

St. John Neumann Church

Children's Stewardship

Annual Report 2018

The children of St. John Neumann - both SJN school children and the Religious Education students - have been very generous in helping others. - again!!! **From January 2018 to December 31, 2018, the young people who contributed to Children's Stewardship gave a total of \$992.73!!** Our children put their faith into practice through these corporeal works of mercy:



Project San Pedro - \$600 to sponsor two children in Guatemala for one year

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Charleston helps to support the work of the Sisters of Bethany in Guatemala in their school and medical clinic. We sponsor 2 children every year: **17-year-old Victor Rolando Cotuc in January and 13-year-old Chusita Mendez Gonzalez, in July.** Victor has graduated elementary school and is currently studying music in a secondary school. This donation covers the cost of their education, medical needs, clothing and meals at school for one year. The pictures of Victor and Chusita were taken in 2014 when the Diocese of Charleston sent a medical mission team to San Pedro La Laguna in Guatemala.



St. John Neumann Crisis Ministry - \$214

The SJN Crisis Ministry is made up a small but very dedicated group of parishioners, chosen by Fr. Sandy and given a modest budget to help other parishioners needing assistance with utility bills and other necessities. They are very grateful to receive individual donations to increase the number of people and the help they can offer. This parish ministry works quietly and confidentially helping families who have experienced a "bump in the road" and because they work on a local level, they are familiar with the people, their situations and can help them in a very effective manner.

Backpack Ministry - \$178.73

The Backpack Program provides food for children at risk of going hungry on the weekend. On Fridays, they are given a backpack full of food to take home for the weekend. Responsibilities for the program include providing a place to store food, packing the food in the backpacks, and dropping them off at the designated schools. Through parishioner donations, the group also hopes to augment what it puts in the backpacks with fresh fruit and hygiene items.



The compassion our young people have shown to other families and children, not just here at St. John Neumann but in places very far away, is a sharing of God's love with our brothers and sisters, "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

If you would like more information about Children's Stewardship, want to receive envelopes for your children or help us get the word out about the generosity of all our children - SJN School and Religious Education, contact Cherie Smith at 788-3252 x 321 or csmith@sjnchurch.com

One person - no matter how big or small - can make a large difference in someone's life.