



EPISCOPAL  
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ADVANCING PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY

# 2023 IMPACT REPORT

# IMPACTING LIVES



**CHRISTINA ALVAREZ**

In 2023, Episcopal Impact Fund worked diligently toward a vision of an equitable Bay Area, in which every person has the resources they need to thrive. As a community, we invested over \$900,000 in grants to non-profit organizations and churches advancing pathways out of poverty throughout our region.

The lack of affordable housing in the San Francisco Bay Area has reached a crisis point. Low-income Bay Area households experiencing high rent burdens face housing and economic insecurity that disrupt family stability. Through our Community Grants program, we fund non-profit partners who create housing solutions for Bay Area families, children, and young adults. We support churches within the Diocese that provide basic needs such as food to community members in need.

We continue to engage in systems change work through our Advocacy program, and encourage community building and constructive social change by hosting regional volunteer days at both community partner and congregational grantee sites.

Without the dedicated support of our community, this impact would not be possible. We are deeply grateful to you for your generosity and time and look forward to a more equitable 2024.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Christina Alvarez', written over a dark background.

Christina Alvarez  
Executive Director

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# MISSION

Episcopal Impact Fund serves organizations that address the root causes of poverty in the Bay Area. In 2023, we prioritized funding organizations that provide transitional, temporary, or permanent supportive housing for families, youth, or young adults.

Together we hope to build a world without poverty, where all members of our community are safe, housed, and prospering.

# IMPACT

**100,000+**

Number of  
People Served

**\$900,000+**

Grants Distributed

**51**

Number of  
Organizations  
Supported

*"We like to say, 'If everybody reaches one, we can make a difference,' but thanks to Episcopal Impact Fund we can reach so many more."*

–Dr. Nadine Scott, Executive Director, Ariel Outreach Mission, Oakland



# COMMUNITY GRANTS

Episcopal Impact Fund is proud to support the life-changing work of non-profits and congregations in every part of the Bay Area. Our Community Grants focused on organizations that reduce barriers to housing stability for vulnerable members of our local community. In selecting our grantees, we look for a commitment to measurable impact, diverse leadership, and continuous learning and improvement. The Impact Fund is proud to support each of these powerful changemakers!

## **3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic**

3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic partners with the City and County of San Francisco to operate the Lower Polk Transitional Age Youth Navigation Center providing shelter, meals, and case management to youth and young adults. Additional services include a medical clinic, youth development programs, and educational support.

## **Ariel Outreach Mission**

Ariel Outreach Mission provides temporary housing and support services to women and their children in crisis, as well as other grassroots support services for very low-income residents of East Oakland and the East Bay.

## **Beyond Emancipation**

Beyond Emancipation works with youth exiting foster care, providing housing, coaching, and other services to empower youth to achieve successful and independent adult lives.

## **Building Futures**

Building Futures builds communities with underserved individuals and families, where they are safely and supportively housed, free from homelessness and domestic violence.

## **Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency**

Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency provides a variety of programs and services tailored to assist justice-involved individuals in the East Bay successfully reintegrate into the community, transition into stable housing, reunify with family, and develop healthy relationships.



# COMMUNITY GRANTS

## **City Hope**

City Hope provides a trusted gathering place in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood and creatively offers as many elements of home as possible for their neighbors on the margins.

## **Episcopal Community Services of San Francisco**

Episcopal Community Services helps homeless and very low-income people obtain the housing, jobs, shelter, and essential services each person needs to prevent and end homelessness.

## **Global Communication, Education & Art**

Global Communication, Education & Art helps immigrants from Africa with housing support services, legal assistance, employment help, and other support through a community-based model.

## **Greater Richmond Interfaith Program**

Greater Richmond Interfaith Program provides the only shelter for families experiencing homelessness in Western Contra Costa County. Their services include food distribution, case management, housing navigation, and youth programs.

