

# COMMON GROUNDS OUTREACH

## 2024 UPDATE

Common Grounds Outreach is entering our 17<sup>th</sup> year of being a 100% operated volunteer organization. The ministry opened doors to the Eastern Kanawha County qualified residents in September 2007 with the vision of Fr. John H. McDonough and several committed St. Agnes Church members. Soon to follow our community, we welcomed the support of Morris Memorial Methodist and Village Chapel Presbyterian.

Common Grounds has continued to serve clients, with a brief closing for COVID-related safety concerns. Even during COVID, precautions were taken, and measures were implemented to serve clients by a drive through method.

The ministry continues to offer a 3-day supply of food once a month and utility assistance based on need one time per year.

As with all local food banks, we continue to experience a growing number of families needing assistance and an increased number of homeless seeking food. Special boxes are made available for the homeless.

<b>In 2023, Common Grounds served</b>	<b>5471 Individuals / 2,126 Families</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Boxes for 2023</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>Utility Assistance provided</b>	<b>\$ 21,919.27</b>
<b>Food Purchased</b>	<b>\$ 51, 579.84</b>

**Funds collected by the generous members of St. Agnes for 2023 totaled \$ 19,254.88.**

New volunteers are always welcome! We could certainly use any help.

Volunteers are needed to assist in carrying out boxes, unloading purchased food, completing information for new and existing clients, sorting donated bread and picking up bread from donations from Panera Bread. As with any organization our volunteers do go out of town and have other obligations. A list of backup and even part time volunteers would be so very helpful.

**IF INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE CALL**

**Tina Tallarico 304-546-8010 Connie Carey 304-552-5286 or Kay Amole 304-419-1702**

**Common Grounds continues to operate on Tuesday\Thursday from 10AM - 2 PM**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN SO VERY GENEROUS!**

*"amen, If say to you, whatever  
you did for one of these least  
brothers of mine,  
you did for me."  
Matthew  
25:40*