



# DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT FISCAL 2024

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH IS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY  
THAT INSPIRES DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE AND TRANSFORM THE WORLD.**

Dear Divine Mercy Parishioners,

Each year the staff issues an extensive report to you. Herein you will find this year's stewardship report.

Parishioners and friends of Divine Mercy Parish are incredibly generous. Without your generosity, we cannot pursue the mission of Christ to the extent that we do. This report tells you how your generosity, your time, talent and treasure, has fueled the mission of care pursued by the various ministries of the parish.

Each year we highlight new and notable efforts of parish ministry. Check what we have done this past year that is different, new and innovative.

God bless you for your continuing support and for the many ways you have pitched as disciples of Jesus to bring God's love to the world!

### THANK YOU FATHER STEVE

A note of thanks to Father Steve who delayed his retirement for a year to remain the pastor of Divine Mercy at the request of Bishop Grob and the Archdiocese of Chicago, while they continue their search for our future Pastor who can lead us into the future. We are truly grateful.



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### PARISH LEADERSHIP

Thank you to the parishioners and staff members who, by being active participants in our parish councils and boards, lead our parish towards the future. As pastor, Father Steve consults with the Senior Leadership Team to develop tactics, the Parish Council to develop high-level objectives and measurements that help achieve our vision, and the Finance Council to determine funding strategies and spending priorities.

#### FY 23 Senior Leadership Team

Fr. Steven Lanza, Pastor  
Kathleen Clarke  
Liz McGowen, Director of Pastoral Care, Outreach & Events  
Judy Pyke, Director of Communications  
Patty Sanfilippo, Director of Evangelization & Lifelong Form.  
Cathy Stegich

#### FY 23 Parish Council

Father Steve Lanza, Pastor  
Susan Seeberg, Chair  
Terry Brennan  
Kevin Carlson  
Jim Dietz  
Peter Eck  
Sam Fifer  
Judy Pyke, Director of Communications  
Michelle Wasielewski, Director of Operations

Liz Harvey  
Siobhan Hill  
Sara Lanser  
Dobson Schofield  
Hunter Williams

#### FY 23 Finance Council

Father Steve Lanza, Pastor  
Gerry Schroeder, Chair  
Terry Brennan  
Tim Castellini  
Cindy Atsaves, Director of Finance  
Michelle Wasielewski, Director of Operations

Tim Drehkoff  
Mary Anne Martin

In addition, the following boards are essential to ensuring that lay leadership in the parish is fully engaged and serving an effective role in supporting our efforts.

- Sacred Heart School Board
- Children's Ministry Board
- Evangelization Board
- Outreach Board
- Liturgy Board
- School Endowment Board

### NOTABLE FY 2024 EVENTS

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

We continue to refine the goals of our Strategic Plan as we embark on the year devoted to discipleship. As you may

recall, the years are focused on evangelization, community, discipleship, ministry and worship. We are proud to see Divine Mercy moving forward!

#### EVANGELIZATION

The **Alpha** experience continues to be an engaging "soft entry" point for parishioners and neighbors in our community to gather for conversation and to explore their faith. Our "unofficial" motto is **Belong, Believe, Become!** **Belong:** Feel welcomed, respected, known and included. **Believe:** One gets the chance to raise questions, hear from others, explore in a Christian environment. **Become:** Leave with a renewed awareness of how we are disciples of Jesus and act with love and kindness toward others. The Alpha community is vast and building - we hosted almost 100 alumni guests and team members at our Alpha Reunion on June 6th, 2024! In the parish's quarterly newsletter, *Connections*, we've shared the faith journeys of several parishioners who've joined the Catholic faith after attending an Alpha course. Hopefully, their stories inspire others to follow Christ.



In the spring of 2024, Divine Mercy Parish piloted a new course, **Marriage Enrichment**. It was met with great success and is rolling out to parishioners in the spring of 2025. The goals of the course are for spouses to recognize what is needed to further nurture their relationship by growing in their knowledge of each other and to build our family of faith.