## **The Gubbio Project**

The Gubbio Project provides houseless guests in San Francisco's Mission neighborhood with sacred sleep, access to basic healthcare, daily provisions, and supplies necessary for those living on the streets.

## **Homeward Bound of Marin**

Homeward Bound of Marin provides solutions to homelessness and advocacy in Marin County with services designed to end homelessness for every person served, whatever their circumstances.





# COMMUNITY GRANTS

## **Hope Solutions**

Hope Solutions' housing-first approach, coupled with supportive services, brings dignity to their clients and helps them rebuild their community.

## **Housing Consortium of the East Bay**

Housing Consortium of the East Bay creates inclusive communities for individuals with developmental disabilities or other special needs through quality affordable housing and unhoused interventions in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

## **Insight Housing**

Insight Housing, formerly Berkeley Food & Housing Project, provides emergency food and shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing with support services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

## **New Creation Home Ministries**

New Creation Home Ministries provides temporary housing to women experiencing violence, addiction, and homelessness and their children in San Mateo County.

## **Oakland Elizabeth House**

Oakland Elizabeth House provides cooperative supportive housing and services to women with children while helping them transition to independent living.

## **Peninsula Family Services**

Peninsula Family Services strengthens their community by providing children, families, and older adults the support and tools to realize their full potential and lead healthy, stable lives.

## **Raphael House**

Raphael House provides family-centered shelter to low-income families and those experiencing homelessness to help them achieve stability and independence in San Francisco.



# COMMUNITY GRANTS

## Trinity Center

Trinity Center removes barriers to stable housing through compassionate services, education, shelter, and advocacy in Walnut Creek.

## True Sunshine Episcopal Church

True Sunshine Episcopal Church supports seniors in their San Francisco Chinatown community and neighborhood with programs and services created to meet their specific needs.

## WeHOPE

WeHOPE, located in East Palo Alto, supports people to become healthy, employed, and housed using innovative solutions, including a low-barrier 24/7 shelter with case management services, transitional and permanent housing, as well as mobile homeless services.

## Winter Nights Family Shelter

Winter Nights Family Shelter partners with congregations in Contra Costa County to provide families with shelter and meals in indoor tents 38 weeks per year.

*"We've found a great partner in Episcopal Impact Fund. From their initial grant, to emergency funding during a Covid outbreak, to hosting our families at Grace Cathedral for a holiday concert and luncheon with Christmas presents for all our kids, the Impact Fund has been a true gift to our community."* –Ralph Payton, Executive Director, Greater Richmond Interfaith Program, Richmond





# CONGREGATIONAL GRANTS

**Episcopal Impact Fund's Congregational Grants assist churches in the Diocese of California with their social ministries serving their low-income neighbors.**

In 2023, the Impact Fund was grateful to fund and partner with the following churches:

## **All Saints Episcopal Church, San Leandro**

All Saints operates a robust bimonthly food pantry that distributes three large bags of groceries per household to local neighbors. Each food pantry is currently frequented by 300 households – triple the pre-pandemic rate.

## **Christ Episcopal Church, Alameda**

Christ Church Alameda's Homeless Warming Shelter provides shelter, toiletries, and meals to individuals experiencing homelessness in Alameda.

## **Christ Church Portola Valley & Woodside**

Christ Church Portola Valley & Woodside provides linens and other household supplies to residents of the LifeMoves Family Shelter program in an ongoing effort to support families experiencing poverty in their community.

## **Christ Episcopal Church, Sausalito**

Christ Church Sausalito provides substantial homemade meals to 25-30 food insecure and isolated seniors weekly in the Sausalito/Marin City area.

## **El Buen Pastor, Belmont**

El Buen Pastor's new Dental Micro-grant Program provides access to emergency dental services for people on the Peninsula, particularly in Redwood City and East Palo Alto.

## **Episcopal Church of the Nativity, San Rafael**

Episcopal Church of the Nativity's Street Chaplaincy program brings compassionate spiritual care to unsheltered people in Marin and builds and strengthens a community that includes housed and unhoused people.

