

St. Michael's Church

2023 Outreach Grant Recipients

Over the past several years, St. Michael's proudly supports the following organizations:

Barrington Area Council Aging (BACOA)

BACOA promotes vibrant, healthy aging by providing support, advice and counsel, and education to older adults, families, and caregivers. Services include assisting with government services, medical coordination, home management issues, bill paying, transportation needs, and working with volunteers from local churches/organizations to deliver 4,000+ daily meals each year to local adults who are unable to shop or prepare food on their own because of poor health or low income. BACOA also provides socialization programs to promote healthy aging and for adults with cognitive impairments.

Funds from St. Michael's support many of BACOA's programming including case management and their Meals on Wheels food delivery service.

Learn More: <https://www.bacoa.org/>

Barrington Back-To-School Giving Day

Barrington Giving Day provides necessities to children and their families within District 220 schools who either qualify as low-income or are experiencing a hardship. These families are sent invitations to attend Giving Day Events throughout the year. The Back-to-School event is held in August where families receive gym shoes, clothing, school supplies, health kits and other much needed items for the upcoming school year.

Funds from St. Michael's support the purchase of school supplies, toys and books in addition to the clothing items collected in our summer drive.

Learn More: <https://www.barringtongivingday.org/>

Barrington Youth & Family Services (BYFS)

BYFS is a community-based, nonprofit, social service agency that supports and encourages the social, psychological, and emotional well-being of community members in the Barrington area by providing a wide array of counseling services, outreach and preventative programming to children, teens, couples, and families. Their team of therapists specializes in a broad range of issues to help clients navigate difficult life circumstances and build healthier families.

Funds from St. Michael's are used to offer their clinical services on a subsidized basis. About 65% of their clients are on Medicaid or receive BYFS services on a highly subsidized basis.

Learn More: <https://www.barringtonbyfs.org/>

Bishop Anderson House

Bishop Anderson House is an interfaith agency in Chicago that focuses on “Advancing the well-being of individuals and communities where healthcare meets the human spirit” by providing spiritual care through 3 major points of focus:

Chaplaincy—Providing professional chaplains at Stroger Hospital; partnering with Rush University Medical Center to provide Community Based Clinical Pastoral Education

Education—Offering a 10 week Spiritual Care Visitor Training course as well as continuing education events for volunteer and professionals

Spirituality, Wellness and Prevention—Hosting self-care events in the Illinois Medical District, focusing on staff wellness

Funds from St. Michael’s support the professional chaplaincy services at Stroger Hospital of Cook County Health, helping serve those with the greatest need-- prisoners, uninsured, and many of Chicago’s poorest residents--including a weekly average of 15 burn and trauma patients and their families, pediatric and medical ICU patients, and others.

Learn More: <https://www.bishopandersonhouse.org/>

BStrong Together

BStrong Together was created to support parents, children and youth, community members and others impacting the lives of Barrington area children in the shared goal of raising happy, healthy, resilient, and adaptable children capable of successfully navigating the world of today and the future. To accomplish this, BStrong Together plans speaker events, hosts Conversation Circles and parent coffees, and other educational opportunities for parents and community members; develops programming for children and youth of all ages; hosts a robust website with resources on a wide variety of subjects designed to support and provide resources for parents, youth, and community members; and more.

Funds from St. Michael’s support operating expenses associated with creating the materials and programming presented to the community.

Learn More: <https://www.bstrongtogether.org/>

Chalice House

Chalice House is a shared project between Countryside Church in Palatine, the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (ICDI), and a coalition of community partners that provides temporary (6 – 24 months) housing and social services to clients (one family or up to three individuals) of ICDI who are in the United States seeking asylum. (Asylum seekers will have been determined by the U.S. government to have a credible fear justifying staying in the United States while their asylum petition makes its way through immigration court process.) Housing is provided in a 4-bedroom, 2- bathroom home that is owned by Countryside in Palatine, Illinois, adjacent to the main church building. Community-based housing such as Chalice House offers alternatives to detention while an immigrant’s case is pending so that families can stay together and immigrants don’t experience additional trauma in immigration detention centers.

Funds from St. Michael’s support one month’s rental expense and two months of social services provided by ICDI.

Learn More: <http://ccuu.org/chalice-house/>

Cumali (Chicago Urban Ministries and Life Interventions)

Cumali works to empower the homeless by engaging with them where they live on Lower Wacker Drive in Chicago without judgment or prerequisite. Once a week on Mondays, volunteers provide hot meals, socks, underwear, blankets, coats and other clothing. They also provide a ministry of presence and fellowship.

Funds from St. Michael’s support the purchase of food, supplies, socks, underwear, handwarmers and clothing.

Learn More: <https://www.cumali.org>

Food for Greater Elgin

The Food For Greater Elgin food pantry serves more than 2,000 low-income households within Elgin, South Elgin, East Dundee and West Dundee, comprising over 8,000 individuals of whom approximately 42% are children and 8% are elderly. Through its 9,400 square-foot facility and mobile distributions, using the client-choice distribution model, all shoppers can receive meat, fresh produce, dairy, deli, and shelf-stable items. FFGE’s clients also have access to its Community Resource Center, where they can connect to additional resources and community services. In addition, FFGE partners

with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to distribute food to smaller food pantries and soup kitchens.

Funds from St. Michael’s will support the FFGE programs by using the funding to purchase additional food due to increased need and rising food costs.

Learn More: <http://www.foodforgreaterelgin.org/>

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Habitat homeowners build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage, achieving the independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.

