

# ANNUAL TITHE DISTRIBUTION 2015-2016

## Tithe is 15% of gross offertory

### SOLICITED GRANTS

We, the Funding Committee of Outreach, through prayerful discernment, believe our responsibility and accountability for the distribution of the parish tithe is based on furthering Catholic Christian values and empowering people to meet their most basic needs. Our charitable giving is focused on providing direct support to promote, nurture and sustain the physical, mental, emotional or spiritual well-being of the people. Percentage distribution of the parish tithe is 15% of the Parish Offertory.

**Arvada Community Food Bank** –has the need to purchase supplemental food for the Client Choice Pantry, Feeding the Future Backpack and Mobile Pantry programs that are normally not donated – fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy and proteins.

**Blessed John XXIII University Parish** (RAM CATHOLIC Campus Ministry-will be used for the Aggrionamento Institute Speaker Series and Catholic Studies Program.

**Carin' Clinic** The grant helps provide affordable, high quality health care services to children ages birth through 19 of low income families who have no access or limited access to health care, thus promoting healthy children, healthy families and a healthy community.

**CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates-Jefferson Co. Abuse/Neglect Cases) This grant will be used to meet the recruitment and training costs of our target goal of 70 additional CASA volunteers, who advocate in court for abused and neglected children. This will enable them to serve additional child victims.

**Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen** Grant money will be used to purchase supplies in addition to those donated. These include meat, produce, canned goods, beverage and paper products, all used exclusively to serve approximately 3,500 meals per year to the homeless and hungry. Extra food is given to the guests in containers or donated to Dolores Project, New Genesis Shelter and/or Denver Rescue Mission.

**Centro San Juan Diego** Grant will be used to build and support the ability of Spanish speaking immigrant families to integrate successfully into American society and to achieve economic self-sufficiency and social wellbeing; to support the provision of culturally competent adult education, personal development and family support services, including emergency services.

**Centura Home to Health Foundation**-Funds will support hospice care for the underserved patients at St. Anthony Hospice, the longest running Catholic sponsored hospice program in the Denver metro area. Goal is to provide quality end-of-life pain free care for patients so they may make the most of remaining days.

**Church of St. Elizabeth of Hungary** The Church assumes all overhead for the Sandwich Line Ministry. All grant funds are used to purchase for preparing a simple meal of soup, sandwich and dessert for their guests.

**Colorado Homeless Families** Funding provides Transitional Housing, Emergency Assistance, Case Management, Counseling, Educational Seminars, Support Group Meetings, Summer youth Program, and a Food/clothing/furniture Bank for families in the CHF program who are working towards self-sufficiency. 100% of the families served at CHF are homeless or families at risk of homelessness.

**Colorado Vincentian Volunteers** –This grant will be used to help fund 4 new volunteers who serve at Health sites in the Denver Health SET and Stout Street Clinic in their respective needs for each organization.

**The Conflict Center** The Conflict Center's (TCFC) School Program is a comprehensive social and emotional learning program in which school staffs utilize our curricula to teach communication, conflict resolution, peacemaking and relationship building skills, utilizing restorative approaches and practices, in order to engage students, prevent exclusionary discipline, reduce truancy and dropout rates, and increase academic success. Funds are primarily requested to support work at Foster Elementary School, offer the full School Program including work in the area of restorative practices and approaches.

**Denver Works** Funds will support the unemployed and those with barriers to employment to become self-supporting through job preparation and placement.

**Disability Law Colorado** The Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR) and Protection and Advocacy for Adults and Children with Developmental Disability (PADD). These programs primarily serve low income Coloradoans who have nowhere else to go for legal advice and representation. Clients of these programs are individuals with mental illness, physical and or developmental disabilities, survivors of traumatic brain injury and older people living in long-term care facilities.

**Dominican Sisters** provides the poor, sick elderly of the metro area with free vital nursing care, health related services and continuous, regular instruction to support their goal to "age in place" and remain self-sufficient in their homes in a way that is safe, healthy and as independent as possible for as long as possible. They serve an average of 650 to 750 people.

**El Porvenir** Grant will provide support for our WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene education) project plus watershed restoration program in Ciudad Dario and Terrabona to meet the basic needs of 5,500 rural Nicaraguans. The projects are more than construction projects as they include in-depth training on project use and maintenance.

**Family Tree/Women in Crisis** Funding will provide for their domestic violence shelter, Women in Crisis. Our support helps them to continue to provide emergency assistance and other supportive services including advocacy, education and outreach services to the community as well as on-site health care services for their residents.

