



Charities Supported Through Monetary Chapel Donations

As part of our mission to serve God, we provide our families with the opportunity to help support His work through monetary donations. The following is a brief description of the charities that we help support with our chapel collections. Please keep in mind that these donations are completely voluntary.

Camp T.R. - Camp T.R. is designed for children ages 7 through 15 who are grieving the loss of a loved one. An overnight, weekend retreat at Hashawha Environmental Center, Camp T.R. begins on a Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. The annual camp combines recreational activities, such as art, swimming and music with grief education and support. The death of a family member can shatter a child's world. They might feel angry, lonely, guilty or scared, or experience physical symptoms such as headaches, stomachaches and fatigue. Oftentimes, they become the "forgotten Mourners" as the adults around them struggle to cope and adjust to the loss. But children need time and space to grieve too. Camp T.R. offers a safe, supportive environment to help children understand and cope with the grief. Surrounded by peers experiencing similar emotions, campers learn that they are not alone and start to feel more comfortable sharing their feelings. Camp T.R. is staffed by professional bereavement counselors and volunteers with special training in helping grieving children. Each camper is also assigned a "buddy" (usually a volunteer) for added support. (Offering Date: May 10, 2017)

Carroll County Food Sunday - Carroll County Food Sunday (CCFS) is a non-profit organization of volunteers and members of the community coming together as neighbors helping neighbors by supporting Carroll County residents in meeting their emergency and supplemental food needs. The program aims to sustain health, good nutrition and energy, raise human potential and do so in a manner that enhances human dignity. CCFS distributes a weekly, nutritionally balanced grocery package that is predicated on household size and is meant to last 3-4 days. It includes meat, eggs, fruits, vegetables, breads and milk. Over 400 families a week are served at the Westminster, Eldersburg and Taneytown locations. The operating budget is supported by community fund-raisers and direct mail solicitations of county residents. They are grateful to churches, individuals, school groups and service organizations that raise donations independently on behalf of CCFS and for the local grocers that donate baked goods. Carroll County Government provides donated warehouse space in Westminster and utilities. More than 94 cents of every dollar donated goes to the purchase of food for needy residents of Carroll County. (Offering Date: November 16, 2016 - 1 canned food item; March 15, 2017 - monetary)

The Shepherd's Staff - The Shepherd's Staff is a Christian Outreach and Support Center Serving the Needy in Carroll County, Maryland. The base of operation is a former residence located at 30 Carroll Street in Westminster, across from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Shepherd's Staff ministry continually strives to effectively respond to people in their time of need. Their focus is to provide temporary assistance to resolve short-term problems and empower people to seek more permanent solutions for social and economic self-sufficiency. The vision for a cooperative crisis center began in 1989 with the Westminster Ministerium. Their existence is intertwined with local churches, organizations, businesses, schools, and individuals that support this grassroots ministry with financial contributions, product / service donations, and hundreds of hours of volunteerism. The Shepherd's Staff provides a wide range of outreach programs and services. As a 501(c)3 non-profit, The Shepherd's Staff does not receive funding from federal, state, or county agencies and, therefore, is totally dependent on community generosity and its own fundraising efforts. Year after year, their doorway has become more crowded with

those in trouble and whose needs often stretch our resources to the limit. To meet the growing short and long-term needs of those they serve, their outreach programs and services depend on in-kind support, volunteerism, prayers, and dollars. The Staff and Board of Directors believe that by concentrating on the smaller kindnesses that are needed for everyday living, they can provide a sense of peace that can often be the first step towards relieving a crisis and begin healing. (Offering Date: February 15, 2017)

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – ELCA World Hunger responds to the root causes of hunger with work in 60 countries around the world, including the United States. Cornerstones of this work include hunger education, advocacy and projects focused on agriculture, livestock, water, health care and job training to help people lift themselves out of hunger and poverty for the long-term. With our offerings we will purchase animals for God’s Global Barnyard. Here are some examples: 10 little chicks for \$10.00. When they are just months old, these chicks begin laying eggs, which make nutritious protein-rich meals for families. A pig for \$30.00, a goat for \$50.00, and a share of a cow for \$50.00. (Offering Dates: September 21, November 2, 2016; January 18, June 7, 2016)

Salvation Army - The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. **Red Kettle History:** In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because so many poor individuals in San Francisco were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty-stricken. He only had one major hurdle to overcome -- funding the project. Where would the money come from? He lay awake nights, worrying, thinking, praying about how he could find the funds to fulfill his commitment of feeding 1,000 of the city's poorest individuals on Christmas Day Today in the U.S., The Salvation Army assists more than four-and-a-half million people during the Thanksgiving and Christmas time periods. Captain McFee's kettle idea launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States, but all across the world. Kettles are now used in such distant lands as Korea, Japan, Chile and many European countries. Everywhere, public contributions to Salvation Army kettles enable the organization to continue its year-round efforts at helping those who would otherwise be forgotten. (Offering date: December 7th)