

Domestic Giving

The recipient organizations of our domestic giving vary somewhat from year to year. The general rule is that one or more Seekers are personally involved in these organizations in some way. Recipients are chosen by consensus among the congregation at the start of every year.



Domestic Giving 2014



DOMESTIC GIVING

2014



Seekers Church supports many missions and ministries in the United States and other countries. The amount budgeted for domestic giving, is usually about 20% of what we expect to receive in offerings over the course of the year. Once our budget is approved each year and the overall amount available for domestic giving has been determined by the Stewards of Seekers Church, all members of the faith community are invited to request support for missions or ministries where they are personally involved.

For 2014 the community has affirmed support for 26 domestic missions and ministries. For easy access to more information, the name of each organization is linked to its web site.

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Here are the domestic missions and ministries we are supporting this year. To visit their web sites, click on the name of the organization.

HOUSING

[N Street Village](#)

N Street Village is a community of empowerment and recovery for homeless and low-income women in Washington, D.C. With comprehensive services addressing both emergency and long-term needs, N Street Village helps women achieve personal stability and make gains in their housing, income, employment, mental health, physical health, and addiction recovery.

[Interfaith Works / Community Vision](#)

Walking through the doors of Community Vision is the first step homeless clients take to recover from unstable lives. Located at Progress Place, just off Georgia Ave. in Silver Spring, Community Vision provides case management, job training, vocational services, substance abuse programs, recreational and therapeutic groups. The case management team concentrates on full clinical assessments and referrals for housing, mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Community Vision is a day program, but provides emergency night shelter during the winter. Other services include meals, laundry, showers and transportation.

Sarah's Circle

Sarah's Circle, a not-for-profit located in the Adams Morgan community of Washington, DC, is an award-winning affordable housing residence and Wellness Center providing comprehensive services for very low-income seniors.

Manna, Inc.

The mission of Manna, Inc. is to help low and moderate income persons acquire quality housing, build assets for families through homeownership, revitalize distressed neighborhoods, and preserve racial and ethnic diversity.

L'Arche of Greater Washington

L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C. is: a faith community; a licensed provider of professional services; an advocate with and for people who have intellectual disabilities; and a member of a worldwide federation of autonomous L'Arche communities.

Silver Spring Village

Silver Spring Village, Inc. is a new, nonprofit, tax-exempt [501(c)(3)] organization that offers needed services and programs for older adults who wish to "age in place" – to remain as long as possible in their own homes, amid familiar people and surroundings. Like other senior villages

throughout the U.S. and abroad, their network of “neighbors helping neighbors” aims to support individuals and to strengthen the community in which they live. Silver Spring Village opened on September 29, 2013.

EDUCATION/CULTURE

Guatemala ,Pilgrimage Scholarships

The annual work pilgrimage to Guatemala is a ministry of Seekers Church. Each year we facilitate the opportunity for two dozen people to work with a Mayan community-building organization and the residents of a highland village, helping them build a school, running water system or library. Scholarships help cover the costs of the program so more people can participate.

[For Love of Children \(FLOC\)](#)

For Love of Children (FLOC) provides educational services beyond the classroom to help students succeed from first grade through college and career. FLOC brings together students, volunteers, families, and community partners in proven programs that teach, empower, and transform

[First Book](#)

First Book provides access to new books for children in need. To date, First Book has distributed more than 90 million books and educational resources to programs and schools serving children from low-income families throughout the United States and Canada. First Book is transforming the lives of children

in need and elevating the quality of education by making new, high-quality books available on an ongoing basis.

[Luce Center for Arts and Religion](#)

The Henry Luce III Center for Arts and Religion nurtures and guides students, churches, and artists exploring the intersection of the arts and theology. The Dadian Gallery serves as a meeting place for both contemplative reflection and communal celebration, playing host to compelling one-of-a-kind shows and spiritually themed exhibitions. A long standing Artist-in-Residence program offers seminary students hands-on-training in a variety of artistic traditions, while also providing artists with shared studio space and a spiritual home well suited to vital art making. By producing dramatic works, concerts, artist talks, poetry readings, dance workshops, symposia, and other special events, the Center for the Arts and Religion seeks to promote dialogue between artists and theologians, and to foster inspired creativity in all forms of ministry.