Our **post-Alpha evangelization efforts** give our guests an opportunity to reconnect with friends and make new connections! We've offered a variety of options including coming together to view and discuss episodes of *The Chosen*, Advent and Lenten faith reflection groups, Bible Study with Father John Kartje.

In addition, Divine Mercy participates in offering events with the other two parishes from our Renew My Church grouping: Ss. Faith Hope and Charity and Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier. The 2023-2024 theme for these **tri-parish events** was "Catholic Witness in the World Today." Speakers shared thoughts on "Being Faithful in End-of-Life Decisions," "Violence in our country and the world, what the Church teaches and how we, as Catholics, can witness to Jesus' call to

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be peacemakers,” and the annual “Three Pastors Lenten Reflections.” The speakers are followed by an opportunity for Q&A as well as hospitality.

We know that feeling welcomed is important for building community. Therefore, we continue to focus on creating a welcoming environment for Masses, Funerals, Weddings and special events. Parishioners continue to enjoy our 2nd Sunday Hospitality Events after the 8:00am Mass at St. Philip the Apostle and 10:00am Mass at Sacred Heart.

### OUTREACH

- Our monthly **Uncle Pete’s Ministry** sack dinner making events continue to thrive. By hosting a parish-wide “birthday party” to mark the two-year anniversary of Uncle Pete’s Ministry at Divine Mercy, and thanks to a generous \$5,000 matching grant, we raised \$11,184 to fund this ministry. We were also blessed to have a parishioner make a \$3,000 donation directly to the Uncle Pete’s organization run by the Benedictine Sisters - money that will help other organizations host their first Uncle Pete’s events.



- We continue to look for ways to expand our support of **A Just Harvest** community kitchen in Rogers Park. For example, we began sending as many as 100 extra cans of vegetables and soup each month and expanded the group of volunteers who transport bread weekly.
- **Sharing Parishes** - Divine Mercy Parish continued its support for our Sharing Parishes (St. Moses the Black and St. Benedict the African):
  - a) Fr. Matt of St. Moses the Black was our Mass celebrant September 9-10, 2023, sharing news of their Athletic Center renovation and other projects at the parish.
  - b) We completed a hugely successful School Supply Drive supporting both Sharing Parishes. We gathered two carloads of supplies including, among many other things, a total of 1,828 pencils, 1,126 pens, and 624 rulers.
  - c) Christmas Sharing continued as a success, with \$9,225 in contributions.
  - d) Parishioners utilized an Amazon Wish List and

within 90 minutes purchased 60 new books for Tolton Academy middle school classrooms.

- e) We provided four boxes of new, wrapped children’s books that were given out at the St. Moses the Black food pantry prior to Christmas.
- f) South Side Sundays launched, enabling Divine Mercy parishioners to connect and carpool once a month to Mass at our Sharing Parishes.
- g) Our tutors carpool twice a week to Tolton Academy, rain or shine.
- h) The day before Thanksgiving at the St. Moses the Black Food Pantry continued to be a treasured tradition for Divine Mercy families. The Children’s Ministry participated in a collection of canned goods and money for turkeys that went to the event, and many Divine Mercy families came to help hand out food and enjoy the day.



### New Relationships

- In response to the huge influx of asylum-seeking families coming to Chicago, we collected over 100 suitcases filled with warm winter clothing and blankets. Many of those items went to Mother of the Americas Parish, establishing a relationship that has led to our parish volunteers helping at their food pantry and ESL program.
- We also began working with C24/7, an after-school program in Rogers Park, Kolbe House prison ministry, and Viator House, which provides support for young adults seeking asylum who arrived as unaccompanied minors.
- Interfaith Activity -- Divine Mercy Parish actively participated in the founding of a new Interfaith Knitting Group with other Glencoe faith communities. Participants gather twice a month to knit hats that will be given to asylum-seekers and refugees in Fall 2024.
- Food Pantry -- Our 7th and 8th grade confirmation candidates completed two food drives for the New Trier Food Pantry, in September and June, raising a total of \$1,447 and collecting 50 bins of food.



### PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care Committee conducted a parish-wide survey

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and identified care for the sick and homebound as the top priority for Pastoral Care activities.

- Four new Ministers of Care joined the existing teams of ministers visiting people in homes, nursing homes, and hospitals.
- Prior to Christmas and Easter, we distributed “Mass Kits” with copies of the worship aid, instructions on finding the Mass livestream, notes, and treats for those unable to join us in church for those holidays.
- Our parish reinstated a long-time St. Philips’ tradition, the “Giving Tree.” Prior to Christmas, we gathered new fuzzy socks that were distributed to homebound parishioners and nursing home residents.

### EVENTS

Divine Mercy Parish continued to use a set of principles to help guide our development and execution of events. These are:

- Establish trust,
- Pique visitors’ curiosity about our faith community,
- Personally connect participants with our community,
- Facilitate the beginnings of a relationship with Jesus
- Provide personal witness of faith, and
- Invite guests to upcoming events.

With these principles in mind, we hosted multiple events such as a second Party in the Park “fun” raiser as well as Advent by Candlelight, a Children’s Christmas Caroling Party, Super Fun Saturday, College Care Package Parties, and others.

### LITURGY & SACRAMENTS BY THE NUMBERS

During fiscal 2024, we celebrated the following sacraments and liturgies across both church sites, in addition to our regular Masses

- 208 Weekend & Holy Day liturgies
- 45 Infant baptisms
- 36 First Communions
- 43 Confirmations
- 3 Weddings
- 28 Funerals
- 2 Adult Baptisms
- 4 Adults Received into Full Communion



Fun Fact: As a parish community, we sang over 3,000 songs!

Our ministry of sacristans, lectors, communion ministers, and environment ministers are all diligent we thank them.

### NEW FACES IN OUR MIDST

There is a certain “buzz” around Divine Mercy these days. Since July 1, 2023, we have welcomed 26 new families,

totaling 79 individuals, as registered parishioners. That is a number worth noting! A number of those new parishioners are young families, and we could not be happier to see and hear (!) them at Mass. What a joy to see new life within our parish.

We attribute this new life to the Spirit that drives all that we do here at Divine Mercy. As a parish, we strive to model all that Cardinal Cupich envisioned for Renew My Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our five-year strategic plan is our roadmap in those efforts and as we are in the early months of year three, with a focus on Discipleship, we celebrate the newest members of our family and commit ourselves to helping them grow as disciples of Jesus.

### THANK YOU TO OUR RESIDENT AND VISITING PRIESTS

We are blessed to have the continued assistance of Fr. Bob Heinz, a full-time resident at the Sacred Heart rectory and Fr. Ken Kiepora, who resides at the St. Philip rectory from May through October. Fr. John Kartje, the rector at St. Mundelein Seminary is also generous in sharing his time and talent with Divine Mercy.

Thank you, Fathers, for all that you do for us!

### CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

This past year was one of growth, learning, and profound faith formation for our youngest disciples. Currently we have 260 children enrolled in both Sunday morning and Family Faith Connections. We are blessed to have 26 teen aides.

Our Children’s Ministry Masses continued to fill the church. We connected grade level Masses to a church tour, giving the children a deeper understanding of Catholic traditions and rituals, along with a behind the scenes look at vestments, vessels and more.

