

# 2020 Report from the Grants Committee

The vestry has charged the Grants Committee to give 5% of plate and pledge revenue to serve the community outside our doors and authorized the Committee to make grants in 2020 totaling \$87,400. We are grateful to the people of Saint John's for maintaining their generous giving to the cathedral during the pandemic. As a result, 5% of pledge and plate revenue barely changed from what we as a congregation gave to local agencies in 2019. Thank you and bless you for your faithful stewardship!

The Committee received 36 proposals from charitable organizations in Colorado, principally metro Denver (totaling more than \$300,000). The Committee spent the fall reviewing and discussing the proposals and how they align with the mission, ministry, and core values of the cathedral, as well as the priorities set by the Faith in Action Commission: homelessness and housing, hunger, refugees and immigrants, mental health, and criminal justice reform. After careful, prayerful consideration, the Committee awarded the following grants:

Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition	\$ 8,000	Advocacy for criminal justice reform
Community Outreach Service Center	\$5,000	Support for the food insecure in Five Points
Custer County Community Sharing	\$ 3,500	Upgrade computer for food pantry
Delores Project	\$ 8,000	Homeless women & transgender individuals
Earthlinks	\$ 3,000	Nature related work for the homeless
Harm Reduction Action Center	\$ 8,000	Day shelter & education for the addicted
Haven of Hope	\$ 3,000	Services & meals for homeless
Heart and Hand Center	\$3,000	Out of school programs for youth in NE Denver
Metro Caring	\$ 6,700	Spanish language nutrition education
Network Ministries	\$ 9,000	General operating/street chaplaincy
Project Angel Heart	\$ 4,000	Medically tailored meals for critically ill in Capitol Hill
The Center on Colfax	\$ 2,900	LGBTQ refugee & immigrants outreach
Project Worthmore	\$ 3,000	Support for refugees & immigrants
Second Chance Center	\$8,000	Services for the formerly incarcerated
St. Clare's Ministries	\$7,200	Tuesday night dinner for food insecure
Village Exchange Center	\$8,000	Food pantry for refugees and immigrants

Forty-nine percent of the funds went to 7 agencies addressing homelessness; 50% of the funds went to 9 agencies addressing hunger and food insecurity; 48% of the funds went to 7 programs that provide mental health services or referrals; 13% of the funds went to 2 agencies addressing the needs of refugees and immigrants, and 18% of the funds went to 2 agencies addressing criminal justice reform. The percentages total more than 100% because many of the grantees provide services and referrals in more than one area.

Several of our grantees have longstanding relationships with the cathedral. Over the coming months, we hope to deepen existing relationships and develop new relationships with our grantees.

It has been a privilege and a gift to serve on the committee during this most unusual year. We were overwhelmed by how much the need, particularly for food and housing, increased due to the pandemic and the ensuing economic downturn. We are grateful that we have been able to help. And, we hope that we have well-represented the mission and values of the cathedral and the congregation in our decisions.

The 2020 Grants Committee: Carolyn Daniels, Chair; Whitney Morse Anderson, Joan Barker, Anne Enderby, Kathy Graveley, Gregory Movesian, Illana Poley, Rebecca Richardson, Susan Ritter, Anna Wadsworth