## **Grace Cathedral, San Francisco – The Community Preschool**

The Community Preschool provides high-quality early childhood education at no cost for 1/3 of the children it serves and subsidizes the cost for others.

## **Holy Child and St. Martin Episcopal Church, Daly City**

Holy Child supports 50-70 of its neighbors experiencing food insecurity and poverty by providing healthy, fresh groceries in collaboration with local Lucky and Trader Joe's supermarkets on a biweekly basis.

## **Holy Family Episcopal Church, Half Moon Bay**

Holy Family, with the support of numerous civic and faith groups and local social service agencies, has led a community drive for school backpacks for 20 years. Annually, the program serves over 450 low-income children, particularly the children of local migrant farmworker families, who receive a new backpack and a tote filled with grade-appropriate school supplies.

## **St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Bolinas**

St. Aidan's is expanding its "Soup Saturdays" program to fill a gap of unmet need for meals in their community. These nourishing meals not only provide much needed sustenance but also fellowship as housed congregants sit down together with their low-income and unhoused neighbors.

## **St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Livermore**

St. Bartholomew's and St. Clare's team up to provide payment for laundry services delivered through Laundry Love, a program that provides free laundry services for those who cannot usually afford to wash their clothes.

## **St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Pleasanton**

St. Clare's raises fresh, organic produce for those in need in Clare's Fare Community Garden. Founded in 2020, the garden is a joint mission between volunteer gardeners from the community and St. Clare's. More than 5,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables have been raised and distributed throughout Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon, and Danville.





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## **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, Novato**

St. Francis Free Food Pantry was founded during the pandemic, in response to the increased need for accessible food in the local community. It supports a neighborhood where more than 20% of residents live at or below the poverty line.

## **St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco**

St. Gregory of Nyssa's Food Pantry provides free, healthy groceries for up to 600 hungry families every Saturday.

## **St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, San Francisco**

St. John the Evangelist houses The Gubbio Project, which provides sacred sleep for unhoused people. The Impact Fund grant will allow the church to refinish damaged floors and install a secure storage system for use by The Gubbio Project.

## **St. John's Episcopal Church, Oakland**

St. John's VISION (Volunteers in Support of Oakland's Needs) provides basic needs (food, clothing, shoes, and blankets) to people experiencing homelessness in Alameda County. Fifty VISION volunteers provide scheduling, purchasing, food preparation, and transportation.

## **St. John's Episcopal Church, Ross**

St. John's Church makes and delivers 100-150 nutritious meals per month for low-income and unhoused people in Marin County.

## **St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley**

St. Mark's congregation provides a hot meal to those in need in our community on the third Saturday of every month. Volunteers also provide bag lunches. During the winter holidays, special extras such as socks and gloves are donated by St. Mark's Church parishioners and distributed.

## **St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto**

St. Mark's collaborates with Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy to support trauma-informed chaplaincy services to incarcerated people in Santa Clara County.

## **St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco**

St. Mary the Virgin's Justice Ministries program provides accompaniment to newly arrived asylum seekers in the Bay Area, helping them secure housing, food, ESL classes and other assistance, as well as much needed social connection and support.

## **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Belvedere**

St. Stephen's Church makes and delivers over 100 nutritious meals per week to low-income and unhoused people in Marin County.

## **Trinity + St. Peter's Church, San Francisco**

Trinity + St. Peter's partners with Teranga Life to run a meal program out of their kitchen. Upgrades to their kitchen were made to increase access to sustainable and nutritious foods.

*"From grantmaking to volunteering, Episcopal Impact Fund goes above and beyond. We are grateful for their support."*

–The Rev. Justin R. Cannon,  
Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church,  
San Leandro



# ADVOCACY GRANTS

**By supporting organizations that influence the policies affecting children, youth, and families, we impact the systemic inequalities that fuel poverty in the Bay Area.**

Episcopal Impact Fund provides grants to organizations that are working and speaking up on behalf of our neighbors living in poverty.

