

Our Church's Wider Mission \$27,000

OCWM provides support for the ministries of the United Church of Christ, locally and around the world. Emergency aid to victims of disaster, health and welfare services, agricultural and economic development are some of the ways the ministry is served.

Tarsus American School, Turkey \$3,350

Founded by American missionaries over 100 years ago, this school enjoys international recognition for educational excellence. Annually through our Alan Bartholomew Memorial Scholarship we provide an opportunity for a bright but financially limited young man or woman.

Preliminary 2014 Summary

Local Agencies	\$16,125
Global Ministries	\$30,600
Contingency & Miscellaneous	\$3,018
Total 2014 Benevolence Budget (15% of SGC Budget)	\$49,743
Special Offerings	\$8,594



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**A Report of
Activity
from the
Benevolence
Committee
Fall 2014**



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An Open and Affirming
Congregation

**Celebrate
and
Share
the
Abundance of God**

"...for I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25: 35-36

Jesus admonishes his disciples to be faithful and kind stewards, and when we celebrate the abundance of God we are called upon to share generously.

The Benevolence Committee of The Spring Glen Church invites you to share by contributing to a program of outreach that directs thousands of dollars annually to agencies that serve the needy—locally, nationally and internationally. It is not simply a matter of charity but a matter of justice as well.

During 2014 the Benevolence portion of your pledge as well as your contributions to special offerings were distributed to the following agencies.

AIDS Project New Haven \$1,000



Your Benevolence dollars help this organization carry out a unique service in Greater New Haven of delivering medically appropriate, highly nutritious, home-delivered meals through their Caring Cuisine program to individuals living with critical and chronic illnesses.

St. Ann Soup Kitchen \$500

St. Ann's Soup Kitchen is a cheerful eatery that serves over 100 meals each weekday to the hungry in area in and around southern Hamden.

Christian Community Action \$1,500



For almost 48 years CCA, an ecumenical inner-city organization, has been a friend, neighbor, an advocate, and an emergency refuge to many in the Greater New Haven Area who seek stability and economic security. In particular our Benevolence dollars support the Stepping Stone Transitional Housing Program.

Hamden Clergy Assoc. Fuel Bank \$100

Provides heating fuel for the "working poor" who don't qualify for federal or state assistance.

Columbus House \$1,225

Columbus House operates a continuum of programs to serve those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless through outreach and community engagement, shelter, housing services and income security. Columbus House serves over 3,000 clients annually in Greater New Haven.



Domestic Violence Services \$1,000

This year DVS purchased and set up a new safe house in the Greater New Haven area. This safe house provides a safe place for victims of domestic violence to reside away from abusive relationships. Supportive services empower people to make positive and productive changes and choices in their lives to free themselves from the cycle of violence. Approximately 1, 419 victims were served last year.

Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen \$750



DESK has been serving Greater New Haven for over 25 years. Their three paid staff and hundreds of volunteers feed approximately 300 people each day with hot free meals bag lunches, and food pantry bags.

Fellowship Place \$1,000



Fellowship Place serves over 500 people a year, providing housing, job training & placement, counseling, recreational activities, meals and emergency supplies for adults who suffer from a serious mental illness. Their programs are committed to making it possible for adults with chronic mental health problems to have meaningful and productive lives in their home community.

FISH \$500



FISH of Greater New Haven provides emergency food service to the home-bound and is the only agency in the area offering delivered grocery service to help the many in need including the sick, elderly, the disabled and families with no transportation to soup kitchens.

Habitat for Humanity \$500



Founded in 1986, Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven (an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing through the creation of home ownership opportunities for low-income working families. Habitat builds and rehabilitates homes in the Greater New Haven area with the goal of creating safe, decent, affordable houses that add to the revitalization of New Haven's neighborhoods. Habitat accomplishes its mission by partnering with individuals, religious and civic organizations, local businesses and corporations. Spring Glen Church is a steadfast partner providing volunteers and financial support.

Hamden Food Bank \$100

The Food Bank is open for Hamden residents in need who provide proof of residency and family size. In addition to our monetary contribution non-perishable food is collected in the narthex and delivered to the Food Bank the first week of every month.

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers \$ 700

The program brings people in need into supportive relationships with caring volunteers. Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers helps older men and women remain in their own homes with dignity as long as possible; offers support to families in difficult and demanding circumstances; combats the isolation all too prevalent among elderly persons and works with congregations to develop effective care-giving ministry and outreach to members and non-members to put faith into action.

IRIS \$500



Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services strives to help refugees and other displaced people establish new lives, regain hope and contribute to the vitality of Connecticut's communities. IRIS offers case management services to approximately 200 refugees arriving annually. IRIS also provides housing, English language instruction, education, employment, legal and health services.

Bright Beginnings at Y-NH Children's Hospital \$500

"Bright Beginnings Motherhead" is a parent support program that integrates adult literacy and parenting skills and based on young parents' life experiences. Mothers are motivated to improve their reading comprehension, critical thinking and oral and written expression and to

develop verbal relationships with their babies, including speaking, listening, story-sharing and positive discipline.

New Reach \$2,200

New Reach, formerly, New Haven Home Recovery, provides innovative programs to support the needs of women with children. Their mission is to promote the independence of women and children confronting homelessness, HIV/AIDS, and behavioral health issues in a supportive environment where their potential can be realized. New Reach achieves its mission by providing shelter, housing, stabilization and furniture services to families and individuals in need.

City Seed \$300

CitySeed seeks to engage the community in growing an equitable, local food system that promotes economic development, community development and sustainable agriculture. It also strives to create a sustainable model of local economy, urban community, regional agriculture, environmental stewardship, and well-being through food. Together we are better serving the New Haven community and the farmers of Connecticut.

