

# Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

Cave Creek, Arizona

*"The Little Church With The Big Heart"*



## Outreach Program

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OUTREACH EXPENSES FOR 2007	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
Horses Help Program (New for 2007)	1,500	5,000
Buguruni Health Clinic Oxygen Concentrator (New for 2007)	800	4,200
Contingency Fund (\$2,000 budgeted, but not used)	-0-	4,200
<b>Total Balance as of 9/1/07</b>		<b>\$4,200</b>

**Additional Outreach Funding To Come From  
A Community Donor's \$10,000 Gift**

1. Caring Corp. ....	\$1,000.00
2. Maggie's Place .....	\$1,400.00
3. Crisis Nursery .....	\$400.00
4. Sunshine Acres .....	\$1,000.00
5. Chrysalis Shelter .....	\$1,000.00
6. New Babies Layette Program .....	\$2,500.00
<b>Balance in Fund .....</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>

## Outreach Budget For 2007

OUTREACH EXPENSES FOR 2007	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
Beginning Balance Gold Mine - volunteers only		60,000
Habitat Episcopal Coalition- Christopher House	15,000	45,000
Habitat for Humanity - Desert Foothills	10,000	35,000
Foothills Caring Corp.	2,000	33,000
Watoto Mission	2,500	30,500
Honduras Mission	2,100	28,400
Maggie's Place	1,600	26,800
Crisis Nursery	1,600	25,200
Food Pantry (no funding needed) donated funds and supplies		25,200
Nairobi Mission Project	8,000	17,200
El Hogar Scholarship Project in Honduras	1,500	15,700
Sunshine Acres	1,000	14,700
Angel Tree Project	200	14,500
Chrysallis Shelter	1,000	13,500
Dar Es Saalam Medical Clinic Mission Project in Tanzania	2,000	11,500
Dar Es Saalam Community Health Program (New for 2007)	5,000	6,500

## Jubilee Center

Good Shepherd is recognized, through its outreach programs, as one of the Jubilee Centers in the Episcopal Church. This distinction is granted for its advocacy for human rights of the oppressed and poor.

### Our Philosophy

The *"Little Church with the Big Heart"* follows our Lord's command that we, as His disciples, care for and empower "the least of these brothers." Matthew 25:40. To empower is illustrated by the saying: "It is better to teach a man to fish than to just give him the fish."

Our mission: Good Shepherd presents God's light and love, which transforms lives. We embrace and serve all as we worship and grow together.

In our outreach program, we go forth into the local and world communities to love and serve the Lord, reaching out and embracing neighbors in need.

### The Framework

The Outreach Programs at Good Shepherd are organized as one of the five mission areas. The structure of the program is as follows:

1. Vestry liaison - coordinates and communicates committee information to and from the vestry and the rector.
2. Lay leader - chairs the committee, organizes & conducts meetings and assigns responsibilities.

3. Members - 5-8 parishioners that have an interest in local or international outreach. Each committee member is assigned or volunteers to chair 2-3 outreach programs; it is then the responsibility of each member to recruit parishioners to help with each program.
4. Meetings - held the second Wednesday of each month or at least once a month at another designated time that is agreeable with the committee members.
5. General guidelines - 70% of the outreach budget is designated for local projects and 30% for international projects.

### The Process

Funding of the various outreach programs comes from three sources:

1. Proceeds from the Gold Mine Thrift Shop;
2. Individual designated contributions given over and above pledged amounts;
3. Grants.

Any member of the congregation who has a passion for a potential new ministry is encouraged to bring ideas to the committee. That parishioner must be willing to donate the time, energy, and head up this new ministry. All new programs are submitted on a request form and given to the lay leader one week prior to a monthly meeting. Immediate funding is possible, but most likely the program will be evaluated in November for inclusion in the following year's budget.

### Outreach Program Financial Information

The 2007 Outreach budget was \$60,000, which represents a percentage of the proceeds from the Gold Mine. At this point, as in past years, some of the Gold Mine revenue goes to operating expenses of the church. It is a goal of Good Shepherd that by 2008, all revenue from the Gold Mine will go to Outreach projects.

The vestry approves the total budget amount, but the Outreach Committee (made up of volunteers from the congregation) determines priorities for projects considered for funding. Detailed records are kept for all disbursements.

Fifteen different ministries were chosen by the Outreach Committee to receive donations from Good Shepherd. In addition, the committee coordinates additional donated funds designated by individuals for specific ministries. No pledge money is used for Outreach Ministry. As causes occur, such as the Tsunami, or Katrina, the committee solicits additional contributions from parishioners for special aid.

