

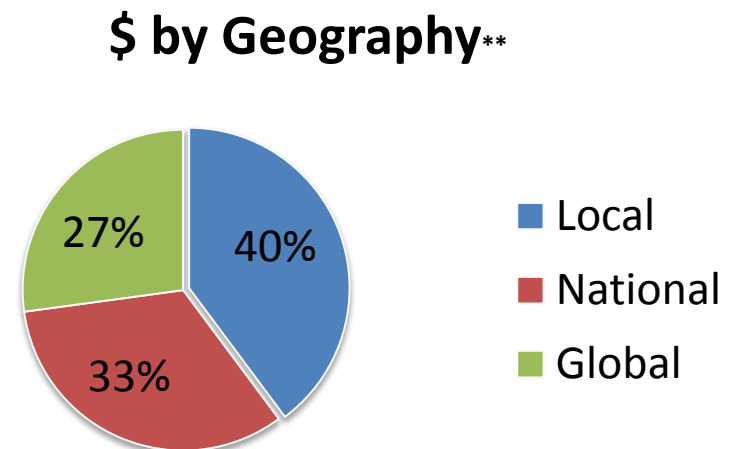
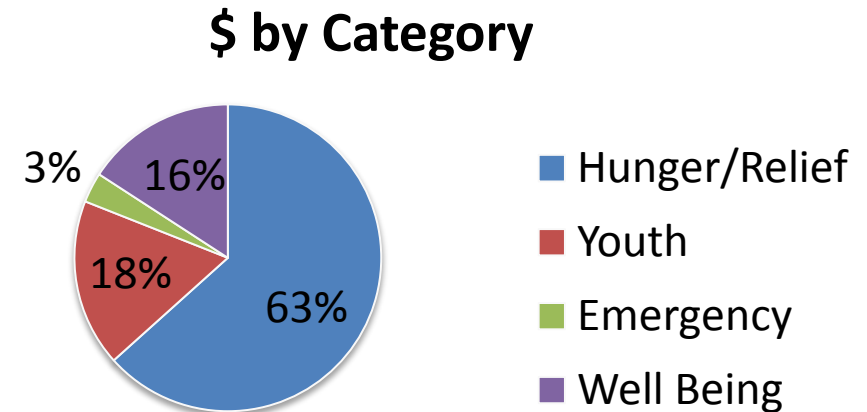
The Social Concerns Committee of St. Matthews Parish

Committee Mission & The Service Sponsorship Process

December 19, 2010

Leading By Example – Social Works of St. Matthews Parish

Parishioners currently lead or support over 35 social service activities providing great benefit to neighbors and friends around the globe. Resource commitments include countless volunteer hours and over \$220 K of financial support.



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*Number of St Matthews sponsored initiatives

**SCC target is 50% local, 25% national, 25% global

Current Social Service Initiatives at St. Matthew's Parish

Please inform the SCC of any initiatives not listed below:

Social Service & Outreach Programs

(as of December 3, 2010)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Leader</u>
<u>Local</u>	-	-	<u>Global</u>		
Catholic Communications	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Diocesan Collection	Fair Trade Show	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Sue Kersten & Elizabeth Robinson
Thanksgiving Turkey Meal	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Ed Keegan	Haiti Relief		
Holy Trinity (Passaic) Parish Support	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Fr Dan Murphy	Food Drive	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Steve Gephardt
Interfaith Furnishings	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Jack Dugger	Education	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Steve Gephardt
Food Pantry	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Jeff Mantell	Home Repair	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Steve Gephardt
Homeless Solutions	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Jeff Mantell	Operation Backpack	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Kathe Naddaff
Hope House	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Jeff Mantell	Nicaragua Missionary Trip	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Lisa Gerardi
Survival Backpacks	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Jeff Mantell	Holy Land - Good Friday	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Diocesan Collection
Boy Scout/Cub Scouts	Youth Development & Well Being	Jeff Mantell & Jim Murray	Mission Sunday	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Diocesan Collection
Senior Resource Center	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Jim Hackett	European Churches	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Diocesan Collection
St. Francis Res Community	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Karen Fullam	Operation Rice Bowl	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Diocesan Collection
Paterson Turkey Drive	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Kathe Naddaff	Missionary Co-Op	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Diocesan Collection
Giving Tree	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Kathe Naddaff & Liz Ritter	Black & Indian Missions	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Diocesan Collection
JT's Kitchen	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Kathe Naddaff & Liz Ritter	Catholic Campaign for Human Development	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Diocesan Collection
Easter Baskets	Youth Development & Well Being	Kathe Naddaff & Liz Ritter	Bishop's Overseas Relief Fund	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Diocesan Collection
Meals on Wheels	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Linda Kilponen	Modhen Orphan Relief Effort		
Merry Heart Assisted Living	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Mary Fitzgerald	SMP Facilities Usage	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Father Dan Murphy
Sunrise Assisted Living	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Mary Fitzgerald	Poinsetta Sale	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Father Dan Murphy
5th Wednesday Meal	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Pat Dwyre	African Orphan Vaccination Program	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Father Dan Murphy
Bridges Outreach	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Tom Meola & Beth Hart			
<u>National</u>	-	-			
Retirement Fund for Religious	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Diocesan Collection			
Crop Walk	Hunger & Poverty Relief	JoAnn Claps			
Kentucky Missionary Trip	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Lisa Gerardi			
Pillowcases for Troops	Personal & Spiritual Well Being	Liz Ritter			
New Orleans Reconstruction	Disaster & Emergency Relief	Peg McLean			
Mississippi Clothing Drive	Hunger & Poverty Relief	Steve Gephardt & Steve Kilponen			

Creating a Social Concerns Committee

Why was this committee formed?

