

Service and Outreach Minutes  
February 2024

Minutes and meeting done by email – our standard meeting time was during our REACH week

Potomac Towers - There are actually five this coming year. Frank and Cathy are happy to continue to serve in this way. January 30 went well, but Arby's is getting more expensive and that may look at alternatives.

CIRCLES - Dusty, Patsy, Bruce, Jerry, Carol, Bill, Deacon Sue and Kim prepared four delicious meals to the CIRCLES for the four Thursdays in January. Generous donations ensured that all meals were paid for.

Pantry on the Go - Our first Pantry on the Go in 2024 was moved to January 27. It went well but food was a little slower to move out this time. February 10 is our next Pantry on the Go. We'd had talked about providing eggs and milk to support this, but Kim has been unable to contact the correct person at the foodbank to help this move forward. We have too many families attend to purchase these items at Sam's

Refugee Welcome Network - The families served are doing well. Two more families have received work permits. There are nine families that are supported by a grant from the Church of Latter Day Saints to receive produce. Couples and singles receive produce twice a month and families receive produce every week. The families are very appreciative, but some basic items are missing. Would we be interested in helping supplement this - dried fruits, nuts, toilet paper, rice, flour, and oil?

Children in Need - Cathy Bushey made the suggestion at a meeting of the Welcoming Commission that helping Children in Need might be wonderful. They are looking for volunteers to sort clothes and also often need basic supplies. They have increased greatly the number of families being served. This is an introductory idea and we can discuss it more in March. If we wanted we could work with others in the church and do a group sort or we could help at client night, though this can be a little more involved. I know they have had several volunteers that have needed to step aside for medical reasons recently.