

2015 Grants Announcement

St. Margaret's Church Awards \$90,000 in Grants to Nonprofits

St. Margaret's Church of Annapolis recently awarded twelve grants totaling \$90,000 to nonprofits in the local area and across the world. This is the 16th year of the St. Margaret's grants program that was funded through an endowment from the estate of Ed and Zoe Hall, former parishioners. Since the inception of the grants program, the Episcopal congregation has given \$2 million in funding for 260 grants.

Over 45 members of the parish participate in the process and serve on the Grants Committee who review the applicants or act as liaisons to the applicants that are chosen to be interviewed. "The St. Margaret's Grants process is very thorough," said the Rev. Jane Milliken Hague, Asst. to the Rector for Mission & Outreach. "Our applicants frequently say that it is one of the most rigorous they have experienced. We also mentor and consult with our applicants when appropriate. Parishioners have become deeply involved with some of our grantees and serve on their boards or volunteer in these projects."

Grant proposals must have a purpose aligned with the church's designated mission goals:

- *Endow the poor and hungry with the means to feed, shelter and clothe themselves;
- *Restore the ill to health and heal the broken;
- *Promote, preserve and sustain environmental health and good practices; and
- *Improve access to educational opportunities.

"In a world that is increasingly pluralistic and interdependent, I am proud of our faith community's commitment to providing needed funds for worthy applicants," said the Rev. Peter W. Mayer, St. Margaret's Rector. "I am thrilled that so many, both locally and globally will be able to do needed work in their communities. We are happy to play a small part in healing the world in this way."

This year's grant recipients are:

Avergan Foundation, Anne Arundel County - \$3,600
Baltimore International Seafarer's Center - \$5,000
Engineers Without Borders - University of Maryland College Park, Ghana Energy Project - \$11,000
Serenity Sista's Recovery Homes for Women, Annapolis - \$12,000
St. Alban's Church Glen Burnie Reading Camp - \$2,500
LET'S GO Boys and Girls, Annapolis - \$7,500
Five Talents USA/ Mother's Union, Burundi Africa - \$6,000
Seeds 4 Success, Annapolis - \$7,500
The Autism Project, Maryland - \$7,500
Services from the Heart, Anne Arundel County - \$1,500
Dageno Girl's Center, Tanzania, Africa - \$15,900
Rolling Knolls Back Pack Buddies, Annapolis - \$10,000.