

**The Outreach Ministry “Team** has the very important job of sharing our congregation’s generous support with our partners in the non-profit community. Altogether, close to \$100,000 is shared with our community. Part of this is our support of the Presbytery of New Hope, which amounts to \$36,623 this year.

A number of grantees receive ongoing support, and we typically decide on this early in the year and fund them all along the way. For 2015 those partners were:

Housing for New Hope	\$ 16,000
Duke Presbyterian Ministry	\$ 6,878
Urban Ministries of Durham (food & operating grant)	\$ 5,400
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 5,000
NCCU Presbyterian Campus Ministry	\$ 4,000
TAPC Neighborhood Outreach	\$ 3,600
Senior PharmAssist	\$ 1,000
Meals on Wheels	\$ 833
Genesis Home	\$ 833

Another set of grants are approved at the November Ministry Team meeting, and represent the funds raised throughout the year through our Mission Challenge events — the Fall Festival, Miriam Wright Tea, TAPC Golf Tournament, and the Croquet Match. As a team, we evaluate requests for assistance with a particular eye to those causes with which TAPC members are actively engaged. These grants for 2015 are:

YMCA We Build People	\$ 3,333
DIHN/Genesis Home “Under One Roof” campaign	\$ 3,000
Tom and Judy Harvey Family ( <i>Harvey Mission Fund</i> )	2,000
The Collins Family ( <i>Harvey Mission Fund</i> )	\$ 2,000
A Helping Hand	\$ 1,000
Habitat Repair Fund	\$ 1,000
LEAP	\$ 1,000
East Durham Children’s Initiative	\$ 750
Durham Crisis Response Center	\$ 750
Emmanuel Iglesia Church Food Pantry	\$ 519
Interfaith Food Shuttle/Backpack Buddies	\$ 500
Reality Ministries	\$ 500
Step Up Ministries—Durham	\$ 500
Housing for New Hope Christmas Party	\$ 250

In addition, we voted to divide the Christmas Eve plate (usually \$4,000-6,000) evenly between the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program for relief efforts in South Carolina and Syria. Anyone who is not going to be with us on Christmas Eve can drop a check in the plate beforehand marked for the Christmas Eve Collection.

Your Outreach Team understands its important role as the conduit of funds the rest of you have given and raised, and we hope you will be pleased with the way these dollars are being invested in BEING THE CHURCH in the community. We would welcome new members at any time, particularly as we gear up for a new year with a meeting on January 6. Please let me or any member know if you’d like to come. Longtime committee member Lisa Drummond spoke for all of us when she shared why she enjoys being part of this committee’s work. *“The 15K we distributed last night represented the time, talents, and the generosity of many people. I felt that God was guiding us in making the decisions to give to those organizations that will help our surrounding community in the best way possible. Our church is full of loving and giving people and I personally have felt their love and support in the recent months. I have asked this question before and I will ask it again, “Why would you want to help those in need”? Because you have the love of Christ in Your hearts!”*

Thank you all for making this outreach ministry possible.

---Susan Ross, Chair, Outreach Ministry Team