

OUTREACH COMMISSION

Sixth in a series of articles about St. Martin's Vestry Commissions.

Outreach has always been one of St. Martin's most important services. The **Outreach Commission** is comprised of many committees and offerings. We provide financial support to many organizations such as **Avalon**, **GWOM** (Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission), **Episcopal Relief and Development**, and **Harbor House**. We collect food at St. Martin's for **FISH** and also have a group of volunteers who pick up donated food from various grocery stores and deliver it. We give generously to provide for the needs of school children with support such as back to school supplies and gifts from the **Giving Tree** program at Christmas. We make and serve lunch to the needy with **St. Paul's Food Ministry** four times each year. We assist those at **Latisha's House**, a home for women who have been affected by the sex trafficking industry. The **Clergy Discretionary Fund** allows Cathy to give individual assistance to those coming to her with a specific need. The **Community Café** offers programs to the elderly in our community about things that would make their lives easier. Each winter St. Martin's hosts the **Winter Shelter**, a week of providing an evening meal, lodging each night, and breakfast to the homeless in our area.

Check out the chart in the Narthex detailing all of the Outreach happenings at St. Martin's. You will be amazed at all we do.

These wonderful services above, and so much more, are opportunities you might be interested in helping with that are all part of the Outreach Commission.

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