

Epiphany Service & Outreach

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The Service & Outreach Team is delighted to report that Epiphany parishioners gave \$98,326 at Have a Heart this past February. We recently distributed these funds among our nonprofit ministry partners. Thank you to all the generous hearts who made these gifts possible. Please read how you make a difference in people's lives.

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ): \$20,000 for Ahli Arab Hospital

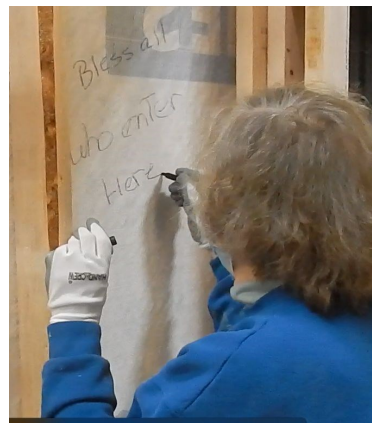
At Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, operating under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, General Director Suhaila Tarazi sees the continued impact of last year's brief but devastating war between Israel and Palestinian groups in Gaza. "Demand for our services is more than we can provide. We have waiting lists for surgeries, breast cancer screenings, underweight and malnourished clinics, and trauma therapy. We have immense shortages of medicines and medical supplies and long hours of electricity outages. People come to our door and say **'We are here because you are Christians and we know we will not be neglected.'** I have passed through many challenges, but these days are the most difficult of all."



The war displaced thousands of Gazans from their destroyed homes and severely disrupted basic services and supplies.

Sound Foundations: \$16,000 to build tiny homes

Epiphany volunteers gather the first Sunday of the month to build tiny houses at the Sound Foundations "Hope Factory" in SODO. These small but well-built structures become dry, warm, safe homes for people in one of the Low Income Housing Institute's Tiny Home Villages. Residents share communal kitchens, toilets, showers, and laundry facilities. On-site case management links them with services to help find permanent affordable housing. Epiphany's gift funds building materials for about four homes.



Construction team leader Pete Melin, Jenny and Richard Cummins, Terry Gudger, Clip Kniffin, Doug Kelbaugh, Tamara Lamb, Andy Miller, and Eric Noreen were Epiphany's crewmembers in June.

Terry writes a secret blessing between the studs.



Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD): \$10,000 for Ukraine aid

Just four days after Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, ERD began work with its Anglican member partners in Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance, based in Switzerland) to provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies, and other immediate assistance to people fleeing Ukraine.



Haiti Micah Project: \$10,000 to feed and educate children

Haiti Micah’s heroic local staff in Mirebalais continue to meet the challenges of civil unrest, escalating food and fuel prices, and the ongoing Covid crisis. Epiphany’s gift is our second this year; in January we also gave \$10,000 from Covid-19 fund reserves.

“Your check arrived this morning. It’s hard to express adequately how helpful this is to this ministry we share.”—Jim Snow, Treasurer, HMP



Nicolás Fund for Education: \$10,000 for scholarship aid

Our gift supports children at Nicolás Christian School in the indigenous Mayan region of Guatemala, providing tuition, school uniforms, tutoring, school supplies, mentoring, and transportation.

Teen Feed: \$9,000 for client needs

Epiphany’s gift supplies gift cards for personal items such as new shoes and clothing clients might need for a job interview. In December we’ll give an additional \$1,000 for Christmas gift cards.



Operation Nightwatch: \$10,000 for program costs

Expenses for beds in area shelters, nightly meals, street ministry, and senior housing costs Nightwatch more than \$1.3M annually. Epiphany’s gift covers a bit of their program budget.

Additional Gifts and Outlays

- \$1,000 St. Luke’s (Ballard) Edible Hope Kitchen for repair and maintenance of stove for meal program
- \$5,000 Backpack Brigade for weekend meals for Seattle schoolchildren
- \$3,000 Epiphany’s annual membership in the Compass Rose Society, which raises funds for special needs in the worldwide Anglican Communion