

St. Matthew's Church

Outreach Program Charitable Donations Guide

Notes – This reference is intended to provide helpful suggestions for those looking to make charitable contributions to local, national, and international organizations. St. Matthew's cannot accept responsibility for the ultimate conduct of these organizations. This list represents organizations with which we are familiar, and have supported in the past. It is in no way a comprehensive list of acceptable charitable organizations. At the bottom is a list of favorite charities of the members of St. Matthew's Outreach Committee. We would like to remind all that this document represents one of the many, many things that St. Matthew's does for the people in our community, our nation, and around the world. Without your offerings to St. Matthew's Church it's self, we would not be able to do things like this. So please remember to keep St. Matthew's in your heart!

If you want to know more about a charity and how well it performs, there are several organizations out there that provide excellent information on issues like transparency, efficiency and effectiveness. Among them:

Charity Navigator – www.charitynavigator.org

Ministry Watch – www.ministrywatch.com

The Better Business Bureau BBB – www.bbb.org/charity-reviews/national/

St. Matthew's

St. Matthew's Church – As we mentioned above, please don't forget about us. It's where this all starts. Checks to St. Matthew's Church may be left in the collection plate, or mailed to: 7 N. Mast St., Goffstown, NH, 03045. Or you may donate online at www.stmattsepisopal.org

St. Matthew's Outreach Committee – It is the purpose of the Outreach Committee (OC) to respond to critical needs of our neighbors through direct support and prayers and through the allocation of funds to meet these needs and to enable them to be better able to care for themselves. The committee raises funds to be distributed locally, nationally, and all around the world. Make check payable to St. Matthew's Outreach, drop in collection plate on Sunday or mail to the address above.

St. Matthew's Legacy Society – Sustained by intentional “planned giving strategies” offered by friends and members of St. Matthew's, to sustain faithful outreach and ministries beyond our lifetimes (bequests, wills, etc.). Contact the St. Matthew's Office at 497-2003 or office@stmattsepisopal.org for more information or to set up.

St. Matthew's Parish Memorial Funds - Over the years St Matthew's families have established Funds in memory of a loved one. These include monies to support the Altar Guild, Flowers, Organ, Church School, Outreach, Lectures, Rector's Fund, Youth, Senior Saints, Music, Flooring, Landscaping, Maintenance or general fund. To establish a fund in memory of a loved one or to contribute to an existing fund, please contact the office at 497-2003 or office@stmattsepicopal.org

Local Organizations

Goffstown Clergy Association – A coalition of members of clergy representing churches in Goffstown, the GCA raises funds through private donation and fundraisers to assist local families and individuals, primarily in living expenses such as food, fuel, transportation and housing. To support, talk with your churches clergy.

Goffstown Network Food Pantry – 501(c)(3) Located in the St. Matthew's Parish House. They provide emergency food assistance to residents of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston. Checks may be made out to Goffstown Network and mailed to: Goffstown Network, P.O. Box 603, Goffstown, NH, 03045, or online payment may be made at www.goffstownnetwork.org.

Crispin's House, Inc. – A 501(c)(3), Crispin's House continues to serve youths in the Goffstown area through a number of programs designed to help kids make positive choices, including: MVMS Afterschool Program, Dream Catchers, Juvenile Diversion Program, Parenting Classes, Goffstown VolunTEENS, and the Youth Attendant Program. Funding is used for several part-time positions and for administration of programs and supplies. Phone 497-3499, or e-mail lgoll@crispinshouse.org for more information.

UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center - UpReach is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the physical, emotional, and psychological development of challenged children and adults through progressive therapies, specifically those centered around the horse. They are located on Paige Hill Rd. in Goffstown. For more information, call Barb Miles at 497-2343, or e-mail barb@upreachtrc.org . You may also visit their website, www.upreachtrc.org , for information on supplies that may be donated.

Goffstown Main Street Program – A 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the promotion, preservation, and economic vitality of the Goffstown Village business district. You may pay online at www.goffstownmainstreet.org, or mail a check written to Goffstown Main Street Program to Goffstown Main Street Program, 7 Main St., Goffstown, NH, 03045.

Goffstown Junior Baseball – Providing area youth with quality sports opportunities. To support, go to: www.eteamz.com/GJB/supportourteam

Goffstown Matters – Mission statement – “We are a group of Goffstown residents who are concerned with maintaining the delicate balance between the taxes we can afford and the services we need to allow our community to flourish”. www.goffstownmatters.org

Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) – 501(c)(3) The GSOP is the largest grassroots community organization in New Hampshire. They are comprised of 32 religious, community and labor organizations representing 20,000 New Hampshire families, working on quality of life issues such as affordable housing, jobs, healthcare, immigration and education to improve the lives of all people. A 501(c)3 charity, contributions should be made to “Granite State Organizing Project”, 383 Beech St., Manchester, NH 03103, or go to their website, www.granitestateorganizing.org

N.H. Peace Action - New Hampshire Peace Action provides outreach and education on peace and justice issues, organizes vigils and demonstrations, lobbies elected representatives, provides a quarterly newsletter and weekly email list of upcoming events, and provides opportunities for direct action. Checks may be written to NH Peace action, and mailed to them at 4 Park St. Ste. 210, Concord, NH, 03301. Donations may be made online at www.nhpeaceaction.org .