In addition to our annual Thanksgiving turkey and canned food drive for St. Moses the Black Food Pantry, and our Christmas Pageant, the following include endeavors and service projects introduced in the last year:

- Our largest service project involved all grades participating in hands-on lunch-making for Uncle Pete’s Ministry;
- Visited Temple Jeremiah – to understand the Jewish faith (4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup>) and welcomed Rabbi Lisa Greene here (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>);
- Visited the Shrine of All Saints (8<sup>th</sup>);
- Walked the Stations of the Cross (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>);
- Letter-writing and pictures drawn for the imprisoned in partnership with Kolbe House Jail Ministry; and
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word grew exponentially.

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This year, we will continue with all the experiences that worked well last year and plan to offer more service and liturgical experiences for the children, as well as Resource and Lenten Retreat days for our Catechists. They include the following:

- A new donation drive to support the Silver Service Children's Foundation, which performs pediatric orthopedic surgeries on underserved children in Buga, Colombia.

- Holy Fire Retreat (8<sup>th</sup>) returns!
- Exodus World Service (8<sup>th</sup>) – a guided 'Refugee Journey Simulation' to help understand refugee's complex & difficult journey.

We look forward to a fruitful year inspired by the Holy Spirit as we help our children get to



### SACRED HEART SCHOOL

The school welcomed a new Principal, Jodi Reuter, who helped forge positive changes in the climate and culture of the school, all while supporting the incredible teachers and staff to continue their **impressive academic efforts**. Sacred Heart School is proud to report that 91% of their K- 8 students tested at or above grade level in math and 95% students performed at or above in reading. Our graduating class of 2024 earned high academic and scholarship accolades, as well, moving on to top area schools like Regina Dominican and Loyola Academy.

**School safety** remained a top priority for Sacred Heart School through the summer with an added vestibule that provides an extra layer of protection and peace of mind when people enter the school building. The vestibule includes a layer of 3M film on all the windows which serves to slow or prevent the entry of unwanted individuals and objects. An additional intercom and fob entry system was added to streamline the safety process.

After many years of fundraising and dreaming, the much-anticipated **new playground** at Sacred Heart School became a reality. Officially launched in the spring of 2022, construction finally began this past summer. During those two long years, the playground committee spent countless hours conferring with architects, engineers, contractors, the Archdiocesan Planning and Construction department, the Village of Winnetka, and the neighbors. Committee members attended a series of public hearings, awaiting final approval by the Village of Winnetka, and then finally celebrated the actual start of demolition of the old playground in June 2024. We are grateful beyond words to the members of the committee: Fr. Steve, Tom Borders, J.D. Byrnes, Tony Meyers, Jodi Reuter, Hunter Williams and Michelle Wasielewski for their perseverance and commitment to see this project to its completion just in time for the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

Our sincere thank you to the many donors over the years who made this project possible, including present and former school families, grandparents and parishioners. The final cost of the new playground totaled approximately \$940K, with the parish paying for a portion of the new fencing around our property, and the remaining monies coming from fundraising efforts. We are more than pleased that we did not need to tap into the school endowment to fund this project, leaving those monies intact.

The reaction to the finished project has been very positive and we are looking forward to seeing generations of Vikings enjoy this incredible space for years to come!

Our school participated in a vast array of **service and outreach** projects throughout the year including joint efforts with the Parish in support of A Just Harvest and Uncle Pete's Ministry, as well as our own unique events like Prayer Families where we raised funds for clean water projects and donated food to the Little Sisters of the Poor. The National Junior Arts Honor Society (NJAHS) and Student Council also raised money by selling "Boo - Grams" and "Candy Cane grams" at the holidays.

The **Junior Tower Players** theater group made a triumphant return with their performance of *Porridge* at the Community House in early March, a testament to the exceptional talent and energy displayed by the cast and crew.

We introduced the **Viking Fit program** in collaboration with MECA Personal Training in Northfield, and it has already made a significant impact. We saw tremendous increases in engagement, confidence, and ability, not only from students who typically don't participate in sports but also from those who are involved in every sport. This initiative has been a

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fantastic addition to our physical education offerings, promoting fitness and well-being for all. And just this fall we've been thrilled to welcome the return of Football in collaboration with our friends at St. Norbert School and our combined team - the Vaders.

