

# Welcome to Grace Church's Outreach Committee Homepage!

Welcome to the Grace Outreach Homepage, providing information about our charitable work at Grace Church of Hinsdale on behalf of numerous charitable agencies throughout the Midwest and internationally.

Grace Church's Outreach Committee meets periodically on the first Monday of the month to discuss Outreach initiatives and how we can improve our efforts to work with designated Episcopal charities across the globe. Specifically, we target faith-based charities that have some tie to the Episcopal Church and preferably a nexus to the Chicagoland area. We conduct various Parish-based initiatives throughout the year to increase awareness and raise funds to support the multiple beneficiaries depicted on this website.

On behalf of our Committee, we pledge ourselves to assisting the needy and rallying the Parish around Outreach. We are always looking for new volunteers and hope that you will join us in our Outreach efforts.

Grace Outreach – helping people through Christ.

*Donald D. Hindman  
Outreach Chair 2007*

## *Outreach Mission Statement/Fundamental Beliefs:*

The mission of the Grace Episcopal Church Outreach Committee is to align itself with, lead, and coordinate the efforts of the Parish community to help bring hope, happiness and spiritual enrichment to thousands of people through Christ. The local, regional and global Outreach efforts are designed for people struggling with challenges related to homelessness, hunger, natural disasters, and other difficulties.



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## Committee Members

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Kathleen Worrall

Mike Worrall

## 2007 GOALS

- Raise \$32,500 for approved Outreach initiatives, excluding St. Gregory's Episcopal School;
- Add Lawrence Hall Youth Services as a beneficiary and recruit a champion to spearhead this initiative;
- Engage confirmands and youth in Outreach; and
- Support existing initiatives.

## Recap of 2006 Fundraising Efforts

Amount Raised	\$59,824
(including in-kind donations)	
Matched by the Vestry	\$27,672
Total Donated	\$87,496

# Grace Outreach Initiatives

Throughout the year, our Outreach Committee runs many Parish initiatives to garner support of from our generous parishioners for our Outreach beneficiaries. These initiatives include the following parish-wide fundraising efforts which are both fun and lucrative for their respective beneficiaries:

- ***Crop Walk*** - Each year a hearty group of parishioners ventures out during the third weekend of October to participate in the Crop Walk to benefit Church World Service. Cheryl Kern is the Parish's champion and we encourage all the parishioners to join us this October!
- ***Easter Baskets & Christmas Baskets*** - Susan Owens, Beth Kaczynski and others do an outstanding job of gathering Easter and Christmas basket supplies for needy families and seniors throughout Chicagoland. For Easter 2007, the Parish "adopted" 15 families supplying them with foodstuffs and other holiday items. The Parish has raised in excess of \$20,000 in recent years, through in-kind donations and cash donations to support this great initiative.
- ***Back to School Supplies*** - Each August, Mike and Kathleen Worrall tirelessly gather and assemble 80+ backpacks with school supplies and other items to assist kids throughout the Chicagoland area. The Back to School Supplies Initiative benefited many of our charities in 2006 and raised substantial Outreach funds for these worthy causes.
- ***Loose Change Globes*** - Look around the Parish and you'll see several world globes with holes cut in them where you can discard your loose pocket change to benefit our Sister Diocese in Renk, Sudan. Dan Kimberly heads up this initiative which raises significant dollars to benefit this very worthy cause.
- ***Youth Confirmands*** - One of our stated goals for 2007 is to increase the awareness of Outreach among our confirmands and secondary school youth group at Grace Church. John Suprock is heading up this initiative which will recruit confirmands, secondary school students, and Grace High School students to participate in Outreach and gain valuable experience and additional items for their resume.
- ***Knitting Circle*** - Julie Walski, Kathleen Worrall, and other parishioners meet frequently to create items of clothing to benefit the needy at Shelter Care Ministries. Join Julie's Knitting Circle and give a sweater to the needy!
- ***The Mitten Tree*** - Pam Butler and other parishioners gather mittens and hats in the Fall of each year to be distributed to HeadStart, St. Gregory's and other Outreach beneficiaries. Look for their mitten tree in Parish Hall and feel free to contribute!
- ***Hinsdale Area Food Pantry*** - Julie Walski, Evelyn Sikorski, Suzanne Arch and other parishioners head up an initiative each year to gather canned and shelf-stable food items from the parishioners to benefit Hinsdale Community Service and the Hinsdale Food Pantry. Keep your eyes open for the boxes which eventually find their way to the altar for blessing prior to donation!
- ***McDonald's Tabs*** - Each year Cass Beuk collects pull tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Look for the pop-top can tab jar residing in the church's kitchen and feel free to help in this worthy cause.
- ***GEM's St. Gregory*** - Grace Episcopal Men has an ongoing initiative to support St. Gregory's School for Boys in the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago. Gem's has raised in excess of \$250,000 to support St. Gregory's and looks forward to its semi-annual Starfish Gala in October of '07!