**Freedom Service Dogs** Funding for this program would provide a service dog at no cost to the client or their families. Each year this program rescues 100 dogs from shelters, provides these dogs with training necessary to become full access service dogs, and places 32 into teams with clients who are experiencing a disability. These disabilities can vary from autism to spinal cord injuries to post traumatic stress disorder in veterans returning from combat.

**Growing Home** is comprised of dual generation programs that help guide families toward healthy, self-sufficient lives. Our emergency services include shelter for families with children, a food pantry offering healthy, kid friendly foods, homeless prevention assistance to enable families to overcome short term financial crisis and wrap around case management support to strengthen the whole family. In addition, we work with families to help them achieve stability for the long term.

**Hands of the Carpenter** Provide automobile repair, maintenance and car donations for low income single mothers and widows.

**Hope House** Grant supports the operation of their Residential Program, empowering teen moms to move toward self-sufficiency and understand their significance in God's sight.

**Inner-City Health Center** Funds from this grant will be used to support Inner City Health Center's Prenatal Program. An estimated 220 mothers and babies will benefit from office visits, ultrasounds and laboratory tests.

**Inter-Church Arms** Provides food and emergency financial aid to pay rent, utility, grocery and medical bills for people in NE Jefferson or NW Adams County. This is an ecumenical effort.

**The Action Center/fnaJeffco Action Center** Funds will be used to offset expenses the organization incurs providing emergency intervention, prevention and connection services to the people of Jefferson County. The Center provides a hand up not a hand out to low income at risk and underserved residents of Jeffco. They first address emergency food, clothing and shelter issues facing participants. They then provide participants one on one, Case-Management services to help them work toward and realize true self-sufficiency.

**Maria Droste Counseling** Funds will support the Option and Children First program. Options provide affordable counseling for working poor adults, children and families. Children First provides school-based counseling services to hundreds of at-risk children in the Denver area, so that they can develop new skills, improve peer relationships, focus on their academic performance and succeed in school.

**Marycrest Assisted Living** Funds will help implement a resident nutrition program to include dietary consultations to improve Marycrest's dietary offerings for Marycrest residents and equip them to manage chronic health conditions such as diabetes through nutritional education and coaching.

**Mount St. Vincent** Grant funds will be used to support their Animal Assisted Therapy program. The children we serve are faced with a number of challenges. They struggle with forming relationships and have high levels of anxiety due to the abuse, neglect and trauma they experienced in their young lives. Animal Assisted Therapy offers a non-threatening way for traumatized children to heal from their wounds.

**New Foundations** The funds will support the Alternatives to Violence Project workshops and support groups that help people in the criminal justice system to learn new ways to respond to anger, frustration and conflict without violence. The extensive, experiential workshops allow participants to practice skills in affirmation, communication, cooperation, conflict resolution and community building.

**Project Angel Heart** Funding will support Project Angel Heart's efforts to provide medically-tailored home-delivered meals to 30 critically ill Arvada seniors in 2015-2016.

**Ralston House** Ralston House Child Advocacy Center is the only provider of pediatric sexual assault medical examinations of children and teens in the Metro Denver area and funds would be used to provide medical examinations (at \$350 each) for 28 child/teen victims of sexual assault.

**Sacred Heart House of Denver** Funds will be used to help provide the services of the In-House Stabilization Program—emergency housing, food, clothing, transportation, case management with referrals to resources in the community and life skills classes—to homeless mothers with children and single women to help them move into stable housing and become self-sufficient.

**Sacred Heart Parish** The grant will support the celebration of Holy Sacraments and will provide religious education, family advocacy, and emergency services. They recognize that in order to further our mission of nurturing the spirit of God's people with his Word, we must also respond to the basic human need for food and shelter.

**San Alfonso Mission-Juarez, Mexico** Funds will help us purchase an ob-gyn ultra sound machine for the medical clinic in Juarez, Mexico.

**SCOPE-Project-Africa** Funds will install rainwater-harvesting systems including hand-washing stations at 3 poor rural primary schools operated by the Catholic Church.

**Senior Assistance Center** Grant will be used for Emergency Services support. Their pilot program, the Mobile Food Bank, will help them reach the hidden hungry within their emergency services.

**St. Francis Center** This grant will be used to help provide emergency shelter services to people who are homeless and on the street and in need of a safe place to go. It will help provide safe shelter, showers, storage space, mail and phone services, and clothing to more than 10,000 of the most vulnerable people in Metro Denver.

**St. Thomas Aquinas, Boulder, CO** The funds from this grant will be used to support Buffalo Awakening Retreats in the fiscal year 2015-2016.

