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Thank you for your inquiry regarding St. Andrew's outreach grants. In this letter and the attached grant application form, we have summarized important information about our parish family, the goals and objectives of our outreach ministry and the process for requesting a financial grant.

Prior to submission of your grant request, please reflect on our Mission and Outreach statements (see below), to ensure that your application articulates your need and is also in alignment with St. Andrew's outreach goals. This will help the Grants Committee in its allocation of our limited outreach funds.

Grant requests for 2012 should be received by March 31, 2012.

Our Mission at St. Andrew's

The mission of St. Andrew's Church is to embody God's love for the world through Jesus Christ. St. Andrew's joyfully and unconditionally welcomes everyone to God's table as we strive to feed God's children spiritually and physically.

Outreach at St. Andrew's and Financial Grants

Through the St. Andrew's Outreach Ministry, we seek ways to support the mission of the church by identifying volunteer opportunities for parishioners. In addition, we provide financial grants to local organizations whose mission is aligned with our own.

We focus on supporting organizations that provide basic human needs, including shelter, health care, nutrition and fellowship, or address the root causes of suffering, including poverty and social injustice. We especially appreciate requests from organizations with an existing personal connection to St. Andrew's and its parishioners.

Our grants usually range from \$250 to \$5,000 and are made at the sole discretion of the St. Andrew's Grants Committee and Vestry.

Grant-making Guidelines

To be considered for a grant, organizations must meet some basic criteria:

- The organization must be a registered or affiliated with a non-profit under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- The organization must be active in the greater Ann Arbor community.
- The grant request should be for a specific activity or project with clearly defined objectives and measurable results.
- Grants are not available to individuals, organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation or religious affiliation, for-profit enterprises, or for political purposes.
- We do not provide grants to pay for salaries, benefits and routine administrative costs.

If your organization meets these basic guidelines, please complete the grant application attached to this letter and return it to the parish office by mail, email or fax to be considered in the next grant-making cycle.

Respectfully,

The Reverend Jeanne Hansknecht