

# Living Your Faith In 2024

## How will you SERVE?

St. John's Outreach Commission  
Adult Faith Formation Presentation

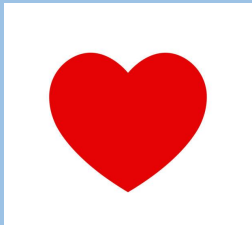


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# Overview of Outreach Programs

Rise Against Hunger  
Casserole Ministry  
Day Resource Center Monthly Meal Service  
Food Drives for UMBC Retrievers and DRC Pantries  
Service Over Self at the Catonsville Children's Home  
Annual Coat Drive for Bea Gaddy Center  
Big Band Concert for St. James Academy  
Collington Square and The Arc of Howard County Baskets  
and Gift Cards at Christmas and Easter  
Kenya Connect Educational Support  
Kenya Connect Volunteer Trips  
Rebuilding Together Howard County  
Rummage Sale



***The Committee also provides support to Youth and the Parish Day School Outreach programs***



# St John's Outreach

## Rise Against Hunger: Feeding the World

- This September over 60 parishioners packed **10,152 nutritious meals** of rice, vitamin supplements, dried vegetables and more!
- Donation by Outreach of \$4,000 covered the costs of the meal supplies and delivery
- This year's food packets were delivered to **families in Somalia** who are suffering from the famine



# St John's Outreach Casserole Ministry: Feeding our Community

**You and Your Family Can Help Each Month!**

- Aluminum Pans and Recipes Provided
- Parishioners Make Casseroles & Deliver to SJEC
- Casseroles Delivered by Outreach Members to:
  - Day Resource Center (for monthly meal service)
  - The Children's Home
  - Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center



# St John's Outreach Day Resource Center Monthly Meal: Feeding the Community

- Monthly Event for Parishioners (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)
- Parishioners Volunteer via Sign Up Genius to donate food or serve at the DRC
- Volunteer On-site at the DRC to Setup and Serve Meals, wash dishes and clean up
- **Between 40-70 food insecure people are served**
- Excess food is donated to Grassroots



# St John's Outreach Food Drives for UMBC Retrievers and Day Resource Center Pantries: Feeding Our Community



Food Drives for the UMBC and DRC Pantries

- Non-Perishable Food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies for Pantries
- September 10 on the Labyrinth for UMBC
- **Upcoming Collection Bins in the CME and Narthex For the Day Resource Center in February and April**



# St John's Outreach Service Over Self at The Children's Home: Serving Our Community

- October Day of Service
- The Children's Home is located in Catonsville and is a residential home for youth
- Tasks include painting, gardening, sorting and organizing donations for the residents



# St John's Outreach Annual Coat Drive: Serving Baltimore

- St. Johns Annual Coat Drive for the Bea Gaddy Centers
- Collections in the Autumn
- Delivery to Bea Gaddy for Thanksgiving
- **Over 150 coats as well as gloves, hats, and scarves were delivered this year**





# St John's Outreach

## Support for St James Academy: Serving Baltimore

- St. John's and St. James long-term relationship and covenant
- November Gala featured Dr. Phill's Big Band with Dinner, Dancing, and raffles
- Matthew 25 Grant submitted for neighborhood beautification, storm water runoff and climate mitigation



# St John's Outreach

## Holiday Baskets: Feeding Our Community and Serving Others

*Families and individuals from the Club at Collington Square and the Arc of Howard County receive holiday help and support*

- Christmas and Easter Baskets
- Signups for Individuals, Families, Small Groups
- Cash Collection for Grocery Gift Cards at all Church Services
- Delivery of Baskets about a Week Before the Holidays
- **This Christmas we will deliver 16 baskets to ARC Homes and 32 to Collington Square Families**



# St John's Outreach: Kenya Connect: Serving our World

- Join a volunteer Trip to assist Kenya Connect's work to empower and enrich education at 63 government schools for 18,000 students, 500 teachers and their parents. Over 70 SJEC & SJPDS Members have traveled with Kenya Connect since 2007. **Two trips are scheduled for June 2024**
- Participate in the Kenya Connect **5K Run/Walk on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at St. John's EC**





# Volunteer Trips

June 6-14

June 13-21

*Optional Safari*

Info Sessions in the new year

Contact Sharon Runge for more info

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# **St John's Outreach**

## **Rebuilding Together HoCo:**

### **Serving Our Community**

- Rebuilding Together Howard County (One of 200 Chapters) helps rebuild homes for elderly and home in-secure people
- In Person Program Paused by Pandemic
- Donations were Made to Support Emergency Needs in HoCo
- Planning to Resume Service in Spring 2024
- We are seeking someone to help coordinate this program

# St John's Outreach The Annual Rummage Sale Fuels Our Work!

## Annual Outreach Fundraising Event

- Week-Long Volunteer Effort
- Popular and Fun Event to Volunteer and/or Attend and it's a fantastic way to meet parishioners
- Next Rummage Sale is June 9-15, 2024
- **Raised over \$18,000 in June 2023**
- Start saving items to donate for the sale NOW!





# St John's Outreach

## Providing Resources to the Community

*Thank you to everyone who supported the Rummage Sale!*

### 2023 Donations Made to Organizations!!!

- **Collington Square** (\$5000)
- **The Children's Home** (\$2000)
- **Rise Against Hunger** (\$4000)
- **UMBC Retrievers** (\$1000)
- **Luminous** (\$500)
- **Day Resource Center** (\$5000)
- **Kenya Connect** (\$7000)
- **Refugee Ministry with Christ Church** (\$700)
- **Bea Gaddy Centers** (\$500)
- **Howard County Food Bank** (\$500)





# Matthew 25 Fund

The Matthew 25 Fund is an endowment of St. John's Episcopal Church for the purpose of providing funds for new outreach initiatives. It was created as a way to support and jump start new initiatives for St. John's in our commitment to further our Christian call to serve those in need. It is recommended that the requested funds not be used as a sole resource for any proposed new outreach project.

- Maximum \$10,000 Disbursement per Project
- No more than \$30,000 can be disbursed in a year
  - Minimum \$100,000 Fund Balance
- Outreach Commission and Vestry Approval Required

## 2023 Matthew 25 Recipients

- Kenya Connect – Wamunyu Special School for Disabled Children Borehole (Clean Water) \$8,000
- St. James Lafayette Square (SJDC) – Environment/Health/ Neighborhood Beautification \$7,500

# St John's Outreach

## How will you live your FAITH in 2024 through Serving?

Join us on the First Monday of each Month

Ideas or Questions?

Email: [Outreach@StJohnsEC.org](mailto:Outreach@StJohnsEC.org)