***And many others.....***There are numerous additional Outreach initiatives too numerous to mention on this web page, suffice is to say that we are blessed with a very active and giving Parish that last year raised in excess of \$80,000 to support very worthy charities. For additional information, contact Donald D. Hindman at (847)472-6410.

# 2007 Outreach Beneficiaries & Their Champions



The goal of Aunt Mary's Storybook Project is to provide parents with a positive way to reach out to their children while incarcerated. The project promotes a healthy relationship with a positive focus on literacy. It also encourages being connected as a family during difficult times. *Champions are Julie Walski and Kathleen Worrall.*

[www.cjtinc.org](http://www.cjtinc.org)



Cathedral Shelter's mission is to minister with love and compassion among and with the most vulnerable of our community – particularly those suffering from addiction – through crisis intervention, addiction recovery, community assistance and life skills development. *Champions are Susan Owens, Beth Kaczyski and John Suprock.* [www.cathedralshester.org](http://www.cathedralshester.org)



Church World Service is a cooperative humanitarian ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations, providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries. Church World Service is part of the ecumenical family of the [National Council of Churches USA](http://www.nationalcouncilofchurchesusa.org). *Champion is Cheryl Kern.* [www.churchworldservice.com](http://www.churchworldservice.com)



The HeadStart Association is committed to enhancing the development of children, empowering families and strengthening communities. *Champions are Mike Worrall and Pam Butler.* [www.ilheadstart.org](http://www.ilheadstart.org)



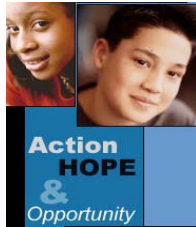
Heifer works to end hunger and poverty, and care for the earth by providing appropriate livestock, training and related services to small-scale farmers and communities worldwide. *Champion is Kathleen Worrall.* [www.Heifer.org](http://www.Heifer.org)



Hinsdale Community Service and Hinsdale Food Pantry provide a warm-hearted and efficient method of emergency or interim help to their neighbors whose needs cannot be met by existing government agencies. *Championed by Julie Walski, Suzanne Arch and Susan Owens.*

[www.hinsdalecommunityservice.org](http://www.hinsdalecommunityservice.org)

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One of the oldest child-welfare agencies in Illinois, Lawrence Hall Youth Services, delivers an essential continuum of care- a lifeline of action, hope, and opportunity – that enables children to build more promising futures. And their own success stories. *Championed by Bill Sheehan.*

[www.lawrencehall.org](http://www.lawrencehall.org)



*Sister Diocese in Renk, Sudan* - According to Bishop William Persell, Companion Diocese relationships are intended to benefit both partners through mutual encouragement and prayer for one another; intensified knowledge of and concern for one another; and the exchange of resources, both spiritual and material. *Championed by Julie Walski and Dan Kimberly.*



Located in inner-city Chicago, St. Gregory's mission is to provide affordable, faith-based education to at-risk boys, preparing them for success in competitive high schools. *Championed by Grace Episcopal Men's Group.* [www.sges.net](http://www.sges.net)



Shelter Care Ministries is an outreach of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Rockford, IL. They serve families who are homeless and people living with mental illness. *Champion is Julie Walski.*

[www.shelter-care.org](http://www.shelter-care.org)



The Mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. *Champions are Beth Kaczynski, Julie Walski and Barbara Thirman.* [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)



The Sandwich Board Soup Kitchen at Trinity Church, Aurora, has been serving low income and homeless individuals and families for over 20 years. *Champions are John Gooch and Evelyn Sikorski.*

[www.episichicago.org/inititives.cfm?GID=4](http://www.episichicago.org/inititives.cfm?GID=4)