

St. Michael's Church 2020 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 "A Day Out," a twice-a-week program that offers an engaging and interactive setting for memory-challenged older adults while providing a much-needed break for their care providers, and the Memory Café, a monthly program for people with memory loss and their care partners, who can take part in fun activities in a relaxed setting.

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

Barrington Area Ministerial Association (BAMA)

The mission of BAMA is to work together for the Glory of God and the common good. Members include both clergy and lay representatives from Christian congregations and organizations in the Barrington area.

Funds from St. Michael's support monthly meetings, communications and collaborative efforts.

Learn More: <http://ministerialassoc.freehostia.com/>

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 necessities in addition to the clothing items collected in our summer drive. This year's annual clothing collection will be held from May 1 - June 30, 2020 (NEW CLOTHING ONLY this year for health and safety reasons).

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 support the continuation of the successful empathy and kindness preschool program, including BYFS staff hours for further curriculum development and training, school visits, snacks and t-shirts for students, and learning materials.

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 will support the development and implementation of an informational media campaign focused on children's physical and mental health and geared toward parents, educators, and others involved in the lives of Barrington area children and youth. The campaign will address mental health topics such as anxiety, stress, mindfulness and the development of healthy relationships, as well as physical health messages about vaping, underage drinking, and living a healthy lifestyle. Materials will be produced and distributed free-of-charge to local physician and mental health provider offices, schools, and other locations where parents and community members will have access to this information which is critical to the health and well-being of children, youth, and families.

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: N/A

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 replacing some of the funds lost from their canceled primary fundraising event, aiding in addressing rising food costs, and helping to create a solid foundation for the future work of FFGE.

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 build the home at 57 Elm Street in Carpentersville – 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/>

Journeys | The Road Home

Journeys serves the homeless and near-homeless in 37 communities across north/northwest suburban Cook County. Journeys coordinates PADS overnight shelters and, when someone is ready, prepares them to move out of homelessness through their Pathways Housing Readiness Program. In 2019, their day resource center, The HOPE Center, helped almost 900 people with housing concerns.

Funds from St. Michael's assist Journey's overall mission to end and prevent suburban homelessness.

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

Lawrence Hall is a community-based service agency embracing at-risk youth and their families by instilling resilience, healing and changing lives for good. They offer a workforce development program, a therapeutic day school, an acute residential care program and a transitional/independent living program for older adolescents.

Funds from St. Michael's support their programs and operations for youth in their care.

Learn more: <https://www.lawrencehall.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>

The Primo Center is committed to breaking the cycle of intergenerational homelessness and poverty for families. The Primo Center provides shelter and permanent housing, a unique mix of trauma-informed behavioral health services, an on-site early childhood center and family-centered home visiting services. The Primo Center is a place of safety and support from which families can heal and grow.

Funds from St. Michael's are used to purchase linens, housewares and a multitude of necessities for families while they reside at Primo Center.

Learn more: <https://www.primocenter.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 to cover costs associated with an increase in demand for meals including to-go containers, plastic utensils, bottled water and other packaging needs.

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

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>

Shelter Care Ministries provides daily and overnight shelter to individuals and families in the Rockford area. The Jubilee Center is a drop-in day center for adults with chronic mental illness. MAYA's House is a drop-in center for children under 5 whose families are homeless. Shelter Care offers a variety of supportive housing assistance including emergency shelter, traditional housing, rapid-rehousing and permanent supportive housing.

Funds from St. Michael's support operating expenses which government and corporate grants will not fund but are important to providing direct client services.

Learn more: <https://shelter-care.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>