



PARTNERSHIPS & SERVICE REPORT—NOV. 2009

I am so proud of being a member of Plymouth Church for so many reasons, and the newest reason is that we are helping so many local organizations by giving them our surplus funds from 2008. It has been an exciting time in the Partnership and Service Department as we were given \$60,024.00 and a charge to find worthy uses for it. It has been a lot of work and lot of decision making, but also an amazing experience. Before I tell you about where the money is going, I'd like to thank some people. First, a big thank you goes to Rachel Perry who has given us so much help, knowledge, and support. She is amazing, and I am blessed to have a chance to work with her. Next I'd like to thank the members of the Partnership and Service Department, particularly Chris Karr, my Vice Chair, Connie Steinwart, the Member-At-Large, and Cindy Chapman, the outgoing P&S Chair. God bless all of you and all of the liaisons for your hard work. Another huge help came from Deborah Vesey, President and CEO of Deaconess Community Foundation, who met with Rachel and me, and gave us help in discerning how to allocate our funds. She kindly gave of her time, and she is a wonderful resource.

Here is where our funds have been allocated, with some explanation about how the funds will be used:

\$5,000.00	Samaritan Fund. This is a fund that allows the ministers to help members of the Plymouth family facing an emergency.
\$224.64	Homeless Stand Down – lunches made by Plymouth youth.
\$1,097.46	Shaker Food Bank – freezer and meat.
\$8,500.00	Senior Outreach Services – property manager for new facility.
\$10,000.00	Cleveland Food Bank – food.
\$2,400.00	Plymouth Church – part-time student worker from summer at-risk youth employment program.
\$3,000.00	Merrick House – Parent/child music therapy program.
\$16,000.00	Interfaith Hospitality Network – consolidation of their day centers to improve services and save costs.
\$10,000.00	Care Alliance – street health care outreach program.
\$1,300.00	Entrepreneurs for Sustainability – sustainability and poverty study.
\$2502.00	Cleveland Botanical Garden – Green Corps.

In addition to these disbursements, SERVV also voted to give \$500.00 to the Cleveland Botanical Garden Green Corps, and \$500.00 to St. Paul's Community Church for bus passes. One last donation, which wasn't part of P&S, but we did connect a need for a scanner by IHN Cleveland, with Rachel, who knew Plymouth had a scanner that wasn't being used. As you can see, we had many worthy causes to support, and your pledge dollars are at work doing God's work all over the community. Praise God!

God Bless,
Beth Karr
Chair, Partnership and Service

Your pledge dollars at work...

