

## ESL MINISTRY

The ESL Ministry finished its 16th year! Four volunteers and 2 interns offered 30 weeks of classes/60 classes/90 hours of instruction. Approximately 45-50 students were served in two classes (Beginner and Intermediate.) Starting in the Fall 2018, we will need a new co-teacher or two. We will train you! Please let us know if you are interested. Contact : [QueensESL@gmail.com](mailto:QueensESL@gmail.com)



## Safe Families for Children

ACC has partnered with Safe Families for Children (SFFC) since 2016. SFFC is a volunteer-driven ministry with the goal of keeping kids safe and families intact. The parents that we aim to serve are often overwhelmed by their circumstances and socially isolated.

ACC came alongside 5 families in 2017. Two families are still active. We were amazed when we learned that a referral from Queens lived in the same building as one of our ACC members! We immediately responded and are building a supportive friendship with the soon to be mom.

We have one Family Coach, twelve Family Friends and many more Resource Friends approved to provide friendship, encouragement and support through mutually beneficial relationships. We look forward to reaching more families in distress in our immediate neighborhood.

## BIBLE CLUB

Inspired and challenged by Randy Nabors and New City Fellowship Church, ACC's Bible Club launched in October 2016 and we completed our first year in the Spring of 2017. We began our 2nd year in the Fall of 2017 and continue to be amazed and encouraged by the group of kids that come regularly. We meet on Tuesdays from 7-7:30PM. 42 children have attended at least once and 13 volunteers have worked as a team to present the Gospel, lead songs and games and provide snacks. At the end of the fall semester, the kids performed two songs at the ACC Christmas Potluck dinner at the Club, and five Bible Club families attended!



Christmas Potluck, December 16

## TUTORING

Since November 2015, we have been tutoring students at the Boys and Girls Club on Tuesdays from 5-7PM. We have helped 13 students (both past and current) and currently have 3 active tutors and 6 students. We help with homework and test prep and are building relationships with the children and their parents.

# Astoria Community Church

## DIACONATE MINISTRY 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW



Some of the volunteers and students of ACC's  
1st Annual Vacation Bible Club  
July 17-22, 2017

## DIACONATE TEAM

Sobeyda Ellis, Toni Ellis, Heidi Kaufmann, Laura Kaufmann,  
Andrea Mungo, Paul Rickert, Annette Scattoni, Bryan Taylor,  
and Rory Verga

Laura Kaufmann, Co-Chair of Outreach

Toni Ellis and Andrea Mungo, Co-Chairs Mercy Carework

Bryan Taylor and Rory Verga, Co-Chairs Helps Ministry

Andrea Mungo, Diaconate Coordinator

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## DIACONATE MINISTRY—2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

### DIACONATE TEAM COMMISSIONED

In April, 2017, 9 men and women were voted in by the Session and ACC to become our first team of Deacons. The team was installed and commissioned on Oct 1 at a special combined service followed by a church luncheon. It was a special celebration!

### VACATION BIBLE CLUB

ACC organized our first annual summer Vacation Bible Club from July 17-22! Over the week, 170 children and many parents/adults heard the Gospel. Each evening we sang songs, listened to a biblical character share the Gospel, helped anywhere from 40-75 kids make a craft related to the message of the evening, played fun games with the kids and handed out snacks, and ended the week with a picnic and games at Rainey Park.

Over 20 ACC volunteers came every evening to help make it happen. We connected with both kids and parents during and after the program, inviting them to church, ESL, youth group, and Bible Club on Tuesdays during the school year. We are grateful to the Lord for opening this door and look forward to planning another VBC in summer 2018.

### HOURLY CHILDREN FOOD PANTRY

We finished our fourth full year of serving at the food pantry. Six adults and 3 children regularly volunteer on a monthly basis and Church members regularly donate food. We also help transport CSA leftovers for 26 Tuesdays from May - early Dec. The economic disparity among New Yorkers is very apparent when serving at the pantry. So many rely on pantries to make ends meet. We hope to continue to deepen friendships with the staff, volunteers and recipients and invite some into our church community.

### HOURLY CHILDREN MENTORING PROGRAM

Transitioning out of prison can be a very difficult and lonely time. Please pray about whether you could mentor/befriend a resident (mom or child). The commitment is 4 hours per month plus a weekly phone call for 1 year. God calls us out of comfort zones to both reach others for His Kingdom and to sanctify us.

### HOURLY CHILDREN ADVENT SUPPLY DRIVE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

For all four Sundays of Advent, we collected toiletries, personal clothing items, kitchen supplies and professional clothing for the Hour Children Residential Program for women recently released from prison. Thirteen bags of supplies were donated!

In addition, we were invited by Hour Children to help them put on their annual Christmas party on December 16. Many women and children and their families who have been served and loved by Hour Children over the years attended this wonderful celebration. Fourteen volunteers from ACC helped set up the room, organized and handed out gifts, managed the craft table, and enjoyed getting to know these families.



### FINANCIALS JULY 1, 2017-FEB 15, 2018\*

Mercy Clients: \$6,222

Outreach Expenses: \$6,878 \*\*

Total: \$13,100

\* ACC switched to a July-June Fiscal Year

\*\*Rent, Supplies, Books, Food, Promotional Materials, Craft Supplies, Finger-printing