Programs include:

Home Construction & Lending—Building and renovating homes to be sold at fair market value to low-income families with 0% mortgage loans.

A Brush with Kindness—An exterior home preservation service that offers painting, landscaping and minor exterior repair services for low-income homeowners.

Critical Home Repair—Assists low-income homeowners with health, safety, or code violation issues on the interior or exterior of their homes, such as roof replacement, accessibility decks or ramps, and mechanical equipment replacement like furnaces and water heaters.

Funds from St. Michael's will be used to help rebuild a home at on Skyline Drive in Barrington – specifically for the purchase of building materials such as lumber, insulation, windows, drywall, flooring and cabinets.

Learn More: <http://www.habitatnfv.org/>

Holy Family Ministries

Holy Family Ministries provides opportunities for children and adults to excel academically, grow spiritually, expand life experiences and become effective leaders. Holy Family provides sanctuary in Chicago communities struggling with poverty and violence by educating youth for entrance into high performing, selective college prep high schools and instilling in them the values, character strengths and resilience needed to succeed in life. It serves more than 500 children across four programs open to all without regard to religion, race, gender or ethnicity:

Holy Family School (250 K-8 students) - A faith-based learning environment that nurtures intellectual, spiritual, social, emotional, and physical growth.

Little Learners Academy (80 children ages 3-5) - A full-day pre-school/childcare program that challenges young minds and makes learning an exciting process of discovery.

Adventures in Learning - An after-school (5 days a week) and summer program (2 4- week sessions) that provides tutoring, enrichment in arts, technology, and athletics. Summer sessions also include mini-camps in aviation, health, peace studies, and outdoor camping.

The Peace Exchange (6-8 teen/young adult leaders and 1,500 middle school students) - An anti-violence/peace program that trains young leaders in principles of peace that are shared in workshops within targeted low income, high crime area Chicago community schools.

Funds from St. Michael's supplement the difference between what parents can pay in tuition and operating costs for Holy Family School.

Learn More: <https://www.holyfamilyministries.org/>

Porch de Salomon provides humanitarian relief to the indigenous people of Guatemala's Lake Atitlan basin including food, clean water, school scholarships and counseling. They host short-term mission teams to build homes & community buildings and provide medical clinics.

Funds from St. Michael's are used to buy milk, eggs and beans and provide medical care. Learn more: <https://porchdesalomon.org>

Ravenswood Community Services provides food and supplies to their neighbors in the Ravenswood and surrounding neighborhoods in Chicago. They strive to offer services and connections to resources that help people realize health, stability and self-sufficiency. Every Tuesday night, they distribute fresh, nutritionally balanced groceries to 150-250 households.

Funds from St. Michael's will cover two months worth of groceries to supply our after-school market at two schools. These after-school markets allow parents to pick up needed groceries when they pick their kids up from school.

Learn more: <https://www.ravenswoodcommunityservices.org>

Rebuilding Together-Chicago improves homes and neighborhoods of people in need so they may continue to live in warmth, safety and comfort, in the spirit of volunteerism and community partnership. Since 1991, we have repaired 1,900 homes and 285 community facilities, with the assistance of tens of thousands of volunteers. We work in partnership with neighbors, community leaders, trade unions, service clubs, companies, and volunteers to improve Chicagoland homes and neighborhoods. We have found that our efforts, particularly when concentrated within a small geographic area, are sustainable and often act as a catalyst for additional neighborhood improvements.

Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is an affiliate of [Rebuilding Together](#), a national organization dedicated to providing critical home repairs, modifications and improvements.

Funds from St. Michael's were used to update a home in the Chicago area.

Learn more: <http://www.rebuildingtogether-chi.com>

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer's Family in Crisis Ministry provides emergency assistance to families in their surrounding community who are experiencing economic hardship. They also support a food assistance program and Christmas gift program.

Funds from St. Michael's help families in the Redeemer community with short-term emergency needs such as rent assistance, utility bills, medication.

Learn more: <http://www.redeemerelgin.org>

Revive Center for Housing and Healing

A Chicago non-profit who meets people experiencing homelessness where they are, and expertly connects them with food, housing, income, healthcare, and community. We help people change their lives and end the cycle of homelessness.

Funds from St. Michael's were used for operating expenses unable to be covered by government grants & funding.

Learn more: <https://www.revivecenter.org>

Microloans Program for the Renk Diocese of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan trains Sudanese women in business management skills who then receive loans to create businesses such as tea shops, restaurants and craft shops. The loans are paid back, with interest, to fund additional start-up loans. Most women are the head of their households and with their income have access to health care, food and school fees for their families.

Funds from St. Michael's will be used to expand training opportunities for the many women seeking membership in this innovative savings program.

St. Cyprian's Food Pantry provides access to food, nutrition education and related resources. In addition to their food pantry, St. Cyprian's has a clothes closet, lending library and provides assistance to individuals and families applying for state programs such as SNAP.

Funds from St. Michael's will be used to install heavy duty shelving and purchase platform carts to move food and donations upon delivery.

Learn more: <https://www.stcyprianefp.org>

St. Leonard's Ministries empowers formerly incarcerated men and women (“reentering citizens”) to lead whole and productive lives. St. Leonard’s House (men) and Grace House (women) provide emergency and case management service. St. Andrew’s Court and Harvest Commons provide permanent supportive housing. The Barlow Center provides education, employment training, job placement and retention services. The goal of these programs is to improve critical areas of the participants lives and achieve successful reentry.

Funds from St. Michael’s are used to support general operating expenses and enable St. Leonard’s to cover basic, yet necessary, costs.

Learn more: <https://slministries.org>