**Stout Street Foundation** They provide funding for GED program purposes in the way of tests and study materials during the funding period. While this project does not create any income, it is an investment in the lives of our residents and their families. **SVD –Divine Word Missions)** Education in Bible studies that support the catechists in the rural area of Los Rios. There are 30 rural communities (2,700 parishioners) for one priest. The priest can only visit each small church about once a month. The funds will provide catechists training and retreats.

**The Delores Project** This grant funding for their Steps to Stability Program will provide homeless women with access to longer term shelter and supportive services,

**The Gathering Place** This grant will support the Food Services program, which provides nutritious food in the Dining Room, the choice food pantry (AKA Betsy's Cupboard) and the child friendly food pantry in the family programs. More than 9,000 individuals seek services at TGP annually and the kitchen serves more than 65,000 meals and the pantries provide more than 65,000 pounds of groceries.

**United with Migrants, Inc.** (provides the Food Pantry in Brighton, CO for 3,000 migrant families in Weld County) Food is the most basic necessity of human life and the grant will be used only to purchase food for the Food Pantry. United with Migrants, has no paid employees, overhead or reimbursable expenses.

**Urban Peak** Support received will be used towards Urban Peak's 40 bed emergency shelter and supportive services for homeless youth in the Denver metro area.

**Vincentian Provincial House, Padra, Rewa, India** St. Thomas Province is a Mission Province in north India. This is the mission area that Fr. Jacob serves. They have selected 10 villages to implement this literacy program for the non-going and drop out children. There are 25 drop out students being helped to continue their studies. They are sent to their mission schools. Moreover about 200 children regularly for make use of this literacy program in 10 centers in Rewa.

**Warren Village** The grant will be used for: 1) providing transitional housing to 150 low income, single parent families; 2) Helping 150 parents increase their capacity for achieving self-sufficiency and 3) providing quality early care and education to 106 at risk children.

**Work Options for Women** Funding will help support three specific components of their Culinary Job Skills program: *Bring Your Game to Work*, their work ethic fundamentals training; Advanced Skills classes; and their Hot Lunch Program which provides hot lunches for students participating in their daily training.

**WOUNDED WARRIORS FAMILY SKI WEEK** The grant will only be used to help finance the actual expenses of the event. The grant will be used to fund the activities that are provided to the wounded

warriors and their families. The committee that organized and produces this event are all unpaid volunteers.

**Youth Encouragement Services** This grant will provide for the physical, hygiene, education, food, water and counseling of the children at Manna Rescue Home, Africa This will include clothing, bedding, food, medical supplies, school fees and supplies, and HIV counseling services.

## **IN-HOUSE OUTREACH MINISTRY ALLOCATIONS**

### **Missions/2<sup>nd</sup> Collections**

### **Emergency/Pastoral Allocation**

**Birthright** make “bunting” items for infants and maternity clothes for mothers

**Blankets for Babies** make Afghans, quilts and receiving blankets for newborns

**Fair Trade Coffee** sell Fair Trade Products monthly. Amount charged goes directly to the grower insuring fair wage for the workers in the Third World Countries.

**HOPE Help Our People Eat**-provides well-balanced meals to individuals and families as well as organization who offer free food to those requesting assistance. We stock non-profit organizations pantries in the area.

**Just Faith** This small group process immerses participants in Catholic Social Teaching. It consists of two 7 week sessions and hands-on immersion projects to acquaint participants with projects that make a positive difference in the world.

**Justice and Peace** Umbrella Ministry for Outreach committees and events.

**Koats for Kids** purchase used coats to repair and present to “free-lunch” schools in Jefferson County

**Migrant Ministry** an outreach to Colorado migrants to help meet basic human needs and help change structures that deny dignity and rights to all human beings

**Prison Ministry** Keep Moving Forward-provides bus passes to 22 recently released inmates to help them integrate into back into society. Transportation is essential for securing employment.

**Respect Life** provides education on and opportunities to participate in legislative actions for Pro-Life Causes; provides monthly prayer (rosary) and on site masses at Lighthouse Center

**Reverse Collection** works with 16 non-profit organizations that need help to make Christmas happen for the children and families they service. Spirit of Christ parishioners provide gifts for the many who ask each year.

**Rosary Makers** gather once a month to make rosaries for anyone who requests them, local, national or international groups

**SHOW (Seasonal Home Outdoor Work)** provides the elderly and infirmed Spirit of Christ parishioners some help in keeping their outdoor landscaping in good shape for the upcoming season.

**TOUCH** provides lunches for families following funeral services