

January 2012

Dear Friends of Outreach,

Happy New Year and thank you all for such a giving holiday season. See below for a 2011 Year in Review of where Epiphany's Mission and Outreach stands today and our goals for 2012:

Total number of organizations we support: 27

	<u>2011 actual</u>	<u>2012 plan</u>
Budget	\$24,900	\$35,150
Easter Offering:	\$5,608	\$4,500
Advent Giving Tree	\$3,000	\$3,000
3rd Sunday Offering:	<u>\$5,990</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$39,498	\$47,650

In our budget we are excited to be supporting many recent initiatives including Kids4Peace, Haiti, Rwanda's Reach and Chabha programs, Sri Lanka's Konavil Daycare center and Chikambuso's women and orphans in Zambia. Epiphany now has 2 funds used for dispersing grants for emergency relief, special programs or scholarships:

WE Global Mission Fund: \$18,991

Local Outreach Memorial Fund: \$12,558

See the Grants Committee update on page 8 for how our grants were distributed locally and over seas this year. For news about this past fall's outreach projects and upcoming Spring 2012 programs read on or go online @ http://www.3crowns.org/we_serve/overview.html.

We always welcome your participation:

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Please be in touch with either Betsy Walsh at 781-729-6598 or walshhome@mindspring.com or Kate Reynolds at 781-729-9618 or kateandjosh@kjreynolds.com to learn more about any one of the projects.

~ Kate and Betsy

Jan – May Opportunities to Serve

Mon., Jan
16

Honor Martin Luther King:
Blackstone and Kids 4 Peace Days of Service –
WMCN celebration see pp 2-3

Jan 21
8:30-11am

Epiphany Genesis (grades 6-8) Outing to *St Luke's*
soup kitchen and food pantry, p 3

2nd Sat
ea. mo.

Germaine Lawrence
www.signupgenius.com/go/germaine

2nd Tues.
ea. mo.

Rosie's Place in Boston, p 4 **sign up online @**
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/rosies>

4th Tues.
ea. mo.

Meals on Wheels **sign up online @**
www.signupgenius.com/go/meals1238

Mon,Wed,
Fri, various
times

Blackstone Library **or go online @**
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/blackstone>

Fridays 9-
11 am ea.
wk

St Lukes Food Pantry
sign up online @
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stlukes>

4th Sat ea
mo., 8-4
pm

Habitat for Humanity
contact John @ john.cuozzo@verizon.net

3rd Sat ea
mo. 8--1
(2 shifts)

St Lukes Soup Kitchen-**sign up online @**
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stlukes2>

2nd Sat.
Noon-4:30

Sat/Sun Bread
Contact mc.provo@verizon.net

March 3-10

El Hogar Mission Trip

March 17-
26

Haiti Medical Mission Trip

May 4 5-
7:30, May
5, 10-1 p

Spring Rummage Sale, **contact**
renientom@yahoo.com for more info.

May 12-22

Rwanda Mission Trip

Upcoming Events & What's New

Please join us at our
2012 Mission & Outreach
Planning Meeting
Monday, Feb 6,
7-9 pm
Location TBD



The Blackstone Library and MLK Day of Service January 16, 2012

by Eileen Marks



The Blackstone School has recently adopted the Open Circle curriculum, a social and emotional learning program for grades K-5 that fosters safe, caring and respectful learning communities. We are helping assemble the library of books that supports the curriculum. Go to:

http://www.3crowns.org/we_serve/blackstone.html
to view the list of books needed. If you have copies of any of these books in good condition that you can donate, please leave them in the marked box in Hadley Hall or contact Eileen Marks @ eileenmarks@verizon.net for pickup.

MLK Day of Service ! St. Stephens is coordinating a day of service at the Blackstone School on MLK Day, January 16th from 9-4. We will likely only need a handful of people in the library, but there will be projects going on all over the school and many volunteers will be needed. You can come for all or part of the day. Shifts 9-1 and 12 - 4.

To view the sign up for the MLK Day of Service or if you would like to volunteer on another day, go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/blackstone/



Kids for Peace Winter Update and MLK Day of Service

by Pam Chester

First, a warm thank you to everyone who gave so generously to Kids4Peace Boston by way of the Advent Giving Trees and also at the November 27 adult class. We raised more than enough to cover all the kosher and halal food for one camper next summer. K4P is so grateful for your support and interest!

Second, please spread the word that the application for the 2012 program is now available on the Kids4Peace Boston website, <http://www.kids4peaceboston.org/>- 11- and 12-year-old boys and girls of the three Abrahamic faiths are encouraged to apply for the twelve slots.

