



## ST. PHILIP'S – BY THE NUMBERS

School Grade Levels	PK2 – 7th Grade
Number of Students	265
Number of Volunteers	1000+
Number of Community Center Participants	4,000+
Operating Budget	\$7.5 Million

St. Philip's School and Community Center's roots are with the first black Episcopalian church in Dallas – **St. Philip's Church – established in the 1940s.**

**100% of Alumni complete high school and 96% attend college.** Approximately 30% are the first in their family to do so. St. Philip's provides a quality **"first" generation private school experience** for the majority of its families.

**Over 700 children and youth participate in St. Philip's diverse athletics program annually.** This includes football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, cheerleading and track. St. Philip's athletics program caters to children ages 4 to 14.

St. Philip's **collaborates with over 35 organizations** to provide free or low-cost educational, athletic, and social service programs in the South Dallas community.

St. Philip's has been a Meals on Wheels depot for over 25 years, distributing **over 1,500 meals per week** and also provides a model client-choice food pantry, Aunt Bette's Community Pantry, that serves over **850 South Dallas households each month.**

**"Serving others with dignity"** is a hallmark of the many services and special projects provided through the Community Center to our most vulnerable neighbors and constituents. In addition to the food pantry, this includes the Annual Christmas Store, Mother's Day Store, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Senior Citizen Transportation, and free legal clinic programs.

**Since the late 1990's,** St. Philip's has served as a **community Anchor, Advocate, and Change Agent** through its neighborhood development efforts in the immediate neighborhood that established three elder friendly housing communities and numerous single-family homes, transformed neglected and drug infested properties into extensions of its campus, and will soon transform 12,000 square feet of retail space on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.



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## OUR VISION

Transforming the world by faith, education, and service.

## OUR MISSION

To provide an unparalleled education and compatible community services through a faith-based experience, with emphasis on serving low and moderate-income families.

## CORE VALUES

*We believe in...*

**D**emonstrating God's love for all people

**E**mbacing everyone's potential to be extraordinary

**S**erving others with dignity

**T**eaching values, building character, and demanding integrity

**I**nvesting in positive community transformation

**N**urturing self-confidence, individual sacrifice, and cultural awareness

**YOU BELONG!**

Through these core values, we provide the ***St. Philip's Experience*** – from infancy to maturity, helping people reach their destiny.



## ST. PHILIP'S CREED

Look at me. I am more than what you see.

Destiny is mine! If it is to be, it's up to me.

Society will condemn, but only I determine my path.

My people have suffered and died for my chance to read and do math.

Just as sacrifices were made to make my future bright,

It is my responsibility to do things that are right.

I must start today to pave the way.

The community and the world need my contributions.

In success, I will not stray.

The bias, the rumors, nor the stereotypes will hinder my growth,

I claim dignity and prosperity. My God promises both.

Look at me! I am sharp, empowered, talented and proud without limit.

I will use my education to explore new heights.

The sky is the limit, if I just put my mind in it.

When I say, "stick it out," I don't mean a hand.

I will persevere to play my role in God's omniscient plan.

I will live by "put ups," not "put downs" for my sister and brother;

I care for you; I respect you.

If I don't, why should another?

Success is my right – failure my option. I have the voice.

The consequences I will accept, for I made the choice.

Look at me! Great things lie ahead!

Judge me not by what you've been told,

But, by what's in my head!



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*There are numerous opportunities for individuals, corporations, churches, schools, and other organizations to share their time and talent as volunteers with St. Philip's School and Community Center. We depend on the support of 1,000+ volunteers each year to implement our vital programs.*

**You Belong! - Where transformation is an everyday occurrence.**

**D.E.A.R. Time – Drop Everything and Read** takes place every weekday morning from 7:50am to 8:05am in every St. Philip's classroom – grades PK2 – 7th grade. Volunteers may read to an entire class on a weekly or monthly basis. Just pick a date!

**Aunt Bette's Community Pantry AND Meals on Wheels** – Join St. Philip's in addressing the hunger needs of our neighbors. Volunteers may assist with stocking and client shopping at Aunt Bette's Community Pantry on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8am - 12pm. We also invite corporate and organizational canned food drives to help keep the pantry stocked. Additionally, St. Philip's serves as South Dallas' Meals on Wheels Depot. Hundreds of hot meals are distributed to individuals Monday – Friday, in collaboration with the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA). To sign up as a Meals on Wheels volunteer, please visit <https://www.vnatexas.org/>. To volunteer with Our Community Pantry, please contact Angela Page at [apage@stphilips.com](mailto:apage@stphilips.com) or visit our website to sign up at [www.stphilips1600.org/community/foodpantry.cfm](http://www.stphilips1600.org/community/foodpantry.cfm).