Parishioner's individual contributions to the various outreach ministries are not included in, but are in addition to, the Outreach budget. In the last year (since November 2006), the parish members of Good Shepherd have personally donated nearly \$40,000 in contributions for many of Good Shepherd's outreach programs. This additional \$40,000 per year from individual parish members is not reflected in the Outreach Budget table that follows, and does not include the special \$10,000 gift provided by a community donor. Therefore, in the last year, Good Shepherd has contributed nearly \$110,000 to benefit local and national outreach.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

At the committee's discretion, grants may be applied for through the Episcopal Church or other outside sources.

The budget is set in November of each year and the committee reviews the programs to determine the ones to continue, to drop, or to add. The monies are distributed at different times during the year, coinciding with the needs of the programs and the availability of the funds.

### Total Outreach at Good Shepherd

The total outreach at Good Shepherd includes numerous local, unbudgeted and donated services. The programs span all the way from the Dayworker Program to Watoto in Africa. When you factor in all the donated monies and goods, the current outreach programs percentages are approximately 85% local and 15% international.

## Food Pantry

Good Shepherd operates a food pantry which serves our day workers and others who come to our doors in need.

On average, 12 to 15 well-balanced bags of food are given out weekly.

Donations of food and cash are received from parishioners. The \$1.00 daily fee paid by the day workers in Good Shepherd's Dayworker Program is also used to purchase groceries for this program.

## Buguruni Anglican Health Clinic Dar Es Saalam, Tanzania

The Anglican Diocese of Dar Es Saalam, Tanzania, and the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona have established an informal supportive relationship. As part of this effort, Good Shepherd of the Hills initiated a project this year to provide direct hands-on and financial support for the Buguruni Anglican Health Clinic, operated by the Diocese of Dar Es Saalam. This clinic provides a wide variety of health services and community development to support 5 poor villages in the Buguruni district of Dar. Two members of Good Shepherd spent 4 weeks at the clinic this year working with clinic director Dr. Henry Ziegler and his RN wife, Priscilla (full-time Episcopal Medical Missionaries). The Good Shepherd missionaries developed a Community Home Health Program, which has been implemented, and a community sanitation and drainage improvement plan which is in the process of being implemented. Good Shepherd's Outreach Program, together with additional individual donations, has provided the funding to implement the Home Health Program and to provide a much-needed oxygen concentrator for the clinic. Good Shepherd plans to provide follow-up hands-on assistance and funding for these projects in 2008.

## NEW PROJECTS FOR 2007

### Horses Help

Horses Help provides therapeutic and recreational horseback riding to a diverse population of people with special needs. Volunteers from Good Shepherd regularly witness the hand of God entering the world of these challenged individuals through the horse and bringing miracles into their lives. Good Shepherd's Outreach Program assisted Horses Help in purchasing a tractor and an ongoing support program is being considered.

### New Babies Layette Program

This program provides new, indigent mothers with the basics that they need to take their newborns home. Each mother receives a layette which includes a blanket, baby clothing, & diapers. In the first year, Good Shepherd's Outreach Program provided 100 layettes at Paradise Valley Hospital.

### Just Coffee

Just Coffee is a coffee cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico, that seeks to sell its coffee to the U.S. at a fair price. Born of a desire to address the immigration crisis, Just Coffee markets to the U.S. and thereby allows its growers to remain on their land and earn a reasonable living from their crops.

Currently there are 35 families in the cooperative, with others waiting to join. Just Coffee farmers are proud of their heritage as growers of quality coffee and are dedicated to making the cooperative a success.

Good Shepherd supports Just Coffee by selling their products through the Church office.

## Maggie's Place

Maggie's Place is a Christian-based program, which provides a home for expectant women who are alone or on the streets. Residents live in a home-like setting during their pregnancy and may stay until the baby is nine-months old. The women are given computer training and are counseled on parenting skills and recognition of their self-worth. They are then helped with finding a job, building a support system, and locating a place to live.

Maggie's Place opened in 2000 and has served more than 150 women and their babies. It currently has three operating facilities: the Magdalene House in Phoenix (the original), the Elizabeth House in Tempe (opened in 2005), and the Michael House in Glendale (opened in 2006). Each site provides assistance to an average of 25 women and their infants each year.

Good Shepherd supports Maggie's Place through a monetary donation from Outreach funds as well as a yearly Lenten collection of items needed by the facilities.

## Tafakari Center For Urban Mission Carlisle College, Nairobi, Kenya

More than 700,000 poverty-stricken Africans live in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya. One of the most effective ministries to these people is that of the Tafakari Center for Urban Mission. This is a program developed and operated by Carlisle College, a non-denominational Christian college in Nairobi. The ministry includes a number of successful endeavors that are giving hope to the hopeless and lifting people out of poverty and despair. This is accomplished by training pastors and church leaders in practical ways to bring holistic ministry approaches to the Kibera residents. This includes training in the following areas: how the Gospel of Jesus Christ can transform individuals and communities; how to be a disciple maker; holistic ministry (ministering to the peoples' greatest needs, where they are); establishing micro-businesses; and others.

