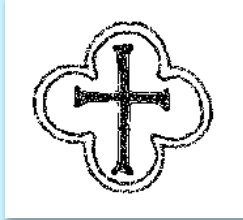


St. John the Merciful Outreach Ministry Newsletter

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC



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Young Adult Ministry IOCC Relief Kits

The generosity of the members of Holy Trinity cannot be outmatched. Donating almost \$2,000 to fund relief kits to be sent via IOCC to help victims of the Japanese Tsunami, parishioners showed how to live like Christ through charity. As we learn in Matthew, when Christ comes again in judgment He will separate the sheep and the goats and will praise the sheep for their generosity of spirit. It is truly humbling to see how many kits we as a parish were able to send to help those in need in Japan. I think the parishioners of Holy Trinity can be proud of their efforts to help.

The Young Adult Ministry took charge of collecting the necessary items to make the kits, which included a hand towel, a wash cloth, soap, a toothbrush, a nail file or clippers, band aids, and a comb.

While the amount of items in the kits seems small, to many who have lost all of their possessions the kits provide an instant difference. Together with some willing parishioners, YAM members assembled the kits and were able to make 126 kits. These kits and a sizable monetary donation were made to the IOCC from the Holy Trinity Parish. I hope all of the parishioners know how humbling it was to be involved in such an effort. It is in times of crisis that people show their true character and Holy Trinity showed one that any person would be joyous to be associated with. Additional thanks to the members of YAM and the community who helped to assemble the kits, sacrificing a Monday evening during Lent to assemble the kits.

Submitted By: Rebecca Shand

“Nothing can be more chilling,” he says in the 20th Homily of Acts, “than the sight of a Christian who makes no effort to save others. Neither poverty, nor humble station, nor bodily infirmity can exempt men and women from the obligation of this great duty. To hide our light under pretense of weakness is as great an insult to God as if we were to say that He could not make His sun to shine.” (St. John Chrysostom, 20th Homily of Acts)

Homeless Veterans Stand Down

Homeless veterans in Wake County had access to more than two dozen service providers during the 2011 Capital Area Homeless Veterans Stand Down on Thursday, March 24, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the South Wilmington Street Center. The Stand Down began with registration and breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by an opening ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Services available during the 2011 Capital Area Homeless Veterans Stand Down included assistance with Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits, social services, health care, education, mental health, substance abuse, employment, housing, spiritual care and basic needs. Participants will also have access to showers, meals, laundry facilities, voicemail, haircuts and identification.

Nationally, Stand Down is a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the estimated 107,000 homeless veteran's combat life on the streets. Wake County's South Wilmington Street Center served more than 200 homeless veterans in 2010. The Stand Down concept became popular during the Vietnam War, affording battle-weary soldiers a safe camp where services were provided and they had the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being.

This was Holy Trinity's fourth consecutive year of participation and also our biggest effort with 15 volunteers and our first shift beginning before 6 am that morning to serve breakfast. We served approx. 900 meals between breakfast and lunch, and provided all of the bottled water and snacks to compliment the food provided by the kitchen at the South Wilmington Shelter. In talking the Frank Lawrence the Director of the Men's shelter we now have taken this yearly event on and will be providing the volunteers to serve both meals and supplement the menu as we are able. Thank all of you for your time, talent, and generosity and may God continue to bless our ministry.

Submitted By: Deacon Gavriilo



Thoughts from Alexander, a volunteer for Homeless Veterans Stand Down....

This was my first experience serving at the shelter. All the people we served were very thankful and expressed their gratitude. It made me realize how I take even a simple meal for granted. I received a lesson in humility and thanksgiving. I didn't expect to get anything in return, but I did, plenty!!!

The people we served were glad to see us even if all we were doing was handing them a cup of juice. Our being there shows them that we care and it is humbling when they say "thank you for being here."

