

## 2020 Year in Review

After a period of discernment, the Episcopal Community Services Foundation (ECSF) board dissolved the independent 501(c) nonprofit organization at the end of 2019 to reduce administrative costs. In January 2020, the Diocese of Southern Ohio formed Episcopal Communities Ministries (ECM), continuing to demonstrate faith in action. The transition from ECSF to ECM significantly decreased operating costs now that the bishop's staff supports operations. We have also reduced marketing/communication cost and are working to further reduce database costs. We can now proudly state that every dollar raised goes directly to our neighborhood outreach ministries. (The 2019/2020 comparison chart on page 3 details the savings.)

In the Winter of 2020, the newly formed ECM Committee met to review the grant requests submitted in 2019 totaling \$86,000. This was particularly challenging given that only \$47,000 was available to distribute. There was much discussion about how to be the best stewards of the resources shared with us and how to fairly allocate limited funds. The decision was made to give priority to parish programs over independent community programs, funding projects that have active participation of church members and supported by congregational resources. To stretch the funds fairly and to impact as many communities as possible, many ministries received less than originally requested. Checks were mailed in March 2020. Please see page 2 for a complete listing of the grants awarded.

By the end of March, the swiftly spreading global pandemic had become alarmingly local. The state of Ohio issued a stay-at-home order and our churches closed their buildings. This unprecedented pandemic brought escalating challenges to all of us, but especially to our neighbors who struggle during the best of times. Many of our hardest hit communities in Southern Ohio had never recovered fully from the 2009 recession and were now facing further economic devastation. Churches facing the greatest needs had diminishing resources. In response the diocese created a COVID-19 Emergency task force and established an emergency fund to help congregations continue their ministries as the crisis escalated. This fund was administered by ECM, and every contribution was matched by the William Cooper Procter Fund. Over the next five months we raised \$12,711 for the COVID-19 matching grant campaign, which was then matched. Outreach ministries that focused on food insecurity, housing and emergency assistance were encouraged to apply for these emergency ECM grants. A total of \$24,220 in emergency grants were awarded between April and October. These grants are also listed on page 2.

In 2020 we worked to streamline the application process and clarify the criteria for selection. The 2021 grant applications were posted in the Fall of 2020 and closed on October 31, 2020. You can review the application process here: <https://ecmsouthernohio.org/2021-grant-application/>. To receive a grant, the application must be for a ministry addressing a community need within the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The types of ministries eligible for grants are ones that address food security, housing, emergency assistance, life skills and education, youth at risk and social justice. The ministry must be congregationally-based, or a collaborative partnership with another denomination/congregation, or a participative partnership with another community nonprofit ministry/organization. The requesting congregation must demonstrate committed and impactful support of the ministry both financially and through the active and significant participation of its parishioners. The committee also looks at the impact of the ministry on congregational vitality, ministry participants, and those served by the ministry— especially how the ministry incorporates “love of neighbor as we are loved” through compassion, grace, mercy and justice, “respecting the dignity of every person.”

The ECM committee will meet the first week in February 2021 to review applications and award grants. Our ministries desperately need these funds, so we want to get the checks to them as quickly as possible. This year we have twenty-six grant applications requesting a total of \$89,420. Five outreach ministries are applying for a grant for the first time. Because generous people across the Diocese of Southern Ohio provided both spiritual and financial sustenance, we will be able to fund the mission of neighbors helping neighbors. And that, friends, is the miracle of hope.

