

Outreach Ministry



The Episcopal Church is all about Outreach! When Our Presiding Bishop Katharine conducted Mass for us at the Women's Club, she presented us with a challenge – focus your energies on Outreach!

In 2009 this vital ministry moved to another level by electing a President, Jason Tardiff, and Secretary/Treasurer, Becky McKneely. The other dedicated members are Vickie Boleware, Katrina

Daugherty, Barrie Doucet, Carla Drew, Peggy Gagliardi, Barbara Gille, Harry Gille, Stephanie Matthews, Sue Ellen Mc Michael, Annette Sanders, Thomas Squiers, Cindy Taulli, and Peggy Walker.

The following are the 2009 Outreach Projects that have been successfully completed thanks to the participation of our St. Stephen's Episcopal Church family.

The Ronald McDonald House: This worthy project was coordinated by Sue Ellen McMichael. Members of the committee went to the Ronald McDonald House located in Fort Worth and prepared and served dinner for the families of the children who must remain hospitalized. This is where we all came to appreciate Becky's fabulous potato casserole. Our members continue to provide aluminum drink tabs for this charity and we plan to volunteer there again this year.

Abused Women's Shelter: Our next project was coordinated by Barrie Doucet. The whole St. Stephen's Family participated by bringing the things that were on the Wish List for the Abused Woman's Shelter in Richland Hills. Together as a church family we filled cars, suvs and vans with loads of things that were delivered to a very grateful shelter. We will certainly continue to help this charity.

The Armed Forces: Care Packages for our Armed Forces overseas was coordinated by Thomas Squiers. The things for the care packages came pouring in from St. Stephen's members. The committee held several meetings where we put together the packages. Becky McKneely found a source to ship the boxes for free and saw to it that they were all sent to these courageous soldiers.

Union Gospel Mission: This homeless shelter had a wish list of twin sheets and blankets so Jason coordinated this outreach project. It was called Trunk or Treat! Every Sunday one of the Committee Members would open their Trunk and collect twin sheets and blankets for this outstanding Mission. Treats were then handed out to the participants.

Helping a Family: A family lost everything they had in a robbery of their home and the people at St. Stephen's helped them put their life back together.

Christmas for the Union Gospel Mission: Becky McKneely took the lead on this project which provided Christmas Bears for the homeless children and Gift Cards for their Mothers staying at the Union Gospel Mission. Diane Snow said it best; "To a child a teddy bear is Jesus with fur."

Mid-Cities Children: Gloves and hats are still being collected to give to the Elementary Schools in the Mid-Cities area for children whose families can't afford them.

Thanks Be To God that we have such a wonderfully generous church family. Giving to others helps us all!