

Glenmary Home Missioners

www.glenmary.org

Nominated by: Ziegler, Marilyn

Glenmary Home Missioners is a Catholic society of priests, brothers and lay missionaries who serve primarily in Appalachia & the deep South. It was founded in 1939 and has served mission churches in 14 states with the goal to return developed parishes to the care of the local diocese. More than 120 parishes are former Glenmary missions. In these parish counties, the poverty averages 20%--almost two times the national average.

Clean Air Task Force

<https://catf.us/us>

Nominated by: Larry Stout

"Hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." (Pope Francis). I am nominating the Clean Air Task Force which pushes for U.S. climate leadership that's guided by science and built to last. Focused on impact, CATF's experts design and advocate for durable U.S. policies that enable scalable, effective climate solutions. They conduct cutting-edge research, forge strong coalitions, and educate and influence key stakeholders. I invite you learn more at <https://www.catf.us/us/>

RED CLOUD SCHOOL

REDCLOUDSCHOOL.ORG

Nominated by: Gregory Howell

RED CLOUD INDIAN TRIBE. LOCATED IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

TREE House of Greater St. Louis

thstl.org

Nominated by: Michael Spradling

"But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" (Luke 14:13). These are the clients of TREE House. I have met those with cerebral palsy who after therapeutic horsemanship were able to get out of a wheelchair and walk. One client told me that the only place he felt free from his wheelchair was riding a horse. Most of the clients are children and veterans. Therapeutic horsemanship is proven science to strengthen muscles and improve coordination. I invite you to help the poor, crippled, lame and blind... all have received services from TREE House since 1975.

The Backstoppers, Inc.

www.backstoppers.org

Nominated by: Mary Ellis

Godsend to my daughter-in-law and grandchildren when son, James "Mitch" Ellis, Jr., a St. Louis County police officer was killed in a car accident on his way home from work.

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Nominated by: Mary Ann Held

Glenmary priests, brothers and lay coworkers work to build the Kingdom of God and meet the spiritual and material needs of all they encounter in Appalachia and the South. Serving rural America since 1939.

Life Network of Southern Illinois

<https://supportmylifenet.com/>

Nominated by: Georgia Hutchinson

"Life Network is a Christ-centered ministry committed to upholding the sanctity of human life. They are 100% donor funded materially and financially and serve clients by providing free and confidential services.

Services: Pregnancy Testing, Ultrasounds, STI Testing, Pregnancy Options Counseling, Adoption Education, Parenting Classes (age 2-12), Breastfeeding & Childbirth Classes (taught by RN), Baby Supplies, Professional Counseling, Father's Program, Abortion Recovery, Community/Medical Resources, Abstinence Education and are an Abortion Pill Rescue consulting center."

Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis

<https://www.bqcstl.org>

Nominated by: Adam Randle

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (BGCSTL) is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. BGCSTL provides after-school, teen, sports and summer programs to youth across the Bi-State Region while also providing a safe place for them to learn and grow.

Hospitality House

<http://hospitalityhouse.yolasite.com/>

Nominated by: Carl Scherrer

To provide overnight accommodations for those visiting family or friends incarcerated at Menard Correctional Center in Chester, IL.

Birthright Counseling St Louis

www.birthrightstl.org

Nominated by: Carrie Boser

"For over 50 years, Birthright has been caring for women in the St Louis area who are experiencing an unintended pregnancy, or a pregnancy that has become medically, emotionally, or financially complex. We provide a service of love, believing every woman has the right to have her baby no matter her life circumstances. Birthright empowers women to tap into their individual strengths and develop a life plan. We support and encourage women throughout their pregnancies and for as long as they need us after their babies are born. All Birthright services remain free and confidential including: medical-grade pregnancy testing, professional counseling, prenatal genetic diagnosis counseling & support. postpartum depression counseling, educational group classes, pregnancy & parenting classes, community referrals, supportive resources, and post-abortion counseling.

95% of our clients choose life for their babies, and we are grateful for your support."

Oasis International

www.oasis4refugees.org

Nominated by: Diane Stechmesser

Oasis International is a faith-based ministry started in 1989 by Mark and Joani (my sister) Akers. Their goal was to live out their faith in a practical way helping families coming to St. Louis from war torn countries. They do this by providing housing, furniture, clothing, English classes, citizen classes and community events. They offer different programs to help these refugees to improve their lives physically, mentally and spiritually.

Kairos Prison Ministry

<https://www.kairosfillinois.org/>

Nominated by: Tom R. Braun

"The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities. We conduct (2) 4-day retreats inside the maximum security penitentiary (Menard), in Chester, IL. Each weekend consists of 40+ inmates, and 95% of our retreatants are serving life sentences without parole. An encounter with Jesus Christ changes lives, even those lives that society deems as unredeemable. In the 8-years of serving inside the ministry, I have witnessed the Holy Spirit completely transform the hearts of men who before their encounter with Christ (through the Kairos prison ministry) were lost in the darkness and loneliness of a 4.5X10 cells until their death. "

de Greeff Hospice House

www.mercy.net/practice/mercy-hospice-south-de-greeff-hospice-house/

Nominated by Joanne and Bill Hoffman

Mercy Hospice South - de Greeff Hospice House provides patients facing end-of-life an environment dedicated to preserving their comfort, dignity and quality of life, surrounded by their families and loved ones. For 20 years they have cared for over 5,000 patients completing their earthy journey. The de Greeff Hospice House provides expertise in end-of-life medical care, emotional and spiritual support, bereavement counseling, and financial counseling and aid as needed. Your consideration and support is most appreciated.

Bethlehem University

Bethlehem.edu

Nominated by: Fr. Steve Thoma

Bethlehem University is the only Catholic University in the Muslim world. In 2023 they will celebrate their 50th anniversary. The institution is run under the Lasallian tradition to provide higher education to the people of Palestine.

Stewards of Hope International

www.Stewardsofhope.org

Nominated by: Andrea Bodinet

Our primary activity is to purchase Kids Against Hunger rice meals, specially formulated protein meals, box them up with canned meat and ship them to the Missionaries of Charity and a Catholic parish priest in Venezuela. Additional supplies are sent as well as Christmas gifts for the children.

Our Brothers Keep of Southern Illinois (OBK)

www.obkministry.org

Nominated by Lizanne Young

Founded by Fr. Christian Reuter, OFM, OBK is an ecumenical faith-based organization dedicated to the full inclusion of individuals formerly incarcerated into the St. Clair County, Illinois, community. OBK assists these returning citizens in attaining productive community life through reentry services including literacy education, counseling, life and employment skills training, and referrals to a wide range of support. OBK helps an average of 60 people per month through its facility in East St. Louis. www.obkministry.org

The Trevor Project

www.thetrevorproject.org

Nominated by: Karen Lundy

The Trevor Project is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning) young people. LGBTQ youth (people under age 25) are 120% more likely to experience homelessness and up to six times more likely to die by suicide than their heterosexual peers. The Trevor Project was founded to prevent these tragic outcomes, as well as to offer guidance and resources to parents and educators in order to foster safe, accepting, and inclusive environments for all youth, at home and at school.