[InterPlay Race Exploration](#)

InterPlay is a global social movement dedicated to ease, connection, human sustainability and play.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

[Joseph's House](#)

Joseph's House is a hospice home for homeless men and women who are dying of AIDS and cancer. For 21 years, Joseph's House has offered a welcoming community and comprehensive nursing

services. Our medical staff and trained caregivers work to create a home where the values of unreserved love and unconditional forgiveness are practiced. The house includes nine beds, and welcomes about 40 people each year.

Potter's House

The Potter's House coffee house and bookstore is the first of the outreach ministries of the Church of the Saviour. Since 1960 it has served as a birthing place for most of the 501c3 activist and service organizations in the Adams Morgan neighborhood today.

Discipleship Year

One of The Festival Center's core programs, Discipleship Year is a year-long residential experience that actively engages volunteers with issues of social justice and servant leadership.

Christ House and the Christ House Art Program

The mission of Christ House is to provide comprehensive health care to sick, homeless men and women from the District of Columbia, and to assist them in addressing critical issues to help break the cycle of homelessness. The art program gives Christ House patients another way to express themselves.

Dayspring Permaculture Project

Dayspring Farm is beginning a new project to restore the health of the soil and encourage sustainable farming. Their vision is to develop resources to help growers learn and adopt

more sustainable practices and provide healthy produce.

OTHER

[Arlington THRIVE](#)

AMEN provides same-day emergency financial assistance to Arlington residents facing a financial crisis.

[St. Camillus Food Pantry](#)

This is a direct service ministry whose goal is to promote food security for members of the St. Camillus family and local residents in Silver Spring, MD. Food security is access to safe, adequate, sufficient, easy-to-use, and culturally appropriate food at all times of the year. The largest activity of this ministry is the operation of two Food Pantries, one in the rectory basement and one in Langley Park, which provide emergency food assistance to families in need.

[Charlie's Place](#)

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday starting at 6:30am Charlie's Place offers homeless individuals coffee, tea and pastries. After announcement and/or a presentation at 7:30am they serve a hot and nutritious meal. This breakfast program serves approximately 80 individuals every morning it is open. In addition to a nutritious meal, Charlie's Place provides clothes distribution, barbering services, writing classes, space for personal hygiene and a stable address to receive and send out mail to create an environment that is most helpful for all clients. Twice a week a registered nurse is present to administer toiletries, first aid and attend to minor ailments as well as referrals to the appropriate clinic

or hospital for additional attention.

[Companioning the Dying](#)

A year-long program offering both formation and ongoing support for those who have been seasoned by losses and others who feel called to deepen their own spiritual grounding as they companion the dying, especially those who would otherwise have no one to accompany them.

ADVOCACY

[Center for Medicare Advocacy](#)

The Center for Medicare Advocacy's diverse staff allows them to offer consultation, training, presentations and materials on a wide array of topics. The CMA-Trained CHOICES Program is one of the most highly ranked programs in the nation for helping older adults with Medicare and health insurance choices.

[Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County](#)

LDAMC is dedicated to creating greater awareness of learning disabilities and ADHD among parents, professionals and the general public.

[National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's

largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raise awareness and build a community for hope for all of those in need.

Muslim Women's Ramadan Basket Project

For over a decade MWC's Greater Washington DC Office has donated 100s of baskets to the abused women's shelters in the DC Metropolitan Area. This year we once again aim to deliver baskets to the women and children at LAWS in Loudon County, Betty Ann Krahnke Center in Montgomery County, Doorways for Women and Families in Arlington County, The Iraqi Refugee families in Fairfax, AACH Homeless shelter in Arlington. We thank Seekers Church, Nova Community Church and all our wonderful members and friends for their continuous support.

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