transforms communities.



Gary Givler at the Bridges out of Poverty Workshop, St. Anne's, January 2011.



David Kendall-Sperry with Chocolate Elf November Hardy, Chocolate Fest, St. Thomas, Terrace Park, April 2010.



Cynthia Sands

The consummate team builder, Cynthia Sands has recruited amazing volunteers from Chocolate Fest bakers to assembling annual reports and addressing invitations. She raised terrific silent auction items, made site visits to grant applicants, and secured perfect venues for fundraisers and meetings. Her warmth and kindness make every project a joy!



Paul Clever at Good Earth Farm.

Sr. Eleanor Narkis, CT at the Absalom Jones Eucharist.



Sr. Eleanor Narkis energized us with her immense zest for social justice, especially racial reconciliation and prison ministry. She is our lifeline to powerful intercession and generous support by the Sisters of the Transfiguration.

Starting on our grants committee, Bill Nelsen brought huge compassion and years of experience in making common cause between middle-class people and impoverished communities. He infused the deepest respect and resourcefulness into his site visits to applicants and role as a facilitator in grantseekers' workshops. Bill and Margaret Nelsen's leadership helped Chocolate Fest 2010 to more than double the amount raised in 2009. Even more important, they taught us how to use such an event to connect all kinds of new allies to the cause of ending poverty.

## HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL SIX, A WISTFUL FAREWELL, AND PRAYERS FOR GREAT FULFILLMENT IN YOUR FUTURE MINISTRY!



Bill Nelsen greeting donors at Chocolate Fest 2010.

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# THANK YOU!



“Teachers tell us that there are not enough hours in the day to meet the needs of children who are falling behind in their reading. Parents ask for opportunities to help their children become better readers. We have many educators at Christ Church and many more people interested in helping because they know the long-term consequences of illiteracy. This is an incredible match for us-where our gifts meet the community’s need. The idea is to use education to lift people out of poverty. While Reading Camp is a secular program (we sing about nouns and verbs, not Jesus), we would like to believe that we proclaimed the Good News with our lives at Reading Camp. The eagerness of the children to come to camp each day, and the deep gratitude of the parents allows us to think that they did experience something of the Good News in their time with us that week.” *The Rev. Charlotte Reed describing the genesis of Reading Camp at Christ Church, Springfield*

*Fast track out of poverty: donations to ECSF powered a host of reading and mentoring programs to equip impoverished children for academic success. Here, campers made a beeline for books lovingly chosen for them by volunteer teachers at Christ Church’s Reading Camp for inner-city Springfield.*



## ECSF 2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OPERATING BUDGET

### INCOME

Individual contributions and pledges <sup>1</sup>	88,296
Church contributions and pledges <sup>1</sup>	66,663
Foundations (mostly donor-advised funds)	26,100
Corporate contributions	2,100
Chocolate Fest <sup>1</sup>	19,086
Project grants	29,361
Mountain Grace Conference	4,362
Workshop fees	218
Transfer from endowment <sup>2</sup>	55,218
Diocesan grant for operating expenses	6,136
Miscellaneous income	1,741
Interest	69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$299,350</b>

### EXPENSES

Grants to congregations	\$122,650
Conference expense (Mountain Grace)	3,588
Miscellaneous expense	1,607
Benefit Bank Tax/FAFSA Outreach project	14,451
VISTA project at Good Earth Farm	1,602
Staff compensation	38,000
Staff expenses	20
Professional development	982
Meetings/travel <sup>3</sup>	5,007
Postage, printing, and supplies	2,249
Accounting fees	5,739
Special events (Chocolate Fest)	3,481
Receptions for donors	41
Annual appeal and annual report (design, printing and mailing)	8,112
Contractors (web design, online database)	1,828
Insurance (most pre-paid in 2008)	1,048
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210,153</b>

<sup>1</sup> Annual fund contributions by individuals, churches, donor advised funds of community foundations, and the revenue after expenses from Chocolate Fest are used exclusively for community ministry grants to churches. These funds are placed in a restricted fund until paid out in the next cycle of grants. Most donations come in the last quarter of the year and are designated for grants awarded in January.

<sup>2</sup> This year’s withdrawal from the Bishop Blanchard Fund covered 85% of ECSF’s operating expenses apart from community ministry grants and special projects. The policy is to use 5% of the average value of the investments over the previous 12 quarters. The value of the Blanchard Fund on Dec. 21, 2010 was \$1,019,769.

The \$6,136 operating grant from the diocese and other project grants cover the rest of ECSF’s operating budget, which primarily consists of staff time for fundraising and technical assistance for community ministry, meeting and mileage, and the printing and mailing of fundraising materials.

<sup>3</sup> Staff mileage for travel around the diocese, space rental and meals for board meetings including annual retreat overnight, and snacks served at the regional listening sessions.