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Dear Father Grigorios:

Just wanted to say thank-you and recognize your members for being true servants. Deacon Gavriolo headed up a team of outstanding volunteers willing to do any task asked in order to provide superior service for our 2011 Veterans Stand Down. This is an annual event for our homeless veterans. We could not have provided the outstanding meals and great customer service without the following members from your church: Deacon Gavril, Toula, Sarah, Alex, Mayor John, Harry, Tamara, Penny, Gene, Cathy, Nikki, Katarina, Cynthia, Marsh and Nikki. You are so blessed to have members who are so willing to helping others. This is just a list of the members who came out for the Stand Down. You have so many more members who show up every week and bless our guest with their service and warm smiles.

I am a better person for knowing your members and becoming friends to some. I ask that you continue to encourage your members because I know their service is pleasing to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your members are showing us God through their service and love for others. I could not do my job as the Director of Food Services without their support. The members Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church will always be special to me and the men of South Wilmington St. Center. Matthew 20:28 says, "For even I, the Son of Man came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom to many". I pray that God will continue to bless your church and the members as they continue to be a blessing to others.

Your Friend,
Dwight S. Harris
Director, Food Services

More thoughts from Alexander...

Recently, the Veteran Stand Down took place at the mens shelter. I never knew how many Veterans were homeless, jobless, and are in need of our aid. These men at one point or way fought for our right to live in the country we do today. They gave their time to better our lives and to other citizens in countries other than ours. Holy Trinity had an impressive turn out at the stand down, so much that our community gained some serious respect from the head of the kitchen program. Dwight is an amazing man who is a veteran himself, and shows his love for Christ in helping these men daily. Just like Dwight we are called to use our hands to create and our ability to offer our time to the betterment of our community. As a member of our congregation and your brother in Christ, I ask each and everyone of you to include these men at the shelter and the employees in your prayers and pray for them to receive Christ in their lives as many of us continually do. Our parish is based on love for the church and God, so let's share our time, God's time, with the men of the South Wilmington Street Center.



Philoptochos Outreach

Back to School Drive

Year	\$ Donations	Backpacks
2009	\$250	21
2010	\$200	22
2011	<u>+\$350</u>	<u>+35</u>
	\$800	78

The 3rd annual Back To School Drive was a HUGE success! Along with many donated school supply items, \$350 in donations were collected, which was used to provide much needed backpacks and school supplies for the Women's Center of Wake County. Looking back, Philoptochos & Holy Trinity in 2009



2011 Back To School Donations

collected supplies and \$250 in donations, which resulted in 21 filled backpacks; in 2010, \$200 and a total of 22 backpacks were collected; and this year we collected supplies and \$350 in donations which resulted in 35 filled backpacks. In the last three years, our Holy Trinity family has donated a total of \$800 in monetary and gift card donations and 78 backpacks plus many extra supplies that wouldn't fit in the backpacks! Your generosity has assisted countless people such as a single mother with an 18-year old daughter and a 9-year old son who found themselves homeless for a second time

in their lives due to the tornadoes that hit North Carolina this past April. Our St. John Outreach Ministry was able to assist this family with furniture and linens as they transitioned into their new home but they also had a need for school supplies for the children. When the Women's Center called to tell the mother that she could pick up the school supplies the upcoming week, the mother was so thankful that she dropped off a thank you note to the counselor days before she was even able to pick up the supplies. The counselor told us that, "Even though she hasn't gotten anything yet, she was happy to know it was coming!" The Women's Center also told us that they were able to assist another mother who recently moved from Louisiana to Raleigh as she was fleeing a domestic violence situation. She left behind her three grown children but brought her 8-year old daughter with her. The mother said, "that a new book bag and school supplies for her daughter would be a ray of sunshine in the "storm of life" that her daughter has endured through transitioning from one state to another". These situations are just a couple of examples of the hardships that many face everyday and how something as simple as school supplies can ease their burden and show them the love of Jesus Christ.



Above: Laura Saparilas, Fr. Michael Marcantoni, and Deacon Gavilo (not shown) filled Women's Center counselor, Ann Johnson's (center) SUV with back to school supplies and grocery items from the food drive table for their pantry.

Submitted By: Philoptochos Outreach

Did You Know?