This ministry includes a program for care, treatment, support and education of AIDS victims. It also includes a literacy program for women, a support program for micro-enterprises, health clinics, schools, food programs, and other humanitarian ministries that are transforming the lives of thousands.

Good Shepherd supports this ministry with designated funds and hopes to support it with individuals who will go and do hands on work in Tanzania.

## Chrysalis International

This dynamic ministry was introduced to us by one of our Good Shepherd parishioners, Darrow Miller. This ministry is part of the Disciple Nations Alliance. It is headed by Dr. Elizabeth Youmans, who has developed a teaching program entitled "Feed My Lambs." She has developed materials for educators to teach all subjects with a bible-based foundation. Dr. Youmans travels around the world educating teachers how they might utilize this Christian and biblical method of teaching subjects from reading and writing to history and mathematics. She has taught this methodology in South America and Asia. It is a dynamic way to spread the good news to the children of the world.

A member of the Outreach Committee has traveled to Kenya and Uganda with her to witness the enthusiastic acceptance of her program from teachers in these two countries. It is a worldwide ministry as it has impacted education in Africa, Asia, South America, and Central America.

## Chrysalis Shelters

The Chrysalis Program provides a safe-haven for women and their children who are the victims of domestic violence. They operate two shelters in the Phoenix area which can handle a combined total of 50 women and children. Stays are limited to 120 days in the crisis shelters. Transitional housing is then made available for those who need it for another two years, if necessary. Women are provided with a case manager, medical assistance, parenting information, and help with job development, housing and financial issues.

Counseling is provided to women and children in the crisis centers, transitional housing, and through an outpatient program. Victim advocates are also provided. Additionally, there is an offender program which offers help through psycho-educational counseling groups.

Good Shepherd supports Chrysalis through a cash donation from Outreach Funds, as well as collecting toiletries and used cell phones.

## Foothills Caring Corps

Foothills Caring Corps is a non-profit organization that provides support services such as transportation to medical appointments, shopping, meals on wheels, and respite assistance to homebound and frail elderly adults in our local community.

Good Shepherd has been supporting this program financially for several years.

In addition, we have parishioners who volunteer their time doing home visits, transportation, and shopping.

## Watoto Children's Ministry Kampala, Uganda

Good Shepherd of the Hills has been involved with the Watoto Children's Ministry since 2003. This ministry was started by the Kampala Pentecostal Church to deal with the 2 million orphaned children whose parents died of AIDS. A complete community, with hospitals, schools, and housing has been constructed and is being expanded.

In 2003, Good Shepherd raised \$10,000 and joined with two other local churches to send a team to Kampala to build a home for these orphaned children. Being there and meeting the children and the staff of Watoto brought this vision home to Good Shepherd.

In 2006 we raised \$15,800 to build another home, as well as contributing to the remodeling of a building which is now being used to house and care for abandoned babies. Watoto now has provided homes, families and education for over 2500 children.

In 2007 we sent another team to build a third home, including two women to work in Bulrushes, the abandoned babies home (from preemies to age 3), during our stay. Good Shepherd raised \$20,500 - \$15,000 of which was used to build the third home and \$5,500 was used to buy equipment and supplies (clothing, diapers, shoes, baby bottles and nipples) for Bulrushes. These ministries truly impact children, women, and a nation.

## Honduras Mission Project

For three years, Good Shepherd has been providing secondary education for students and instruction on health issues to the residents of the small town of El Triunfo, Honduras.

Two members of the parish make regular mission trips twice a year, staying for a week on each visit. Both of these parishioners are retired nurses.

As of the last visit in January 2007, there were 90 students enrolled in school, all fully supported by individual contributions from Good Shepherd parishioners.

Health education classes continue in El Triunfo and in Chacaris, a second village about 1 mile from El Triunfo.

Funding for this mission comes from three different sources: Individual designated gifts, Outreach Funds, and the people going to Honduras who pay a portion of their own expenses.

## Crisis Nursery

For nearly 30 years, Crisis Nursery has provided many services to children who are threatened with abuse, neglect, or homelessness, and to their families. They provide a safe, nurturing place for children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services. They operate children's shelters in central Phoenix, which provide food, clothing, medical services, counseling and education, all in a child-friendly environment

Some children stay a short time; others are there much longer, until they can be placed with family or foster homes. An average of 36 children a day, from birth to ten years of age, comes to Crisis Children's Center. They have served over 13,000 children since inception.

Good Shepherd supports Crisis Nursery through a cash donation from Outreach funds.

## Angel Tree Project

Angel Tree is a Christian program which reaches out to the children of prisoners. It began in 1982 when a former inmate had her life turned around by accepting Christ and was working with Prison Fellowship Ministries. She created Angel Tree so that every child who has one or both parents incarcerated could receive a gift for Christmas from that parent, thereby strengthening the bond between the two and demonstrating Christ's love for them.

