

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Once again, Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church was committed to helping others outside of our walls in 2010. We assisted others with both financial support and with direct assistance. Our tradition of tithing 10% of our regular offering to the work of the Lord was once again achieved. We were able to support the following organizations with our outreach:

ELCA	Transitional Housing Corporation
Metro DC Synod	Southeast Ministry
CCCFP	LSS Walk-A-Thon for the Homeless
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	N Street Village
Christmas in April	Special Needs Retirement Fund
Calvert Literacy Council	The Community of St. Dysmas
Thorn Memorial Golf Tournament	SMECO Project Match
Lutheran Disaster Response (Haiti)	ELCA Global Mission Support
Camp Zeno Mountain	Friends of Gettysburg Seminary
Camp Youth Haven (LSS)	ELCA Good Gifts
Barstow Therapeutic Camp	Souper Bowl of Caring
Camp Victor	Koforidua Orphanage

Throughout the year, several projects were part of our outreach. Two of our primary outreach projects involved providing food for the less fortunate throughout the year. On the fourth Sunday of each month, our volunteers provided dinner to the residents of Project ECHO. We also collected nonperishable food for the Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry.

During January, children's books were collected for the Latino Ministry in Langley Park. These books are used with Latino children to help them learn English. This is a project of the University of Maryland Lutheran Campus Ministry. In March, Safe Nights was housed at Saint Nicholas. Over 80 volunteers assisted in a number of ways to give 17-20 homeless a warm place to sleep and three meals a day!

In April, a neighbor's house was spruced up, thanks to the Christmas in April team. In May, three members participated in the Bee for Literacy hosted by the Calvert Literacy Council. In addition, teddy bears were donated to Calvert Hospice in honor or memory of mothers for Mother's Day.

In July, Saint Nicholas "showered" Birthright of Prince Frederick with diapers, wipes, formula, blankets, etc. In August, school supplies were collected and donated to area schools. In September, personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies were collected for Project Echo residents.

Gently used coats were collected in October. Holiday baskets were purchased for the needy for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. In November and December, Saint Nicholas participated in the Tree of Angels Program and the Gifts of Hope Program

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Please continue to support our efforts in 2011! *The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this to one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!'* MATTHEW 25:40(TEV)

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