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is the women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Its mission is: "To aid the poor, the elderly, the sick, the orphaned, the widowed, the imprisoned, the handicapped, the victims of disaster and others in need; to promote the charitable, benevolent and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; to preserve and perpetuate the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions and the Orthodox Christian Family; and to promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and Parish Council." The charitable work of the Society is to be performed with discretion, courtesy and kindness. Holy Trinity's

Philoptochos Chapter donates thousands each year to many worthy local, state, national, and international charities. Recently, our chapter made the following donations:

- \$5,000 *Pretty Pink Foundation*
- \$1,278 *American Heart Association Heart Walk*
- \$1,000 *IOCC for Japan Tsunami Relief*
- \$1,000 *Susan G. Komen Foundation*
- \$1,000 *Red Cross for Wake County Tornado Relief*
- \$1,000 *Philoxenia House (near Mayo Clinic) for home for seriously ill patients and families*
- \$500 *Hogar Raphael Orphanage*
- \$500 *Alliance Medical Ministry*
- \$200 *Interact for new roof*

PHILOPTOCHOS' HOLIDAY CAFE

10% OF NET PROCEEDS WILL BE
DONATED TO *PRETTY IN PINK*
FOUNDATION

As women, we are concerned about breast cancer and probably know someone in our lives that has been touched by this dreaded disease. Pretty in Pink Foundation (PIPF) provides financial assistance to uninsured and underinsured breast cancer patients with quality, life-saving medical treatment regardless of the patient's ability to pay. PIPF, a not-for-profit organization is local in our area, but looks to expand to all counties in North Carolina.

GREEK PASTRY, SPANAKOPITA, AND PASTITSIO PRE-
ORDERS DUE NOVEMBER 20
HOLIDAY CAFE SCHEDULE
December 1, 4-8 pm
December 2, Noon - 9 pm
December 3, 11am - 3 pm

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American Heart Association HeartWalk

The American Heart Association made a request to our Ladies Philoptochos Society to participate in the HeartWalk on September 25, 2011. Ten ladies happily volunteered and generated \$1,278.00! The whole experience for this worthy cause was fun and rewarding because the Heart Association had a well-planned venue and praised our group for their generous donation and their enthusiasm, especially since it was their first time participating. It was a great day for a great cause! Many thanks to Helen Tagaris, Minodora Stahl, Katerina Knezevic, Helen Perros, Sophia Myers, Toulia Capetanos, Lekita Essa, Betsy Higgins, and Joyce Kekas, and Roberta Stavredes for participating in the walk.

Loaves & Fishes Outreach Abounds

By Danielle Myers

Some women have eyes that shine. That passionate sparkle was ever-present in the eyes of Sydney Langford and Beba Zevgolis as they discussed their work with the Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. The word Philoptochos means "friends of the poor," and this organization lives up to that meaning. They provide help to many with great burdens from the poor, sick, aged, unemployed to anyone with significant need.

The local organization is actually part of the larger Philoptochos which is national in its scope. There are nine Metropolises across the United States and Holy Trinity, part of the Atlanta Metropolis, is one of five hundred chapters with over thirty thousand members. Their local society is called the "agape" chapter; the Greek word for love. Ladies in this society love through service and philanthropy. Their ages span from the twenties to beyond one hundred!

The Agape ladies are able to choose the charities and organizations here in the Triangle that they wish to support. They are sure to be careful and wise about whom they choose. They do plenty of research to ensure causes are worthwhile and legitimate.

Beba and PIPF's Bernadette Pickles met a few years ago. When Bernadette joined PIPF, Beba invited her to speak to the Agape chapter. Beba and Sydney said that Bernadette was marvelous and that the ladies in the group were moved to tears. This society made up of women was excited and proud to sponsor an organization that exists to serve local women. For two years in a row the group has selected PIPF as the beneficiary of a



*The Ladies Philoptochos
Society of Holy Trinity
Greek Orthodox Church*

portion of the proceeds from their annual December bake sale contributing \$5000.