## **California Court Appointed Special Advocates Association (CASA)**

CASA raises awareness of the need for Court Appointed Special Advocates across our state and provides support, advice, resources, and oversight to maintain high-quality programs that serve children's best interests. CASA advocates for legislation that benefits children in foster care.

## **Parent Voices Oakland**

Parent Voices Oakland (PVO) is a parent-led grassroots organization that advocates for affordable, accessible, quality childcare. PVO organizes and empowers families with the highest need to build effective campaigns toward economic and educational justice.

*“Episcopal Impact Fund’s generous funding empowers us to recruit and train more CASA volunteers to advocate for and ensure children and youth in foster care receive the services they need as soon as possible.”* –Sharon Lawrence, Esq., CEO, California CASA







# LEGACY GRANTS

For more than 45 years, Episcopal Impact Fund has honored its heritage with additional community-focused grants based on the Episcopal values of faithfulness, inclusiveness, and compassion.

Episcopal Impact Fund administers The Brotherton Fund, named after the founder of the former St. Luke's Hospital (now the Mission/Bernal Campus of California Pacific Medical Center). This hospital serves many low-income, uninsured, and underinsured San Franciscans.

Episcopal Impact Fund is the founder and lead funder of two innovative programs at the hospital:

**The Perinatal Mental Healthcare Program** provides critical psychiatric and psychological care to pregnant women and new mothers free of charge. By embedding this program within existing labor and delivery services, we ensure that women receive the care they need in a familiar and trusted setting.

**The Pediatric Mental Healthcare Program** brings onsite, outpatient mental health care resources to low-income children and their families. Our grant enables these services to be offered free of charge to all patients.

On behalf of the Diocese of California, Episcopal Impact Fund administers four endowments that specifically serve elders, people impacted by the justice system, and people in recovery. This year, our social ministry grants went to:

**Art with Elders** offers programs that celebrate the wisdom, talent, and creativity of older adults living in long-term care facilities.

**Grace Cathedral Jail Ministry** visits men and women incarcerated in San Francisco County Jails and offers the opportunity for parents to stay connected with children through audio recordings.

**Ohlhoff Recovery Programs** provides a continuum of effective, affordable treatment for drug and alcohol addiction.

**Sojourn Chaplaincy** delivers multi-faith spiritual care for patients and staff at San Francisco General Hospital, including people who are housing insecure and incarcerated.

# JOIN US

Take the impact of your giving to new heights by supporting one of these special programs:

## CIRCLE OF LIGHT – LEGACY GIVING SOCIETY

How we use our gifts after our lifetime can be as meaningful as how we used them during our lives. Bequests and other planned gifts to Episcopal Impact Fund enable you to continue sharing your resources with the Bay Area community you care about.

[www.episcopalimpact.org/planned-giving](http://www.episcopalimpact.org/planned-giving)

## COMPASSION IN ACTION – MONTHLY GIVING CIRCLE

When you sign up to be a monthly donor, you join a group of committed supporters who are putting their faith into action. As a monthly donor, you will provide the consistent resources we need to end poverty in our community. Your monthly gift will make a meaningful impact all year long.

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## THE KATHLEEN PIRAINO “SAY YES!” FUND

The needs of non-profits do not always align with granting cycles or fall within restricted categories – emergencies occur, funding runs low, life happens. Former Executive Director Kathleen Piraino always found a way to “Say Yes!” when other avenues had failed. To honor her commitment to saying yes in the face of greatest need, the Kathleen Piraino “Say Yes!” Fund will continue Kathleen’s legacy beyond her retirement.

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## VOLUNTEERING – GIVE IN TIME AND TALENT

We invite you to step up to meet the moment and serve our community with your time and talent. Whether at a grantee site or supporting the Impact Fund’s work from inside, we welcome your support.

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