Besides educating our students about physical fitness, Sacred Heart School also welcomed a new, four legged-friend to help with mental wellness, **Bernie**. Bernie's owner, Ashley Skelly, joined Sacred Heart School for counseling and social work. Bernie is a certified therapy dog who comes to Sacred Heart School several days a week with Ashley to meet and greet students and staff. It has been a joy to have Bernie at the school, serving in his best capacity: a friend to all who need comfort in times of stress. The staff at Sacred heart School also completed training over the summer to become certified in **Mental Health First Aid** in order to assist young people in times of stress.

In April, we traveled back in time to the 80s and celebrated our community at an 80s-themed **Nite Lites Fundraising event**

and, for the first time in years, we held this event on school grounds instead of off-campus. The school raised \$500K towards a variety of uses, including repainting of lockers on the top floor, supplies for the art room and NJAHS, a new sound system for the Gym, new laminators, and a sensory pathway for the Early Childhood hallways.

Lastly, with all the new physical improvements around the school, we simply couldn't overlook the first place visitors see — **the office!** Through the mighty efforts of school staff, the main office and nurse's office got a makeover including fresh paint, fun and modern wall decals, donated cabinets, and a thoughtful reorganization of the space for easy flow. These special touches breathed new life into a space where we strive to make our best first impression.

As you can see, it takes a village to accomplish so much in such a short time! However, one thing remains the same: the dedication to Sacred Heart students' education. Sacred Heart School looks forward to a high-achieving, joyful, and enthusiastic year ahead where faith, service, and family prevail.



### BUILDING PROJECTS

In 2018, when Divine Mercy Parish was formed by the merger of the former Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle parishes, we were looking at a very long, and honestly, intimidating, list of deferred maintenance projects at the nine buildings on our two campuses. We have accomplished so much in the intervening years and are pleased to report that we are in a much better position currently. That is not to say that there are not always maintenance items requiring our attention, because with nine aging buildings that will always be the case. Through the patient, diligent, and proactive efforts put forth by our maintenance engineers, we report that we have addressed most of the items on that original long list.

This past year, in addition to minor roof and HVAC repairs throughout the campuses, we made several improvements to Sacred Heart School, including electrostatic painting of the lockers on the upper level, installation of a new set of vestibule doors for added security, replacement of one classroom floor, and the change to LED lighting in certain areas. Beyond that, we were fortunate to not have encountered any significant needs.

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## FISCAL 2024 INCOME STATEMENT 7/1/2023-6/30/2024

	FY 2024				FY 2023
	CHURCH	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	SCHOOL	TOTAL	TOTAL
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>					
Sunday, Christmas & Easter Collections <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,296,074	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,296,074	\$ 1,176,997
Tuition <sup>2</sup>	\$ -	\$ 62,550	\$ 1,093,532	\$ 1,156,082	\$ 1,440,190
Fees	\$ -	\$ 8,525	\$ 129,648	\$ 138,173	\$ 148,836
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,861	\$ 370,861	\$ 296,972
Rental Income	\$ 310,250	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 325,250	\$ 312,846
Miscellaneous <sup>3</sup>	\$ 423,762	\$ 4,172	\$ 55,041	\$ 482,975	\$ 499,446
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 2,030,086</b>	<b>\$ 75,247</b>	<b>\$ 1,664,082</b>	<b>\$ 3,769,415</b>	<b>\$ 3,875,287</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,010,979	\$ 97,857	\$ 1,962,570	\$ 3,071,406	\$ 2,719,921
Admin, Books, Supplies, Technology	\$ 92,483	\$ 15,036	\$ 102,108	\$ 209,627	\$ 226,654
Utilities	\$ 157,367	\$ -	\$ 76,113	\$ 233,480	\$ 256,928
Maintenance	\$ 189,756	\$ -	\$ 183,994	\$ 373,750	\$ 391,304
Liturgical Supplies & Miscellaneous	\$ 71,462	\$ -	\$ 54,210	\$ 125,672	\$ 129,677
Insurance	\$ 146,644	\$ -	\$ 48,334	\$ 194,978	\$ 177,087
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$ 183,696	\$ -	\$ 9,048	\$ 192,744	\$ 199,603
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,852,387</b>	<b>\$ 112,893</b>	<b>\$ 2,436,377</b>	<b>\$ 4,401,657</b>	<b>\$ 4,101,174</b>
<b>NET OPERATING RESULTS</b>	<b>\$ 177,699</b>	<b>\$ (37,646)</b>	<b>\$ (772,295)</b>	<b>\$ (632,242)</b>	<b>\$ (225,887)</b>
Endowment Withdrawal—Prior Years	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111,000	\$ 111,000	\$ 80,000
Endowment Withdrawal—FY 2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,207	\$ 218,207	\$ -
Parish Support of Education - Operations	\$ (177,699)	\$ 37,646	\$ 140,053	\$ -	\$ -
Parish Support of Education - Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,035	\$ 49,035	\$ 145,887
Reserves From PPP Years	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 254,000	\$ 254,000	\$ -
<b>FINAL OPERATING RESULTS <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