### 2020 Grants (applied Fall 2019, awarded Winter 2020)

Church	Location	Grant	Outreach Ministry	Type of Assistance
Church of the Advent	Walnut Hills	\$1,000	Open Door	Food Security
Church of the Advent	Walnut Hills	\$ 800	Open Door - Transportation	Food Security   Transportation
All Saints	New Albany	\$1,000	YWCA Family Center Dinners	Food Security
Christ Episcopal	Dayton	\$4,500	City Heart	Housing   Emergency Assistance
Christ Episcopal	Springfield	\$1,750	Freedom School	Education & Life Skills   At Risk Youth
Christ Episcopal	Springfield	\$1,500	Peace Camp	Education & Life Skill   At Risk Youth
Epiphany	Nelsonville	\$1,000	Feeding Ministry	Food & Food Security
Good Samaritan	Amelia	\$1,000	Community Dinner & Pantry	Food & Food Security
Grace Church	College Hill	\$3,450	Community Dinner	Food & Food Security
Holy Trinity	Bellaire	\$1,000	Motivational Munchies	Food Security   Education & Life Skills
Holy Trinity	Oxford	\$1,500	Community Dinner & Pantry	Food Security
Our Saviour	Mt. Auburn	\$1,000	Feeding Ministry	Food Security
Our Saviour	Price Hill	\$6,000	Transformacion	Food   Education & Life Skills   Emergency Assistance
Redeemer	Madisonville	\$2,000	MEAC	Food   Education & Life Skills   Emergency Assistance
St. John's	Columbus	\$1,000	His Place	Food Security   Emergency Assistance
St. John's	Columbus	\$2,000	Street Church	Food Security   Emergency Assistance
St. Paul's	Logan	\$1,000	Feeding Ministry	Food Security
St. Peter's	Delaware	\$1,000	Andrew's House Meal	Food Security
St. Peter's	Gallipolis	\$1,500	Loaves & Fishes	Food Security
St. Simon of Cyrene	Lincoln Heights	\$3,000	Summer Camp Reading	Education & Life Skills
St. Stephens	Columbus	\$4,000	Neighborhood Services Food Pantry	Food   Housing   Emergency Assistance   Life Skills
Trinity	Columbus	\$1,000	In the Garden	Food Security   Emergency Assistance
Trinity	Columbus	\$2,000	State ID Program for the homeless & ex-offenders	Social Justice   Emergency Assistance
Trinity	McArthur	\$1,000	Layette Program	Baby & mother supplies   Education & Life skills
Trinity	Troy	\$2,000	Torrence Medical Benevolence Fund	Medical assistance
		<b>\$47,000</b>		

### Covid-19 Emergency Grants (applied for Emergency Covid-19 relief, awarded in April, September and October)

Church	Location	Grant	Outreach Ministry	Type of Assistance
Christ Episcopal	Dayton	\$3,500	City Heart	Emergency Assistance
Epiphany	Nelsonville	\$2,000	Feeding Ministry (monthly)	Food & Food Security
Grace Church	Cincinnati	\$3,500	Feeding Ministry (weekly)	Food & Food Security
Good Samaritan	Amelia	\$1,000	Feeding Ministry (monthly)	Food & Food Security
Our Saviour	Cincinnati	\$3,500	Feeding Ministry (weekly)	Food & Food Security
Our Saviour	Cincinnati	\$ 220	Transformacion	Life Skills   Social justice
Our Saviour	Mechanicsburg	\$2,500	Feeding Ministry (monthly)	Food & Food Security
St. John's	Columbus	\$3,000	Street Church (weekly)	Food & Food Security
St. John's	Columbus	\$3,500	His Place	Food & Food Security
St. Peter's	Gallipolis	\$1,500	Loaves & Fishes	Food & Food Security
		<b>\$24,220</b>		

**Total ECM Grants Awarded in 2020: \$71,220**

	<b>ECM</b>	<b>ECSF</b>
	<b>2020 Actual YTD</b>	<b>2019 Actual YTD</b>
<b>Unrestricted Revenue</b>		
Transfers in from Endowment	\$57,752.32	\$75,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$36,952.62	\$27,540.85
Foundation Contributions	\$17,018.27	\$27,563.41
Church Donations	\$36,612.00	\$15,542.61
DSO Contributions		
Procter Fund COVID-19 matching grant	\$12,711	\$0.00
DSO Convention matching grant	\$3,648	\$0.00
DSO Grant payments	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Other Income	\$439.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>\$165,133.21</b>	<b>\$155,646.87</b>
<b>Grants Paid Out</b>		
	<b>Grants Paid Out \$71,220.00</b>	<b>Grants Paid Out \$68,020.00</b>
<b>Administration and Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Accounting & Auditing Fees	\$1,266.17	\$10,216.25
Staffing cost	\$0.00	\$63,043.35
Insurance and Bonding	\$0.00	\$2,161.00
Marketing & Communications/website	\$3,525.36	\$19,017.73
Miscellaneous expenses	\$973.81	\$3,225.00
<b>Administration and Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,765.34</b>	<b>\$97,663.33</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$88,147.87</b>	<b>(\$10,036.46)</b>