This is no regular bake sale. Over a dozen ladies bake for two months in preparation for the event. Their glamorous red-headed ninety-plus-year-old chief baker leads the way. They offer assortments of eight delicacies with names like pasta flora, finikia, koulourakia and the well-known baklava using family recipes that have been perfected over many years. There is a labor of love deeply rooted in the desire to live out the words "friends of the poor" and they are doing so faithfully. Co-chairs Beba and Sydney are both hopeful that PIPF will be selected by the society as the recipient when the rolling pins and aprons are donned again this year. ♡



North Raleigh Health Fair

At a time when we were fasting and in prayer to the All-Holy and Blessed Theotokos for the health of our families and friends, and with much anticipation of the Feast Day of the Dormition, The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity Raleigh wanted to sponsor a health fair. This was the beginning of the “North Raleigh Health Fair” for the health and well-being of our spiritual community as well as the surrounding community at large. The event was held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 10:00am – 2:00pm and was attended by well over 200 people. We had a tremendous outpouring of support from over 30 local businesses, several of which came from our own parish family.

People in attendance were treated to various health screenings, even one featured on Dr. Oz which measures a person’s level of antibodies. There were 5 different businesses offering various massage therapies and yes, even belly dancing lessons for a cardio workout – definitely something was there for everybody.

Classrooms were used for the “North Raleigh Lecture Series” where 15 different topics of discussion were presented as informative breakout sessions. This presented an opportunity for attendees to learn more about some of the different health topics presented and to interact with the health professionals by asking questions and participating in some hands-on learning. For those who missed the VERY successful event, mark your calendar for next year, Saturday, August 11, 2012.

On Judging Others...

On judging others and letting your works be known: During the time of Patriarch John the Merciful, (6th. C) A young monk named Vitalis appeared in Alexandria. When he arrived there he composed a list of all the prostitutes in the city. During the day he would offer himself for hire for the most difficult jobs and at night he would enter the houses of ill repute, give the money he had earned to some prostitute and close himself in the room with her for the night. As soon as they were locked up Vitalis would beg the woman to go to sleep, and he would stand in the corner all night praying for her. So for at least one night he would keep her from sinning. This continued night after night, each with different women.

By his constant counseling and prayers, many turned from this trade, some married, some entered convents, and others turned to respectable work and income. Vitalis forbade all of these women to reveal the reason why he was visiting them. Because of this the young monk became a scandal for all in Alexandria. The people scolded him, spit on him, and openly beat him in the streets. He bore all patiently, making known his good works to God and concealing them from men. When he died, everything about him became known. Abridged and taken from the Prologue of Ohrid.

Submitted by: Deacon Gavriilo

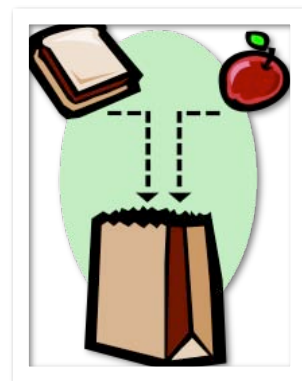
*A good reminder not to judge others, we never know what is going on in their lives,
and to always do our good works for the Glory of God and not for men.*

GOYA

Serving Those In Need

On Saturday, May 7th, several members of Holy Trinity's GOYA made bagged lunches for the South Wilmington Street homeless shelter. This was a big privilege because the shelter only serves dinner and the men at the shelter have to get their other meals elsewhere. It really feels good knowing you are doing something worthwhile. We made over 110 bagged lunches, which included a sandwich, chips, an apple and bottled water. We fed about 30 men and the shelter gladly accepted the rest to give out at a later time. It was such an uplifting feeling to help in such a way and it felt so good inside to hear the men thank us. I'm so glad that I was able to do this again, this time with my fellow GOYANs with me.

Respectfully Submitted: Matthew Pusic



SOUPEER BOWL of Caring

A simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" is inspiring a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world.

