



Episcopal Charities

A Commitment to Caring



**Transforming
the Lives
of Those in
Need**



Who

Episcopal Charities provides critical funding and operational support to strengthen nearly 100 local programs working to transform the lives of 900,000 people in need each year.

Working in partnership with these programs, we help connect those in need with the generosity of caring donors and the energy of dedicated volunteers.

In the true spirit of outreach, every program we support is free of religious content, welcoming one and all. We serve communities throughout the 10-county Episcopal Diocese of New York: Manhattan, Staten Island, the Bronx, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Sullivan, Orange and Ulster.



We Are

OUR HISTORY

Episcopal Charities was founded in 1996 as an independent nonprofit in order to bring transparency and professionalism to charitable giving by the Diocese of New York.

Functioning as the outreach arm of the diocese, we have granted more than \$15 million to local programs affiliated with parishes serving people in need. All of this is made possible by generous individuals, congregations, foundations and corporations that share our commitment to caring.



How We

We Fight Hunger

We support a growing number of **Community Kitchens and Food Pantries.**

Within the 10 counties that make up the Episcopal Diocese of New York, the rate of food insecurity is more than 13%. Episcopal parishes have taken a very active role to meet this most basic human need. From food pantries that are open one morning a week to community kitchens that serve a thousand meals each day, our programs work to address this critical aspect of community outreach.



Help

We Strengthen Communities

Our **Skills-Building** programs offer a path to success for the unemployed, recent immigrants, and the formerly incarcerated re-entering society.

Included are post-prison reentry programs, English as a Second Language instruction, youth leadership development and community gardens. Every program works to meet its participants “where they are,” recognizing that every person served is actively seeking a better life ... and is working to achieve it.



We Create Opportunities for the Next Generation

We Protect the Most Vulnerable

Our Health and Wellness programs improve quality of life for senior citizens, the homebound, children with special needs, and recovering substance abusers.

Parish-based health and wellness programs have identified very specialized needs within their communities and are addressing them with the help of active and committed volunteers. From programs that offer companionship for the elderly to those that offer housing for the homeless or mentoring for LGBTQ teens, all of our programs provide essential services offered with a spirit of love and fellowship.

Episcopal Charities supports many *Children's Arts, Academic Enrichment, and Summer Recreation* programs that enhance the lives of thousands of children.

In under-resourced communities, few families can afford private music lessons, academic tutoring, or summer camp for their children. Yet all children benefit from the joy of creativity, support for school success, and a positive, enriching summer vacation. Whether providing homework help on the Lower East Side, an opportunity to perform in a musical in Mount Vernon, or the chance to steer a canoe in Dutchess County, youth programs expand horizons, build foundations for future achievement, and provide meaningful opportunities for growth in safe, supportive environments.





How We

We Support Parishes and Programs

We enhance programs' efforts to serve more people in better and more meaningful ways.

We provide our programs with empowering training opportunities and as-needed operational assistance. Grantees are required to attend our Sustainability Institute Workshops that provide program directors with strategic training and operational support from experts in their fields.

Workshops not only provide information, they also gather our most valued asset: the compassionate staff and volunteers who serve on the front lines. Often, the most beneficial learning is peer-to-peer, as program leaders discuss issues of concern and help each other find solutions to common problems.



Partner

We Provide Individualized Operational Support

Staff members and veteran program leaders visit our grant recipients annually to learn about their work.

In addition, Episcopal Charities matches programs with volunteers, including experienced business professionals who provide free counsel related to their fields of expertise to help programs with specific needs.



Please Join Us

Transforming the lives of those in need. It's more than our mission statement. It is a commitment shared by Episcopal Charities' Board of Directors, donors, staff, volunteers, and parish-based programs across the diocese. Please join us in continuing our vitally important mission.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Whether you offer your financial support or volunteer your services, we invite you to join us in commitment to this mission. Your participation is vitally needed, most welcomed and greatly appreciated ... and you may also find *your* life transformed for the better!

To make a gift or to learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact Mary Beth Sasso, Executive Director, at **212-316-7575** or **episcopalcharities@dioceseny.org**.



MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF NEW YORK



Episcopal Charities sets compassion in motion, empowering parish-sponsored outreach programs that meet local needs.

While visiting parishes in towns and neighborhoods across the diocese, I am delighted and heartened by the prevailing desire to help neighbors in need. With adequate funding and support, that desire takes flight through after-school programs, community kitchens, summer camps, programs for the incarcerated and so much more.

As the official outreach arm of the diocese, Episcopal Charities works to ensure that these programs have the resources needed to serve their local communities. Of course, it all begins with a generosity of spirit shared by all those with a place in their heart for those less fortunate. Whether as a donor or as a hands-on volunteer, I encourage you to join in.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew M L Dietsche".

The Rt. Rev. Andrew M L Dietsche
Bishop of New York

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