



# Social Justice Newsletter August 2019

**A Committee of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church**

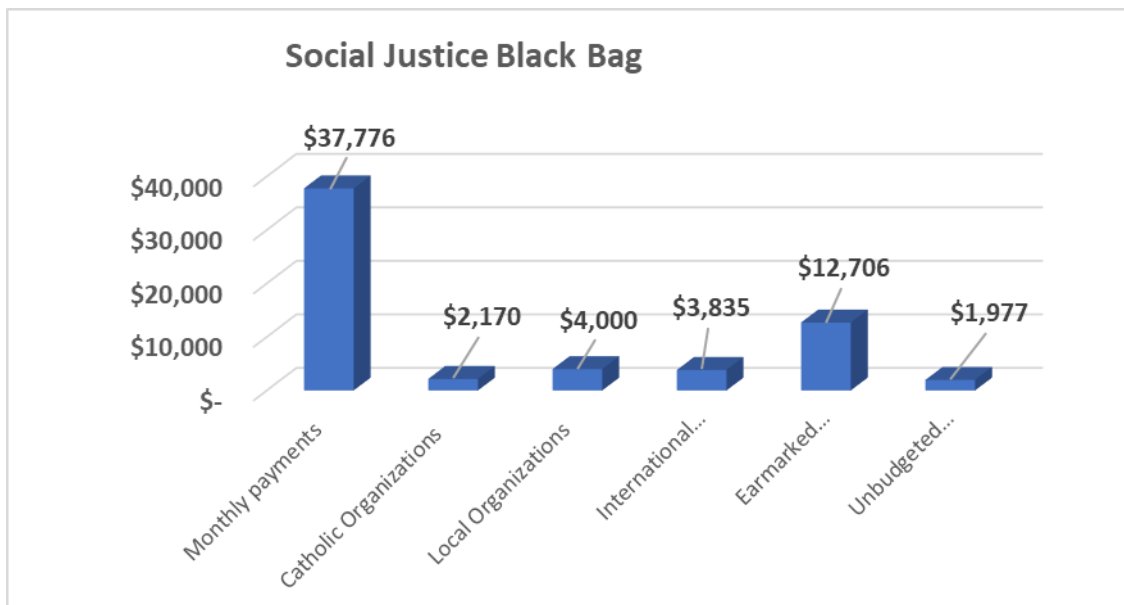
## **Black Bag Collection Report — July 2018-June 2019**



A total of \$64,993 was received: \$55,348 from the Black Bag plus \$9,645 from other sources specifically for Individual Assistance between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

The Black bag supports 33 organizations on a regular basis. Ten are paid monthly and received \$37,776. Of this amount, donations totaling \$27,600 were sent to the Emergency Residence Program (ERP), Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance (GNEA), St. Cecilia Individual Assistance, and Food at First. The other six received \$10,076. The remaining 23 organizations are grouped into three categories : **Catholic** (4) \$2,170; **Local** (13) \$4,000; **International** (6) \$3,835. Each received one or two payments per year, totaling \$10,005.

Some funds are designated for special purposes. \$12,706 was paid out in 2018-2019, plus \$1,977 was spent for unexpected requests received during the year. The last amount was paid from receipts not originally budgeted. Of the total \$64,993 received, \$1,500 was not spent and remains available for future needs.



The STC Individual Assistance is one of the 10 groups receiving monthly payments. Their annual expenses were \$14,527. Receipts were \$4,800 transferred to them from the Black Bag funds plus \$9,645 in donations made directly to them from other sources.



**Emergency Residence Project (ERP)**



**Food At First—St. Cecilia** volunteers provide meals every Tuesday of the month

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The Social Justice Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Louis Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Story County Jail Ministry

**ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH NEW EXPANDED SCHEDULE**

There is a new jail ministry schedule at the Story County Jail in Nevada. The minister is now meeting with the inmate from 8:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on the first and fourth Sunday nights of the month, the first, third, and fourth Monday nights, and all Friday nights.

The minister reads the Sunday readings with the inmates that come to the service. As a group, discussion is held as to what the readings mean to each person in attendance. This is a very rewarding ministry. Helping inmates find Jesus while in jail has impacted their behavior while in jail. We feel we do make a difference. If you would like additional information or would like to consider becoming a minister, contact Barb Moore at (515) 337-1551.



**Days for Girls** was the hands-on service project at the Presbyterian Synod of the Lakes and Plains, held in June at the Gateway Center in Ames. 166 hygiene kits were assembled by those attending; the kits will be sent to Sierra Leone via the Rural Health Care Initiative. **The Ames Days for Girls Sewing Team, which meets twice a month in the St. Louis Room at St. Cecilia, sewed components for the kits. Everyone is welcome to attend the Ames Days for Girls meetings which are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm and the fourth Thursday at 1pm.**

Currently, the **Ames Sewing Team** is sewing kits for refugee women and girls in Lebanon, South Sudan, Somalia and Afghanistan. Days for Girls International hopes to provide 33,000 kits to those refugees; **the Ames team has pledged to make 200 by mid-September.**

