

# Current Ministries

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAMS STILL EXIST!

There are still open opportunities on three OCMC medical mission teams to Guatemala and Indonesia and youth outreach teams that will be traveling to Ghana and Kenya in the fall. If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining these vital efforts of the Church, please contact Andy Lekos by phone at [904-829-5132](tel:904-829-5132) x140, or by e-mail at [teams@ocmc.org](mailto:teams@ocmc.org). Teams serve in the mission field for approximately two weeks and are a great way to impact the lives of people who are in great need around the world.

## ADULT ORTHODOX CATECHISM CLASS – SUMMER BREAK

## PARAKLESIS TO THE THEOTOKOS AND BIBLE STUDY – SUMMER BREAK

## PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos is collecting art supplies for CHOICES (A shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence). CHOICES is in need of coloring books, craft paper, crayons, markers, pencils, blunt scissors, etc. Please contact Diane Chakalis at [dichakal@gmail.com](mailto:dichakal@gmail.com) if you would like to donate any of these items.

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**STAR HOUSE** serves youths ages 14-24, one of the most vulnerable populations worldwide. It is estimated that 1,200 to 1,500 homeless youths and youths in transition exist in Central Ohio. These youths live directly on the streets or in abandoned buildings, or couch surf among friends' homes. Most are disconnected from their families, and all are underserved by communities, left to fend for themselves on the fringes of our society. With limited rights and privacy, they have little access to services and supports needed to survive independently. These youths are at high risk for human trafficking, HIV and Hepatitis C infections, and victimization. In 2014, STAR HOUSE served 724 homeless youth that visited the shelter more than 17,000 times. Star House is a 24/7 drop-in shelter where youth can get food, hygiene items, tents, and other items to help them survive on the streets.

**We are *NOT* able to accept items for babies or children with the exception of diapers, wipes, and formula.**

### Current STAR HOUSE needs are:

#### High Priority Items

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COTA daily, weekly and/or monthly bus passes</li><li>• Back Packs (adult regular and hiking)</li><li>• Coats (all sizes, men &amp; women's)</li><li>• Sweatpants (all sizes, men &amp; women's)</li><li>• Hoodies (all sizes, men &amp; women's)</li><li>• Underwear (all sizes, men &amp; women's, NEW ONLY)</li><li>• Baby Strollers (singles and doubles)</li><li>• Baby Formula (Gerber &amp; Similac powder preferred)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shoes &amp; Boots size 7 or above for men and women</li><li>• Earbuds and/or headphones</li><li>• Umbrellas</li><li>• Ponchos</li><li>• Nail clippers</li><li>• Can Openers</li><li>• Hair Oil/Grease</li><li>• Razors</li><li>• Talcum powder</li><li>• Plastic/flatware</li></ul> |
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- Belts

**WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING CLOTHING DONATIONS AT THIS CURRENT TIME (other than the clothing/accessory items listed above and below). *We are not able to accept items for babies or children with the exception of diapers (preferably sizes 3's, 5's & 6's), wipes, and formula.***

**\*Please check that clothing donations are in clean condition!!**

#### **Hygiene Items**

- deodorant
- combs/brushes
- travel sized hand sanitizer
- towels/washcloths
- lip balm /chap stick

#### **Food Items**

- microwavable foods

#### **Other Items**

- jeans & khakis (all sizes for men and women)
- women's leggings
- bikes
- socks
- guitar strings
- medium/large latex gloves
- drawstring/tote bags
- baby wipes
- baby bottles
- flashlights
- 60 gal trash bags
- bug repellent
- scissors
- AA batteries
- pens & pencils
- dish soap
- laundry detergent (pods preferred)
- hair ties (thin and thick)
- water bottles
- bike locks (U-locks preferred)

Please contact Diane Chakalis at [dichakal@gmail.com](mailto:dichakal@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## **GLORY TO GOD!**

Below is a list of active ministries the church is engaged with and supports. If you would like to volunteer or donate to any of the organizations, please contact the Church office at 614/224-9020.



*"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me. When I was hungry, you gave me to eat; when I was thirsty you gave me to drink".  
Matthew 25:45*

### **"The Annunciation" Greek Orthodox Cathedral**

555 N. High St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

#### Outreach Programs

Feeding the Hungry: Each year, our Cathedral provides over 7,000 meals to three local charities: Faith Mission, Friends of the Homeless, and Open Shelter. (The food is prepared at the Cathedral and delivered or served at the charity)

Annual Community Outreach: As a way of giving back to the Central Ohio community for support our Labor Day festival, \$10,000.00 is set aside for local charities. The following charities and many more have benefited from our Outreach Fund:

Community Shelter Board, Salvation Army (CORRC), YWCA Family Center, House of Hope (addiction services), Angels with Autism, Faith Mission, Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Friends of the Homeless, Life Care Alliance, Open Shelter, A Kid Again, plus numerous more.

#### Greek Olympic Society:

125 full meals contributed for a family of four to Operation Feed.  
Participation in the Ohio Special Olympics  
Participant in the Nationwide Children's Hospital Telethon

#### Youth Projects for Helping the Less Fortunate:

Christmas Child Boxes prepared by our Sunday School Children  
Rice Bowl (Change collected in rice bowl banks at Easter)

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### Youth Projects cont.

Support missionaries in Fiji and Mongolia  
Christmas Wish Tree for the Open Shelter and YWCA Family Center  
Turkeys for the Worthington Food Pantry  
Change banks for International Missionaries  
Health Kits for IOCC  
Clothing Drive for the Navajo Indians  
Blanket making for women in chemo treatments  
Book collection for Literacy Project  
Good Samaritan Shoeboxes  
Mission trip to Gary, WV. to provide help

### Philoptochos (Women's Group)

Homeless Meals Ministry (Friends of the Homeless)  
Alzheimer's Assoc. of Central Ohio  
Summer Diaper Drive and Winter Food Drive for NNEMAP (Near Northside  
Emergency Materials Assistance Program)  
Atonement Lutheran Church: Comfort Dogs  
Rahab's Hideaway-Human Trafficking  
CRC Christmas Care Packages (Correctional Reception Center)  
Baby Food Donations to NNEMAP  
Columbus Metropolitan Library, Franklinton Branch (Reading Buddy Program  
Donation)  
OhioHealth Foundation (hospice program donation)  
Soles for Souls (Shoes donated for persons of need)  
Zoe for Life  
Support for Mission Trip to Gary, WV  
Childhood League Center Grant for Capable Families-Social Worker Family  
Support  
New Horizons Youth and Family Center (TeenScreen Project)  
Dress for Success Donations of Coats and Suits

The "Annunciation" Cathedral is a giving place. If someone in our parish passes away and is indigent, we will bury them. If there is a crisis in the world whether it be Orthodox or not, we will collect a second tray to give help where it is needed. If we can help, we will. Just ask.