



# CHRIST CHURCH

## 2010 SUNDAYS OF SHARING



Someone needs you

**SOMEONE NEEDS YOUR HELP**  
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SOS stands for Sundays of Sharing. It is a fund that extends outreach at Christ Church.

- (3) Making an online donation by clicking on the link available on the home page of the web site [www.ccsnj.org](http://www.ccsnj.org)



SOS is administered by the Board of World Fellowship. In the name of Christ Church, BWF supports organizations that help people in need. BWF receives an allocation from the annual church budget and supplements that with SOS funds. SOS money is used both for non-emergency grants that BWF makes annually, and for gifts in response to extraordinary events like war or natural disasters.

### Board of World Fellowship

Christ Church, Summit, NJ, has a strong tradition of reaching out to those in need. The Board of World Fellowship (BWF) is the outreach arm of Christ Church. Gifts to SOS extend that reach. BWF's mission is to serve and aid local, national, and international communities through financial grants and/or volunteer support for organizations, projects, and emergency relief efforts.

### ANNUAL SUNDAYS OF SHARING SOS

**S**OS Campaign -  
The season of Lent marks the launch of our annual SOS (Sundays of Sharing) fundraising campaign at Christ Church. This longstanding tradition reflects the deep commitment of this congregation to social outreach and community service as central features of our mission and faith. Each year during Lent we ask members and friends of Christ Church to consider making a gift to support grants made by the Board of World Fellowship (BWF) to needy organizations at the local, national and international levels. Recent economic hardships have only enlarged that need. Our church

community has given very generously to SOS in the past, and we hope to continue that tradition this year. You can learn about SOS and recipient organizations by reading the printed brochures found in the pews or the e-brochure distributed via email to the congregation. Also, you will be hearing from representatives of some of these organizations during services in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about SOS, please ask any member of the BWF. You can donate to SOS by:

- (1) Placing your donation in the collection plate using the special envelopes available in the pews,
- (2) Mailing your donation to Christ Church with SOS designated on the memo line of your check, or

# Why Support Sundays of Sharing SOS ?

**T**he idea behind SOS is simple: Friends and members make one special gift to SOS annually, which the Board of World Fellowship will spend as needed. SOS funds can be spent in the current year or put aside for future needs.

The SOS tradition at Christ Church is almost 70 years old. It was begun as one annual request to replace many smaller appeals held each year. Traditionally, BWF asks for gifts to SOS during Lent, but donations are welcome at any time.

BWF determines how SOS funds are spent. For emergency situations abroad, BWF typically sends money through our denominations, American Baptist Churches USA (ABC) and United Church of Christ (UCC) or other international agencies with on-the-ground presence, such as the International Red Cross or World Vision.

When responding to events in the United States, BWF often supports smaller organizations that have a mission consistent with the ministry of Christ Church.



## SOS impact in 2009



In 2009 the SOS collection yielded \$15,570. BWF used SOS funds in these ways:



**Area Baby Center** of Summit to provide diapers to local disadvantaged families with recent births: \$1000

[www.wondrouslove.org/abc.html](http://www.wondrouslove.org/abc.html)

### Axayacatl of Nicaragua



for its microcredit program which makes small loans to rural women to start business \$1000

[www.wondrouslove.org/axayacatl.html](http://www.wondrouslove.org/axayacatl.html)

### Family Promise of Anoka county Minnesota



to develop an Interfaith Hospitality Network like ours \$2000  
[www.familypromiseofanokacounty.org/](http://www.familypromiseofanokacounty.org/)

### Summit Affordable Housing for the Summit Habitat for Humanity



for the Summit project to build a multifamily condominium \$5000  
[www.morrishabitat.org/project/morris\\_avenue](http://www.morrishabitat.org/project/morris_avenue)

### Home Sharing of Somerset & Hunterdon County, NJ.



to prevent homelessness by matching those needing housing with those residents who need assistance to stay in their homes (\$1,500).  
<http://www.homessharing.org/>

# Did you know that you can make an SOS donation on line with Paypal?

## IRATE & First Friends (Interfaith Refugee Action Team-Elizabeth)



to provide services to immigrants detained at the Elizabeth Detention Center (\$1,000).  
[www.facebook.com/irateff](http://www.facebook.com/irateff)

## Greater Newark Conservancy



to transform blighted blocks in Newark to gardens (\$2,000).  
[www.citybloom.org](http://www.citybloom.org)

## USO (United Service Organization) of Metro NY&NJ



to develop a USO service center in Terminal C at Newark Airport (\$1,000)  
[www.usonyc.org/](http://www.usonyc.org/)

## Doctors without Borders



for Haiti earthquake relief (\$2,000).  
[www.doctorswithoutborders.org/](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/)

## Community Food Bank of NJ



(\$500)  
[www.njfoodbank.org/](http://www.njfoodbank.org/)

## Reverend Caroline Dean's trip to Nicaragua with Peace Works.



*Rev Caroline Dean's* trip to Nicaragua (\$1,200).  
[www.peaceworks.ning.com/](http://www.peaceworks.ning.com/)

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## BWF FUNDING GUIDELINES

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“Christian charity is the supernatural virtue of the love for God insofar as it extends from God to our fellow men.”

Eberhard Welby



In considering grants, BWF gives priority to:

- Organizations and projects that foster self-sustaining development.*
- Organizations with stable fiscal management and administration.*
- Organizations and projects that Christ Church members have been actively involved with, or endorse.*

BWF also supports travel expenses for Christ Church staff engaged in mission projects.

If you know of an organization you think Christ Church might support, please contact the Board of World Fellowship ([bwf@ccsnj.org](mailto:bwf@ccsnj.org)).

## SOS Goals for 2010

2009 was an extraordinary year financially, yet Christ Church friends and members responded gratefully to assist their neighbors locally and world wide. For 2010, BWF hopes to raise \$15,000 for SOS.

It is hoped that members and friends of Christ Church will consider making a generous gift during Lent this year. There are and will be many other needs locally, nationally and world wide. With SOS funds, BWF will be ready to respond.



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### OTHER WAYS TO HELP

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In addition to making a donation of money, you can get involved in other ways at Christ Church. You might cook a meal or spend a night at church when we host homeless families; join a delegation to Nicaragua; be part of a Bridges Run; volunteer with the tutoring program at UCC Plainfield; or lend a hand with the semiannual container shipments to Nicaragua.

Serving on BWF is another way to make a difference. As a board member, you can help decide which organizations Christ Church will support in the future. Contact the Board ([bwf@ccsnj.org](mailto:bwf@ccsnj.org)) or talk to a BWF member if you're interested: Rebecca Spence (chair), Jean Bucquet, Al Bunis, Bill Campbell, Marilyn Devroye, Jan Face Glassman, Rob Mathis, Rick Morey, Bob Petrus, Richard Poole, Tracy Robinson, Rev Chuck Rush, Anne Salorio, John Ueng-McHale, and Kathryn Weidener.

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