- Highlight principles of Catholic social justice
- Establish parish service objectives
- Implement & lead parish sponsorship of service activities
- Represent parishioner interests concerning donation requests
- Increase productivity of parish donations

Activities To Date

Momentum is building.

- Established committee members and defined purpose
- Created inventory of parish social services
- Established and implemented sponsorship framework
- Created social service targets for 2011
- Beginning to expand parish service efforts & results

Expanding Parish Reach by Coordinating Efforts

Mission Statement – Social Concerns Committee: Empower and facilitate the parish community to proclaim the Good News through practical works of justice, charity and peace by responding to the needs of God’s people on a local, national and global level; authenticating our gospel values.

Environmental Challenges:



Step 1: Mobilizing Parish Resources via Sponsorship

Review of covered activities via the sponsorship process described below enables St. Matthews to mobilize limited resources to achieve parish service objectives.

Identify Service Opportunities (Parishioners) – sponsorship initiatives include:

- Emergency & Disaster Relief
- Hunger and Poverty Relief
- Personal Development & Well Being – health, safety, human rights, protection of disadvantaged
- Spiritual & personal development

Request Sponsorship (Parishioners)

- New sponsorship requests will be reviewed upon request; existing programs will be reviewed periodically
- Service activities included in other ministries such as religious education to work within published guidelines without need to actively request sponsorship
- Sponsorship consideration begins with a brief description of the requested initiative
- Sponsorship request forms are available at www.stmatthewsrandolph.org/socialconcerns (pending)

Evaluate New Sponsorship Requests (Social Concerns Committee):

- Beneficiary and provider benefits, including ability to validate initiative need and effectiveness
- Uniqueness of program value provided by St Matthews and derived by beneficiaries
- Availability of required resources at St Matthews and contribution to parish service objectives
- Creation of potential hardships as a result of cessation of sponsorship
- Risks to beneficiaries and/or participants
- Alignment with targeted mix of initiatives

Review Portfolio of Service Initiatives (SCC & Parishioners)

- Identify targeted mix of initiatives across sponsorship categories
- Prioritize allocation of limited financial resources
- Benchmark effectiveness of individual initiatives

Sponsorship Considerations

Please keep the following additional points in mind when submitting requests:

- Please allow up to 1 month for consideration of requests
- SCC may revert with questions or suggest modifications
- Parish funding supports expansion of activities
- Minimum funding request is \$250
- All activities will be reviewed periodically
 - Annual reviews for all funding requests – no multi-year commitments are available
 - Other activity updates will be requested every 2 years
- Please be specific regarding:
 - Date(s) of activity
 - Resource requirements
 - Expected benefit, means to measure program effectiveness and financial safeguard

Future Directions

Committee activities continue to evolve and may grow to include:

- Expand parish service objectives:
 - Target mix of initiatives
 - Allocation of resources
- Establish service related fundraising
- Publish initiative review process
- Foster awareness
 - Identify needs
 - Seek proven programs & innovative solutions
- Report results to and solicit feedback from parish

FAQ's

Please let the Social Concerns Committee membership know of additional questions:

- ***Why is sponsorship approval necessary?***

- *To ensure stewardship requests support Catholic teaching and make most productive use of parish resources.*

- ***Is funding available to support appropriate service initiatives?***

- *St. Matthews has a limited budget available to support approved service initiatives on an annual basis. Funds will be allocated to applicant requests based upon evaluation criteria summarized on slide 4. A small portion of the annual budget will be held in reserve to allocate to emergency/disaster situations which might arise around the globe during the year. Multi-year commitments are not possible at this time.*

- ***How and when do I submit an application for St. Matthews Parish sponsorship?***

- *Sponsorship requests which do not seek funding from the St. Matthews budget, but may include requests for parishioner donations may be submitted at any time. The Social Concerns Committee will evaluate applications periodically based upon demand but please allow 1 month for response. Funding requests will be evaluated annually.*

- ***Who will evaluate my application and how will approval decisions be made?***

- *The Social Concerns Committee reviews all service related requests for sponsorship. The committee will evaluate requests in line with Catholic social teaching, resource allocation targets established by the committee and considerations summarized on slide 4.*

- ***How can I help the Social Concerns Committee or one of our parish service initiatives?***

- *If you are interested in serving on the SCC or a parish service initiative please contact a member of the SCC. We will be able to direct you to leaders of individual service initiatives.*

Social Concerns Committee Membership

If you have additional questions please contact a member of the Social Concerns Committee:

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Steve
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Jim
Hackett

Ed
Keegan

Linda
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