

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ST. BONFACE?

*You'll find St. Boniface well past our church walls,
thanks to the many ways we share our passion, talents and wealth year-round
in the community and beyond.*

...the hungry and thirsty ~

- packaging 35,200 meals Stop Hunger Now! – over 15,000 in one morning for our annual event *and* over 20,000 in one morning for our emergency hurricane relief effort
- raising funds for safe drinking water projects
- donating hundreds of pounds of non-perishables to All Faiths Food Bank through our year-round food drive
- stuffing 3,000 backpacks for children and families in AFFB's summer hunger program
- sorting 8,400 pounds of food – enough to feed 12,600 hungry in our community

...the forgotten, the frightened and those far from loved ones ~

- transforming PJS, underwear and stuffed animals into comfort for the abused, abandoned and neglected children in the Guardian ad Litem program
- bringing the familiar comforts of home with a trunk-load of care packages bound for our troops serving around the world
- ensuring safety and independence with household basics for those in Senior Friendship Centers' Friendship at Home program
- rolling up our sleeves to donate 15 units of blood, touching up to 75 lives in our community facing surgery, chemo and burn therapy

...the homeless and the needy ~

- providing shelter, meals and hope to 14 families – including 32 children ranging from 1 year- to 15-years old – during our 5 host weeks with Family Promise of Sarasota
- filling countless bins of clothing, rain gear, shoes and toiletries for those at the Resurrection House day shelter
- gathering back-to-school supplies and backpacks for the youngsters at Newtown's Emma E. Booker Elementary School
- creating a merrier Christmas for the children with Brothers and Sisters Doing the Right Thing with Christmas stocking candies
- collecting critically needed diapers and infant goods for the mothers in Healthy Families' parenting program

... and others ~

- collecting funds and pet food for the Humane Society of Sarasota County at our Eco-Stewardship's annual Blessing of the Animals service
- weekly peaceful witnessing along the bay front for an end to gun violence
- joining in the Open ARMS walk for refugees and immigrants
- partnering with Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (S.U.R.E.), as their 18th congregation

Thanks to **parishioner bequests and gifts***, our **Grants & Outreach Committee** awarded financial support for homelessness, at-risk youth, hunger aid and other social justice needs with **\$34,550 in grants** to All Faiths Food Bank, the Children's Guardian Fund, Face of Hope, Family Promise of Sarasota, Manasota Operation Troop Support, Resurrection House, Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity, Take Stock in Children, the Visible Men Academy.

Through **parishioner gifts** and our **general fund**, we provided **\$135,196** in support of our **national church**, and **church growth** and assistance in our own diocese; **direct aid** to those in dire need of food, rent and utility assistance, gas money and medical needs; **disaster relief** aid through the Episcopal Church's independent outreach arm, Episcopal Relief & Development.

We opened **our church campus** to give **meeting space** for community groups – like AA and Al-Anon – and give **respite** with our Healing Mission, Labyrinth and Courtyard.

*Where in the world is St. Boniface?
Wherever compassion, healing and hope are needed – that's where!*

To discuss creating your legacy at St. Boniface with an estate or other planned gift to the church, contact Betsie Danner in the church office (941-349-5616 x318).