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner** – This annual program provides a “free” thanksgiving dinner for community residents and the homeless population in the South Dallas/Fair Park area, the day before Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve food, decorate, act as greeters, set-up and clean up. Limited space is available.

**Community Christmas Store** – This vital program ensures our most vulnerable neighbors and families experience a quality and happy Christmas season. Clients will “shop” at St. Philip's the week before Christmas. Volunteers may assist the day of to serve as greeters, cashiers, and personal shoppers for participating families, wrap gifts, and be overall Santa's helpers. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the set-up of the Christmas store. We also invite friends to organize gift drives to assist with securing donations of new toys, clothing and/or household items for the store.



**Community Mother's Day Store** – This store is designed for neighborhood children of all ages to shop for “free” gifts for their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or other special women in their lives. Volunteers may assist the children with their shopping needs and with the set up and break down of the store. St. Philip's also welcomes donations of appropriate items in the store during the month of April.

**Senior Transportation** – St. Philip's utilizes its school buses weekly to transport dozens of neighborhood seniors to the grocery store, pharmacy, some doctor visits and other activities. We invite volunteers to ride along and assist our seniors with their needs. This also provides a time for social interaction and bonding. Senior Transportation is offered every Thursday, beginning at 9am.

**Re-Discover Dallas** – This program is designed for senior adults in South Dallas and includes two social events, including the Fancy Hat Tea Party AND the Senior Prom. Volunteers assist with planning and implementing these events, from serving food, to decorating. We also seek volunteers and partner organizations to provide fitness, health, and arts and crafts activities for our seniors throughout the year.

**Free Legal Clinic** – St. Philip's legal aid is offered the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm through Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP). We welcome others within the local legal community to volunteer for a popular program that provides critical resources to our low-income neighbors in need of legal advice and support. *To register, please visit [www.dallasvolunteerattorneyprogram.org](http://www.dallasvolunteerattorneyprogram.org).*

**Athletics Program** – St. Philip's boasts one of the largest athletics programs in the city and is highly dependent on the support of volunteers to serve as coaches, concessions support, and more. We currently offer football, cheerleading, dance, basketball, baseball, volleyball, boxing, and track for elementary and middle school aged children. *For more information on volunteering in Athletics, please contact Coach Eddie Fletcher, St. Philip's Athletic Director, at [efletcher@stphilips.com](mailto:efletcher@stphilips.com).*

**Gwen's Garden** – St. Philip's is always in need of volunteers to assist with planting, pruning, and harvesting fresh foods from this very special community garden, named in memory of the school's beloved former principal, Gwendolyn Barjon, who was both a master science teacher and gardener. The garden makes for a perfect group volunteer opportunity. For information on volunteering in Gwen's Garden, contact Tia Stevens at [tstevens@stphilips.com](mailto:tstevens@stphilips.com).

*For more information on volunteer opportunities, please email Shonna Cooks at [scooks@stphilips.com](mailto:scooks@stphilips.com) or visit our website at [www.stphilips1600.org](http://www.stphilips1600.org)*



## THE ST. PHILIP'S EXPERIENCE

"St. Philip's embodies kindness, hope and accomplishment."

*Martin Cox, St. Philip's friend & supporter*

"The biggest thing I learned from St Philip's was the importance of respect."

*Jeremy Winston, Class of '11*

"The Community Center is valuable to us. I have peace of mind when my grandkids are at St. Philip's because I know they are in a safe place and are getting some motivation."

*Gloria Walls, St. Philip's neighbor*

"St. Philip's is such a star in the sky in Dallas."

*Elizabeth Bourgeois-Gordon, Volunteer*

"I love St. Philip's. The best part of the school is the people, the community. I'll never find a community with as many extraordinary people as there are at St. Philip's. They taught me that you're never alone, even if you think you are. They accept me and love me with open arms. They make school feel comfortable and safe, and it's one of the few places that I call home."

*Jack Honeyman, Class of '19*

"I don't remember a time when I didn't know I was black, beautiful, and a child of God. This is the gift of St. Philip's."

*Bianca Anderson, Class of '99*

"It's so rewarding to volunteer with St. Philip's every month. We can't solve everyone's problem, but I'm consistently reminded about how much people appreciate just being heard and listened to."

*Bryan Garner, Legal Clinic volunteer*