



2016 Viva Voce Recipients

Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Virginia

Viva Voce *By word of mouth*

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me...*Matt 25:35-36

Giving to this fund is one of the oldest continuing acts in the history of the Episcopal Church Women. The objective was to “implement the missionary work of the Church” and the following have been selected to share the Viva Voce contributions collected at your 2016 Annual Meeting:

The Haven (Region 2) provides safety, support and solutions to individuals who experience stalking, sexual and physical abuse. The Haven Shelter & Services, Inc. is celebrating 30 years of commitment to preventing and eliminating all types of domestic violence and sexual assault within our service area, which includes Westmoreland, Richmond, Essex, Lancaster and Northumberland Counties. The primary focus of The Haven’s mission is to provide advocacy and shelter for individuals who experience intimate partner and sexual violence as well as to provide support services to individuals and their families. To greater further its mission, The Haven seeks to enhance public awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault through community outreach and education and to bring about systems change. Contact: Sarah Weakley, Dir. of Dev., and/or Gabrielle Allen, 5726 Richmond Rd., Warsaw, VA 22572 (804)333-1099 gabrielle.allen@havenshelter.org.

Artemis House (Region 5) is Fairfax County’s only emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking. Artemis House provides crisis intervention and temporary housing in apartment-style units in an undisclosed “safe-house.” Safety planning, immediate basic needs assistance and comprehensive service planning is available for preparation for a transition to more permanent and stable housing with 24-hour staff coverage to respond to crisis calls and to screen clients to determine their level of danger. Artemis House provides intensive case management services, individual and group counseling, employment assistance and children’s programs. Contact: Raven or Betty Colon (703)435-4940

Homestretch (Region 8) addresses the root cause of homelessness due to domestic violence, medical crisis, human trafficking, economic downturn or loss of loved one and reverses it. Since 1990 they have assisted over 1,000 families to achieve stability and self-sufficiency. Historically over 85% complete the program; and, 95% have been able to maintain stable housing and employment. Contact: Brenda Wilks, 303 South Maple Ave., Suite 400, Falls Church, VA 22046 (703)237-2035

STEP Strategies to Elevate People (Region 11) STEP Richmond was founded in 1983, making it one of Richmond’s oldest inter-denominational urban ministries. Since that time, their work has been primarily focused in the public housing community of Gilpin Court and neighboring communities. Their goal is to build vital relationships through effective Christian community and mobilize resources of the church to serve the poor by empowering organizations and ministries seeking to reach their urban neighbors and by sharing the love and hope of Christ. Contact: Tim Cole, Executive Director, timcole@steprichmond.org. 1900 Chamberlyn Avenue Richmond, VA 23222 (804) 648-7552 <http://stepagency.com>

New Creation (Region 14) is a Christian organization committed to the eradication of human trafficking through concerted effort with other groups. Their mission is to see every captive of human trafficking set free. They are called to intercede for the victims of this violent crisis, and fight toward the eradication of trafficking in the United States and abroad. They believe that by partnering with other organizations that are committed to the same cause, they can end this slavery once and for all. Contact: Sabrina Dorman-Andrew, Sabrina@newcreationva.org. 3051 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 (540)208-7446 <http://www.newcreationsva.org>

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Please detach and bring this form to the Annual Meeting with your check payable to the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Virginia, designated with “Viva Voce” on the memo line. Place it in the collection plate at the Holy Eucharist service or mail to ECW Treasurer: Pat Baughman, 1815 Genter Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

NAME OF CHURCH/INDIVIDUAL _____

LOCATION _____

REGION _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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