N.H. Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty - The New Hampshire Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (NHCADP) seeks to abolish the death penalty in NH and the nation and to avoid its expansion until abolition takes place. Go online at www.nodeathpenaltynh.org to make a contribution.

National and International Organizations

Episcopal Relief and Development - Episcopal Relief & Development is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of The Episcopal Church of the United States. Our work to heal a hurting world is guided by the principles of compassion, dignity and generosity. To contribute, write check to Episcopal Relief and Development, and send to them at P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA, 22116-7058, call 1-800-334-7626, Ext. 5129, or online at www.er-d.org .

Food for the Poor – 501(c)(3) Is the third-largest international relief and development charity in the United States, feeding 2 million poor every day. Their Christian relief programs and projects are helping children and the poorest of the poor by providing food, housing, health care, education, water projects, emergency relief and micro-enterprise assistance in the Caribbean and Latin America. Donations can be sent to: Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons Rd., Coconut Creek, FL, 33073, or made online in any of a number of ways at www.foodforthe poor.org

Church World Service/CROP Hunger Walk – 501(c)(3) Working with partners in the U.S. and around the world to build interfaith and intercultural coalitions to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice. You may write a check payable to Church World Service, and send it to them at 28606 Phillips St., Elkhart, IN, 46515, call them at 1-800-297-1516, or go online to www.churchworldservice.org . You may also contribute to the Goffstown CROP/Hunger Walk, usually conducted in October, by going online, finding the location under the CROP/Hunger Walk page and making a donation either online or by mail.

Mercy Ships - Mercy Ships is a global charity that has operated hospital ships in developing nations since 1978. Mercy Ships brings hope and healing to the forgotten poor by mobilizing people and resources worldwide, and serving all people without regard for race, gender, or religion. Contributions may be made online at www.mercyships.org , or mail your check to: Mercy Ships, PO Box 2020, Garden Valley, TX, 75771.

Children International – 501(c)(3) Is a nonprofit humanitarian organization dedicated to bettering the lives of impoverished children, their families and communities, primarily through child sponsorship, which unites children in need with individual sponsors who wish to address the children's immediate and basic needs. Sponsorship gives poor children the tools and opportunities necessary for success by providing benefits and supporting programs for each child - primarily in the areas of education and health. Go to www.children.org to sponsor a child or make a donation.

United Thank Offering – The UTO is a grant funding arm of the Episcopal Church of the USA. Using money raised primarily through annual contributions to UTO Boxes, they distribute approximately \$2 million annually in grant money nationally and internationally across the Anglican Communion to projects that address issues of poverty and impact the lives of women and children. If you are interested in helping collect for this program, contact the Rector.

Outreach Committee Favorites

Dave Greiner:

PIH (Partners In Health) – 501(c)(3) I found out about this organization from the book “Mountains Beyond Mountains”. PIH advocates for, and provides medical care and social services to, People in many countries around the world, particularly those in some of the poorest countries. Their founder, Paul Farmer, is Mother Teresa with an M.D. license. Donations may be mailed to Partners In Health, P.O. Box 845578, Boston, MA, 02284-5578, or made online to www.pih.org.

Central Asia Institute –501(c)(3) Another organization I learned of from a book, this time “Three Cups of Tea”. Central Asia Institute is a non-profit organization with the mission to promote and support community-based education, especially for girls, in remote regions of northern Pakistan and Afghanistan. Their motto is “Peace and Hope Begin with Education: *One Child at A Time*”. To contribute, send a check to Central Asia Institute, P.O. Box 7209, Bozeman, MT, 59771, or online at www.ikat.org

Joan Stevens:

Heifer International – 501(c)(3) I like to give gifts at Christmas and Hanukkah from Heifer International because they have a wide range of prices for animals from \$20, 30, 50, 60, 85, 120 and up, because their animals help feed families, allow them to sell the products such as eggs, milk and cheese, require them to give offspring from their animals to other families, and because they publicize their successes in a way that is easy to understand. Their animals include chickens and ducks, honey bees, pigs, goats, sheep, cows etc. and go to families in Africa, Asia, South Pacific, Latin America, and Caribbean. You can go online to order from their gift catalog www.heifer.org