Third, consider attending the Martin Luther King Day interfaith day of service at Brandeis University-- Kids4Peace is co-sponsoring the activity for children under 12, but there are opportunities for kids 12-18 and for adults as well. Register at our Eventbrite site: <http://mlkdayofinterfaithservice2012.eventbrite.com> . For more information, contact ifyi@coopmet.org or 617-244-3650 or visit our website: www.coopmet.org .

Finally, watch for more news about Kids4Peace activities and educational events later this winter. Contact Pam Chester at 617-484-6088 to learn more.



**The Multicultural Network Presents:
Family Celebration of Dr. Martin
Luther King's Birthday**

Join the WMCN on Monday January 16 from 3-5 pm,
@ Winchester Unitarian Church in Metcalf Hall for
music performances, art displays and writing by
Winchester school children, a book fair, craft activities
and more.

**Multicultural Network
Town-wide Summit
Saturday, Feb 11, 2012
9 am to 3 pm
Winchester Town Hall**

To celebrate their 20th year, join the WMCN and
representatives from town gov't, public schools,
non-profits, faith communities and local
businesses to examine how Winchester can
capitalize on the new skills, perspectives, and
energy that increasing diversity brings to
Winchester. Visit www.gettowit.org to learn more.



Genesis Outing to St. Luke's, Chelsea

The Genesis group, our young people in grades 6-8, will be
volunteering in the soup kitchen and food pantry at St.
Lukes-San Lucas Episcopal Church on Saturday, January
21 at 8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Please contact Tricia Kennedy
at kennedy86@verizon.net if your middle school aged
child would like to participate. They will meet at
Epiphany to carpool.

**Spring Outreach Lenten Program
(Feb 22 – April 7)**

This year during Lent *Mission and Outreach* will join
Children's Ministry and Adult Ed with a focus on "A Time
For Everything (to turn)" based on Ecclesiastes 3.1-15
themed: "We Turn". At our February 6th meeting we will
discuss how this theme fits into supporting our many
Outreach ministries.

**Lenten Focus:
A Time for Everything (to Turn)
Ecclesiastes 3.1-15**

- 1 *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose
under the heaven:*
- 2 *a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time
to pluck up that which is planted;*
- 3 *a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a
time to build up;*
- 4 *a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a
time to dance;*
- 5 *a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones
together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from
embracing;*
- 6 *a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to
cast away;*
- 7 *a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a
time to speak;*
- 8 *a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of
peace.*



Spring Rummage Sale

(Proceeds Benefit Mission and Outreach)

by Celia Ceruolo

Did you know that most of the proceeds generated by the Rummage Sales benefit our Outreach Ministry? Here is how you can easily do your part to help:

- NEW this Spring the Genesis group will be selling delicious baked goods at this Spring's rummage sale. If you have a Genesis aged child and would like to join in, please help us bake or sell goods on Friday and/or Saturday !
- We need your stuff! This is a great opportunity to clean-out the basement or those cluttered closets! Bring these items to the church basement.
- Enter through the double doors in the Cloister Garden. Head straight down the stairs and into the room at the bottom of the stairs. Continue straight into the back of the room where you will find the rummage collection growing. Please note: Books should be delivered to the Old Parish Hall at the top of the stairs. We need:
 - Clothing and accessories for adults, children and babies
 - Kitchen equipment, dishes, serving trays, glasses, pots and pans, small appliances - coffee makers, mixers, cd players, lamps, picture frames, holiday decorations, bedding and towels
 - Toys of all kinds: games, puzzles, dolls, legos (please no stuffed animals)
 - Please no televisions, computers, microwaves, or air conditioners
- We also need your help. Please join us on any of the days below
- Lugging - We will be moving the donations from the Rummage Room in the basement to Hadley Hall after the education hour on April 29th. Please lend a hand and carry up a few loads!

- Sorting - Tuesday - Friday, May 1-4. It's sorting time! Sorting requires lots of help, please stop by even if you only have an hour to give!
- The Sale - Friday/Saturday May 4-5. The Sale! The first 5 minutes of the sale is a sight everyone should see! We need help on Friday from 5:00 until 7:30PM, especially for the first hour or so. On Saturday we need a few folks from 10 AM until 12:30PM.
- The Clean-up - Saturday, May 5 from 12:30PM until 1:30PM. We have had record breaking clean ups because of all of our wonderful helpers. We especially need folks with Winchester dump stickers. Let's see if we can clean it up in under an hour this spring !

Renie & Celia look forward to seeing you this May!



Carpool with us to Rosie's Place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to serve at Rosie's place. Rosie's is a ½ hr drive just south of Boston. We meet at Epiphany then drive in to help serve a healthy meal to approx. 80 women and children between 11:30 and 1 pm. Click on this link to sign up with others: <http://www.signupgenius.com/golrosies> .