This prayer, delivered by Brad Smith, then a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, gave birth to an idea. Why not use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned food for the needy? Youth could collect donations at their schools and churches in soup pots, and then send every dollar DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

The senior high youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian liked the idea so much they decided to invite other area churches to join the team. Twenty-two Columbia churches participated that first year, reporting their results so a total could be determined, and then sending all \$5,700 they had raised to area non-profits.

That was 1990. Since then, ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary \$70 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

In 2011 \$9,500,944 dollars was generated by 11,782 groups across the country. Holy Trinity GOYAN's have taken this on an one of their annual events and collected \$75.00 towards a gift card plus the food collected shown in the picture above. This year our proceeds were donated to the Women's Center located in downtown Raleigh.

We thank all of you for your caring of God's needy! My Our Lord continue to bless our efforts in His Name.

"Brethren, God returns a loan a hundredfold, when it is lent to Him through the poor." (The Prologue of Ohrid, St Nikolai

GROUP CONTRIBUTES TO LOCKS FOR LOVE

Have you noticed some young ladies in our congregation sporting new, short hairstyles? Recently, a group of our parish girls cut their hair for Locks of Love – a charity that collects hair donations to make wigs for cancer patients.

Vaia Hixson organized the hair cut appointments for Eirena Klemes, Kyra Klemes, Kristina Hixson, Nicole Kythas, Catherine Mathes, Kaeli McEnteer and Kenna McEnteer. Upon being interviewed together, Kaeli was “glad to help cancer patients”. Kristina chimed in “it made me feel good to help” while Eirena was “glad to help people get wigs”. Kyra was “happy not just because you get a cool, new ‘do’ but it helps others”. Kenna added, “no more tangles and it’s for a good cause”.

Perhaps the first young lady of our parish family to contribute her hair was Diamond Russos - she is now going off to college! Catherine Mathes of this recent group had already donated her hair once before. Catherine helped inspire some of this group to grow their hair longer. To make a wig, Locks of Love needs to have a total of 10 inches of hair. She had this to say about it, “I’m blessed that I’m healthy and I wanted to help someone in need”. Nicole added “I feel good to give hair to people who have cancer”.

It is a trend at our church, which we hope continues for many generations to come!



In both pictures, left to right Before: Eirena Klemes, Kristina Hixson, Kyra Klemes, Kaeli McEnteer, Catherine Mathes, Kenna McEnteer and Nicole Kythas.



Children’s Change for Change

On the first Sunday of the month, two children (chosen on a rotating basis) will collect a quarter from our parish family members following the Diving Liturgy. GOYANs will be there to help during collections, and also during the counting and bagging of the coins. In just the first two months of this program, our children collected \$85.00 (September 2011) and \$119.33 (October 2011).

Our next Children’s Change for Change collection is scheduled for November 6.



Pop Tab Collection Program

Little things can make a big difference. You can help support the Ronald McDonald House of Durham by collecting the little tabs you pull to open soda, soup or other aluminum cans. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum gems help offset the House's expenses. Collecting tabs can be an easy and fun project. This is a wonderful Outreach Ministry project that everyone can participate in and make a difference in someone else's life. We will have a collection site at the Church where you can bring your tabs to drop-off.

For further information you can contact our own Matthew Pusic who is chairing this event which at the present time will continue on an ongoing basis. Matthews's home number is (919) 803-2699.

Just the Facts

- The pull tabs do NOT buy time on dialysis machines or buy wheelchairs.
- We do NOT accept the whole can with the tabs because of space restrictions.
- We accept only clean recycled materials for the health of our families and children.

- We receive the going rate for aluminum, which changes as the demand changes - varying from rates of 23 to 52 cents per pound on any given period.
- We average about 450 pounds every 10 days, or approximately \$234.
- Every penny helps families stay at the House -- \$10 pays for one family for one night!

