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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Grant Recipient Updates

This month, we share updates from
2022 Mustard Seed Fund Grant Recipients:

St. Athanasios, Aurora, IL

who used grant funds for an expansion of their men's group ministry

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The Men's Group at St. Athanasios had a great year of giving, learning, and growing through Christ. With support thanks to the Mustard Seed Fund, the Men's Group was able to have a successful 2022!

The Men's Group is proud to announce they provided dinners to the homeless through Hessed House. Parishioners were welcomed to join in on any of the three times to help out at the largest homeless shelter outside of Chicago. Together, they cooked and served the warm food.



They continued their growing ministry by having an end of the year BBQ to welcome a speaker of the Hessed House, meet new members, and plan out future events. It was a wonderful time and was filled with faith and fellowship.

The Men's Group wanted to do their part in offering blood. They hosted a blood drive at St. Athanasios on Saturday September 10th. They hope to continue this good deed and have planned other blood drives in 2023.

One of their biggest accomplishments was the "Becoming a Man of Faith" discussion and dinner. The Men's Group welcomed Fr. Panagiotis, Fr. Stephen Bithos, Tom Kanelos and Ian Pappas to discuss this important topic.

The Men's Group is so appreciative of the support from the Mustard Seed Fund and looks forward to what next year has in store. They are considering buying kitchen equipment such as food warmers to transport it to the Hessed House.



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The following parishes were awarded Mustard Seed Fund grants for 2022

Annunciation, Milwaukee, WI

Outreach program for impoverished areas of Greater Milwaukee

Annunciation, Kankakee, IL

Church-based community theater troupe

St. Athanasios, Aurora, IL

Expansion of men's group ministry

St. Basil, Chicago, IL

Expansion of prison ministry

Ss. Constantine and Helen, Swansea, IL

"Spring Back to Church" outreach program

St. George, Chicago, IL

Bicycle repair class to help impoverished residents of Humboldt Park with their transportation needs

St. George, St. Paul MN

Inter-Orthodox shared catechism program

St. George, Schererville, IN

Byzantine music youth group for girls and boys

St. Luke the Evangelist, Columbia, MO

Billboard to raise awareness of Orthodox Church

"Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree."

Matthew 13:31-32



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