St Luke's Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry

by Claudia Bell and Betsy Walsh

On the 3rd Saturday of every month, parishioners from Epiphany run the kitchen at St. Luke's, preparing and serving breakfast and lunch to the hungry in the community. Individuals and/or families are welcome to join in.

We arrive by 8am and finish at 1pm. To accommodate everyone's busy schedules, the time is broken into 2 time slots. Please sign up for either 8-10:30am or 10:30am - 1pm or for both. The food is provided- we just need to cook it and serve it! St. Luke's - San Lucas is easy to get to, has off street parking and welcomes children (recommended age of 8+). You may also have the opportunity to help upstairs

in the food pantry if you so desire. Sign up here @:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stlukes2>

Or, join us on a Friday morning at St. Luke's at 9:15 to help unload the food bank delivery, haul the boxes, stock the shelves and if time allows, start bagging food for distribution each Saturday. St. Luke's is located at 201 Washington Ave in Chelsea. There is plenty of off street parking. Kids are welcome. Sign up here @
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stlukes>

Thank You's

St Stephen's Turkey Wahoo

"Thank you for another amazing, phenomenal, remarkable, smooth, delicious, fun, and loving Turkey Wahoo. You all make a huge deal look very, very easy. We at St. Stephen's know it is not and thanks to every volunteer from Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester who put in the time and effort to make yesterday such a beautiful event. We are grateful for all that you do for St. Stephen's and the families we serve.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!"

The Rev. Liz Steinhauser, St. Stephens church, Boston

To read more about St Stephens click here:

<http://ssypbreadly.wordpress.com/2011/11/30/epiphany-winchester-comes-to-st-stephens-for-thanksgiving/>



The Advent Giving Tree

by Kate Reynolds

Thank you to so many for taking tags from the giving tree and helping make the holidays brighter for those in need. We put 456 tags on the tree from 19 different organizations Epiphany supports and over 380 gifts and financial donations were made. Everything from toys and clothing for mothers and children, kitchen and gardening supplies, books, blankets, and health cards were made. 86 donations for \$3,205 and 300 gifts were generously given. See details below and go to http://www.3crowns.org/we_serve/tree.html to learn more.



Giving Tree recipients:

1. Am. Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem (\$395)
2. Blackstone Library, Boston's South End (15 bks)
3. Books For South Africa (\$200)
4. Brookview House, Boston (gifts for 85 people)
5. Camp Starfish, Rindge, NH (50 items)
6. Chikambuso, Zambia (\$140)
7. El Hogar Ministries, Honduras (\$645)
8. Germaine Lawrence, Arlington (20 gifts for girls)
9. Habitat for Humanity- Merrimack Valley (\$65)
10. Haiti Medical Mission (\$125)
11. Kids4Peace, Middle East (\$350)
12. Microlending through Kiva.org (\$275)
13. Environmental Partnerships/Mt Calvary Holy Church, Boston (\$145 + 5 items for food program)
14. Saturday's/Sunday's Bread, Boston (\$105)
15. Sri Lanka Konavil Daycare Ctr for Orphans (\$150)
16. St. Luke's- San Lucas Community Kitchen, Chelsea (\$430)
17. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, South End (75, \$20 gift cards)
18. Winchester Multicultural Network (\$200)
19. Council for Social Concern, Woburn (52 gifts)

Books for South Africa

by Helena Champion

A big thank you to all our donors and to our wonderful volunteers, we could not get so much done without them!!! BSA serves the cause of literacy in sub-Saharan Africa. We ship donated books from Winchester, MA, and fund the purchase of books in Zulu, the language of early childhood education in KwaZulu Natal, SA. You can help to purchase books in Zulu, the language of early childhood education in KwaZulu Natal or help pay to move the books from Durbin, SA to the communities who need them. Go to: <http://booksforsouthafrica.org/ma> to learn more or visit <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sfrm=1#!/pages/Books-for-South-Africa/258810991175> Or, to volunteer, please call Michelle Ross @ (781) 756-0170 or contact Helena Champion @ 781-729-2102.



Children's Literacy for All (formerly Children's Book Shipments)

By Judy Coltman

Thank you to everyone who donated a new or gently used children's book during the past few book collections. In late October, 182 pounds of books were sorted and packed. Boxes of books were sent to children and families at:

- Brookview House
- Rosie's Place
- The preschool run by the Woburn Council of Social Concern
- The Reading Food Pantry
- Emerge Global in Sri Lanka
- The Recovery School District in New Orleans

My contacts at each of these organizations assure me that these books are well received and greatly appreciated!

We are now packing up the children's books that were remaining after the church fair in November. If you know of an organization that would like to receive books, please let me know.

Judy Coltman, 781-944-5739

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Walkathon Thanks

The Third Annual El Hogar Walkathon raised over \$26,000 to support the work of El Hogar Projects, a residential school for 250 of Honduras' poorest girls and boys. Thank you so much to each and every one of you who walked in, volunteered at or donated to this fun community event.