- 1) In May 2024, based on an analysis of Sunday collections against budget, we identified a \$50-\$60K shortfall. We mailed an appeal to all registered parishioners and collected in excess of \$60K in generous donations in response to our plea. Also in June, we benefitted from receiving our largest annual donation, ending the year with strong collection numbers.
- 2) As noted in last year's report, we experienced a drop in enrollment from 185 students in the fall of 2022 to 156 students in the 2023-24 school year. Our new principal, Jodi Reuter, who joined us at the beginning of the year, along with her talented team and the school board are focusing on driving enrollment up.
- 3) Miscellaneous income includes the parish rebate from the Annual Catholic Appeal (\$96K in FY 24 and \$107K in FY 23).
- 4) As expected and reflected in our budget, given the decline in school enrollment, we used the following to close the deficit in school operations: excess funds from combined parish and children's ministry operations; endowment withdrawals from prior years that were not needed to fund operations in those years; the allowable FY 2024 endowment withdrawal per the charter; excess funds accumulated during PPP years; and parish reserves.

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### BALANCE SHEET 6/30/2024

#### ASSETS

Cash	\$ 806,021
Cash - Northern Trust Growth Fund	\$ 2,580,599
School Endowment	<u>\$ 3,926,986</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 7,313,606
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,313,606</b>

#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Accounts Payable	\$ 32,397
Credit Card	\$ 16,165
Prepaid Tuition/Fees	\$ 112,598
Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,464,339</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 1,625,499
Total Equity	\$ 5,688,107
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 7,313,606</b>

**Outreach and sharing are greatly valued by  
Divine Mercy Parish.**

#### ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ 1,495
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 915
Catholic Charities	\$ 9,120
Peter's Pence	\$ 1,325
Retired Religious	\$ 2,760
Seminary Collection	\$ 970
Latin America	\$ 785
Churches in Central/Eastern Europe	\$ 488
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$ 188,709
Missionary CO-OP	\$ 810
Holy Land	<u>\$ 1,477</u>
<b>Total Archdiocesan Required Collections</b>	<b>\$ 208,854</b>

#### OTHER CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS

A Just Harvest	\$ 1,540
St. Benedict the African	\$ 16,555 *
St. Moses the Black Parish	\$ 24,957 *
Fr. Paul Foundation	\$ 6,955
Haiti	\$ 166,707
Uncle Pete's Ministry	\$ 16,803
Uvalde	<u>\$ 9,627</u>
<b>Total Other Charitable Collections</b>	<b>\$ 243,144</b>

\* Represents monetary support in addition to Christmas sharing gifts totaling \$9,225.