The parent must make the request to Prison Fellowship, specifying what the child would like, and the gift is given in the parent's name. Churches from all over the United States participate in this effort.

Good Shepherd supports Angel Tree by collecting gifts for children whose names are given to us by Prison Ministries. They are delivered to a church in Phoenix which holds a Christmas party for the children and their families to distribute these gifts.

Good Shepherd sponsored 60 children in 2006, supplying toys and clothing, totaling 120 gifts delivered.

## El Hogar Mission Project

The El Hogar Projects were founded in 1979 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras to rescue boys from a life of hunger and desperation on the streets. It enables them to break the cycle of poverty and unemployment by providing them with a nurturing environment, education and a marketable trade.

For the past several years Good Shepherd has been providing partial sponsorship of one young man per year. This sponsorship provides food, housing, health care, education and training in a special skill.

Last year, the first young man we supported graduated from the Agricultural School and Farm and now has a permanent job.

This year, we have a new young man who is working toward graduation.

## Episcopal Habitat Coalition

Fourteen Episcopal Churches in the Valley have combined their parishes into a meaningful work force that builds houses for the needy. Good Shepherd has been a contributing member of the group almost from its inception. To date, the coalition has built 12 homes, supplying labor and all of the funds to purchase the materials.

Each of the houses has been built for a deserving family, sometimes for a single parent, sometimes for families of three to six members. In every case, the family is carefully selected on the basis of need. The new owners are granted an interest-free loan. Habitat requires the family to put in 400 hours of labor related to the construction of the home.

The houses built in the Valley are approximately 1200 to 1300 square feet, and are worth about \$100,000. Each house costs approximately \$55,000 to build.

Good Shepherd has contributed, either in parishioner gifts or outreach funds, \$13,000 per home. Our church is always at the top of dollar contributions list. We also provide volunteers for each work session.

Habitat is not a doling out of alms, but an avenue to help people achieve a better life through their own efforts, along with caring Christians who are willing to reach out to them.

## Sunshine Acres Children's Home

Sunshine Acres was founded in Mesa, Arizona in 1954 through the efforts of two tireless individuals who had a dream and made it come true. Jim and Vera Dingman came to this area with nothing but a rock-solid belief that God would provide. They bought the land for their home for troubled and needy kids ages 5 through 15 through the help of the local Kiwanis Club. Then they set about fixing up the old building on the site.

Jim and Vera are both gone now, but Sunshine Acres has provided a loving, Christian environment for over 1,500 children in the 50 years they have been open.

Children are placed at Sunshine for a minimum of one year and may stay as long as they need a home, even through college. Children are never turned away for financial reasons.

Good Shepherd supports Sunshine Acres with a cash contribution from the Outreach Funds.

## Shoebox Ministries

Shoebox Ministry provides a critical service to the homeless population of Phoenix by providing shoeboxes of personal hygiene items to each of the homeless shelters in the Valley. Other organizations also benefit from donations of their shoeboxes, including Chyalis Shelters and Maggie's Place, two groups also supported by Good Shepherd.

Food stamps cannot be used to purchase personal hygiene items. Shoebox provides these items, plus clean, new socks and underwear. Special collections are made at Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Christmas.

Good Shepherd supports Shoebox Ministries through an ongoing collection of hygiene items and other special collections from time to time. For example, in May 2007 Good Shepherd sponsored a "purse project" for Mother's Day. Women in the church and in the community donated purses filled with cosmetics, jewelry, etc. The purses were then given to children in various shelters to be used as Mother's Day gifts.

## Habitat for Humanity, Desert Foothills

Habitat for Humanity, Desert Foothills, was founded in 2001 and is an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Its mission is to provide simple, decent, affordable homes to deserving persons in the Desert Foothills area. The 1999 eviction of 12 families from the Cave Creek Casitas (across the street from Good Shepherd) led to community-wide concern and the eventual establishment of Habitat for Humanity, Desert Foothills.

To date, Good Shepherd has helped fund and build 12 homes on Basin Road in Cave Creek and 4 homes on Hidden Valley Drive. The homes are three bedroom homes with 1 ½ baths and 1200 square feet. The families contribute sweat equity hours and have monthly payments on a 0% mortgage. Incidentally, 2 of the 16 families are dayworker related.

In 2002, Habitat for Humanity, Desert Foothills, won the Jimmy Carter Award as the number one affiliate for its size in the western United States.

Currently, there are 1 board member; 2 committee chairmen; 1 office volunteer and numerous "construction worker bees" who are members of Good Shepherd. Habitat for Humanity, Desert Foothills, is continuing to provide families in our community the opportunity for a piece of the American dream.