To learn more about El Hogar, please visit www.elhogar.org.

El Hogar Soups



Come one, come all ... Soup lunches will be served after Adult Ed and Sunday School on Sunday, January 15, 22, 29 and February 5 in Hadley Hall. The soup is being made by women travelling to Honduras in March. All proceeds will go towards the \$2,000 that must be raised to cover project supplies. Please come join us for fellowship and a warm bowl of soup and bread. The women's team will also be providing the dinner at the Annual Meeting on Wed Feb 8th at 6 pm. Your free will offering is greatly appreciated!



Daniela and Julie

Meeting Daniela at El Hogar

(published in the Winchester Star and Patch online news)

by Julie Dalton

Extreme poverty seems insurmountable, unstoppable. It's growing with uncomfortable momentum. As those of us fortunate enough to have safe homes to live in, view images of poverty on the evening news, it can feel distant, like it doesn't belong to us.

But poverty belongs to all of us. It belongs to Winchester, Boston, America and the world.

And it belongs to girl named Daniela who lives in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

I met her in March this year when I traveled to Honduras to an orphanage called El Hogar. I went there with a work team of 12 women ranging from our 20s to our 70s. Our goal was to work, to pour cement, paint walls, help in the classrooms and spend time with the children.

I did not go to El Hogar with the intention of spending time in the infirmary. But that's where I met Daniela. She was wheezing, coughing, struggling for breath at a group assembly one morning. I recognized the short, shallow breaths, the uncomfortable posture.

I looked at her and saw my own daughters, all of whom have asthma. I thought about our numerous Emergency Room visits, the nebulizer treatments at 3 am. I thought about rubbing my little girls' backs as their wheezing vibrated in my fingertips.

Daniela had only been at El Hogar for a few weeks when I met her. Having spent most of her life living in prison

with her mother who was serving time on drug charges, Daniela's asthma had gone unchecked her whole life.

She saw a doctor at El Hogar that day and got an inhaler, steroids and antibiotics. But, unlike my children, she didn't get to go home to a mother who would rub her back. She rested alone in the infirmary.

So I stayed with her that day. We talked. She tried, unsuccessfully, to teach me to knit. We made animals out of clay. She taught me the names of the animals in Spanish, and I taught her the English words. And I rubbed her back, acutely aware of the familiar vibrations in her lungs.

Her shy smile and reluctant giggles got under my skin and she wiggled her way into my heart. When I came home and told my family about Daniela, about growing up in a prison, that she had asthma just like them, that she didn't even know how old she was because no one remembered when she was born, my kids were silent for a few minutes.

One of my girls ran upstairs and brought down a twenty-dollar bill from her savings. She asked if she could sponsor Daniela. I explained that it cost more than \$20 to sponsor a child at El Hogar, to pay for their housing, education, healthcare, food and clothing. Pretty soon all my kids were offering me money, and together we agreed that our family would commit to supporting her at El Hogar.

By sponsoring her, we are playing a small part in breaking the cycle of poverty that traps so many children. She is getting an excellent education, and will learn a trade. She is safe and healthy, and has a bright future. Most importantly, she is valued and loved by her teachers, her dorm mates -- and by my family.

We exchange letters now, and I'm determined to go back to El Hogar to see Daniela soon. My oldest daughter went to El Hogar with the youth group from our church last year, my husband plans to go next year, and our second daughter hopes to go in two years.

I left a piece of my heart with Daniela. In exchange, I took home the responsibility for a poverty that I once thought did not belong to me. The reality is, we all share in the responsibility for poverty, in Honduras, in the world and right here in Massachusetts.

Third Sunday Offerings

September	Rosie's Place	\$873
October	Brookview House	\$774
November	Council for Social Concern	\$637
December	Germaine Lawrence	\$437
January	Multicultural Network	
February	Sat/Sun Bread	

Grants Committee Update

In 2011 a WE Global Mission Fund was created with funds donated from the Women of Epiphany dedicated to international missions. This fund is supplemental to the Outreach Memorial fund set up for local missions. To date the committee has made grants to the following missions:

WE Global Mission Fund

1. \$1,750 Haiti Mission Trip in March
2. \$1,000 to support Erika Almquist's mission trip to El Salvador Sept '11 – Aug '12,
3. Kids for Peace - \$700 campership; \$1,300 post camp support in the Holy Land

Outreach Memorial Fund

4. Freezer for St. Lukes Soup Kitchen, \$3,933
5. St Stephens one time contribution to art/teen room construction, \$5,000 renovation.

Go online @

http://www.3crowns.org/we_serve/overview.html

to learn how to submit an application and apply for an Outreach grant.
