

FAITH WITHOUT BORDERS



MISSION MINISTRIES

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH FAITH WITHOUT BORDERS CELEBRATES OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our ministries are strengthened by God who gives us the gift of unity to work in partnership with community organizations that represent people of all faiths. Together we recognize the dignity of each human being and are called to serve the poor and those in need for the common good.



American Red Cross

St. Margaret Mercy Disaster Preparedness Coalition

- Partnership with SJE Disaster Response Team for local community emergency response efforts and assistance to individual homeowners. Recent assistance was provided to tornado victims in Griffith and a homeowner in Gary who needed his house gutted after a house fire.



Children of Abraham

- Partnership with SJE Medical Supply Drive, Dominican Republic Mission: Medical and Dental Missions and Katrina Relief Mission to provide medical supplies and equipment to people in throughout the world. SJE team members assist with sorting and packing container shipments. *Children of Abraham* is an interfaith organization established by the United Methodist Church of Hammond and Northwest Indiana Islamic Center in Crown Point.



Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

- Partnership with SJE Katrina Mission and our SJE Grocery Bag Project to collect 6,700 pounds of food and deliver it to residents in New Orleans that live in the poorest neighborhoods. The Food Bank coordinates mobile food pantries and provides food for hungry people in Northwest Indiana through a network of charities. SJE Middle School Youth Group also assists the *Food Bank of Northwest Indiana* monthly at local food pantries.



Mail Boxes, Etc.

- Partnership with SJE Katrina Relief Mission to receive a \$5,000 Community Volunteer grant to expand volunteerism for 37 people of all ages, from 14 communities and several different faiths or no church affiliation, to assist home owners in New Orleans with home repairs along with addressing hunger and supporting education/literacy.



St. John the Evangelist School

- Partnership with Dominican Republic Orphan Sponsorship Drive to pilot the orphan sponsorship program during our first year. SJE School students, teachers, and parents supported cultural and spiritual curriculum activities to reinforce the "godparent" role students had for their three godchildren who live at *Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos*, Dominican Republic.