Pop Tab Fun Facts

- Approximately one million pull tabs = 800 pounds
- Approximately 1,430 pull tabs = one pound
- Approximately 63,360 pull tabs = 1 mile



**Way to go Holy Trinity! 2,055 tabs
were collected at this year's
Greek Festival!!!**

AHEPA Corner

Did you know? On July 26, 1922 the Order of AHEPA was founded in Atlanta, Georgia joining the NAACP and B'nai B'rith in the effort to end racism, bigotry, and discrimination against all immigrants. AHEPA was founded on the principles of ancient Greece, promoting civic responsibility, education, philanthropy, family, and individual excellence through volunteerism and community service. Today, AHEPA is the largest American-based Greek heritage organization, and is made up of over 50 chapters throughout North America. (for more information you can visit them on-line at AHEPA.com)

Our local AHEPA Chapter 10 of Raleigh NC has been working to help provide affordable housing for the low-income elderly and disabled persons in Raleigh. All of the AHEPA members are also members of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and have contributed to many community needs with outreach activities like participating in serving at the South Wilmington Street Men's Shelter, and donations to Interact Domestic Violence against Women.

They are doing this project through the ANEPA National Housing Corporation whose mission is: to provide affordable housing to the low-income elderly and disabled persons, and to insure that they receive the services designed to meet their physical and social needs. The ANHC is a non-profit corporation founded in 1983 with a goal to improve the quality of life for the elderly and handicapped by promoting their health, security, happiness, and usefulness in longer living. We believe that senior citizens should be able to live independently with dignity, even on a modest income. At present our organization has 89 projects in 23 states totaling 4,712 apartment units, of which 85 projects are in operation which total 4489 units. The remaining projects are at various stages of development.

We currently have received letters of support for this project from the director, the in-take director, and the kitchen manager all from the South Wilmington Street Men's Shelter. We have also received the support of Philip Brickle founder of the Lost Sheep Ministries, and Debra Smith the Work First Case Manager at Interact.

AHEPA also has 2 teams of volunteers who alternate the 2nd Wednesday of each month to serve food at the Men's Shelter and to date since taking on this service have not missed a single commitment in the 4 years they have been doing this! Glory to God and thank you for your help!

Submitted By: Deacon Gavrillo



Recently, Holy Trinity was recognized as a Copper House Sponsor for building a home in partnership with "The Nwoji Family". Proceeds from our annual Greek Festival are donated to Habitat for Humanity each year.

Reflection: St. Niphon said: "My child, a place neither saves nor destroys a man, but deeds save or destroy. For him who does not fulfill all the commandments of the Lord, there is no benefit from a sacred place or from a sacred rank. King Saul lived in the midst of royal luxury and he perished. King David lived in the same kind of luxury and he received a wreath. Lot lived among the lawless Sodomites and he was saved. Judas was numbered among the apostles and he went to hades."

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We wish to thank all those who have given of themselves unselfishly in His name to all that is in this newsletter.

Without your time, talents and stewardship, none of this would have been possible.

In Christ—Deacon Gavriilo

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Outreach Corner

Have you visited our new Outreach Corner located in the church hall? It's a "one-stop-shop" for everything dealing with Outreach at Holy Trinity. Right now, our Outreach Corner is promoting the following programs:

Bag & Tag—Bags of clothes are available for families to take home and wash so that the items that are being donated to various agencies are ready for use! It's simple, pick up a bag of clothes to take home, wash the clothes, sort the clothes into bags and label (tag) the bag as "men, women, boy, girl" and return them to the Outreach Corner table. This is an on-going program and one that the entire family can get involved in!

Pop Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House—see page 10 for more details.

GOYA Cell Phone Collection—Donate your used cell phones and chargers. Donated phones will be wiped clean by the Raleigh Police Department and given to the homeless and the less fortunate. Donated phones will be programmed to dial "911" in case of emergency. Living on the streets is very dangerous and the homeless need the sense of security that a cell phone can provide.



Current & Upcoming Outreach Events

Current & Ongoing Events

Grocery Bag Collection

Cell Phone Collection

Pop Top Collection

Bag & Tag

Food Drive

Upcoming

**Philoptochos Holiday Food Drive—
throughout November & December**

**Philoptochos Holiday Gift Drive—Details
Coming Soon!**

**Philoptochos Holiday Café—December 1-3
(Pre-Orders due November 20)**