

## FCCW HUGS FOR THE HOMELESS

October 23, 2014



We are women dedicated to the Gospel values of love, hope and charity. The FCCW "Hugs for the Homeless" is a project that reflects the goals and dedication of the women of Florida to help spread the "Good News. Each year the project has grown. May this years campaign be even more successful. Below is the past 4 years collections. May the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Hugs for the Homeless be an even greater success.

You women are truly God's instruments of peace, living gospel values. The FCCW "Hugs for the Homeless" project was very successful. The following are the charities that each A/DCCW is supporting. Listed is the amount of money each A/DCCW forwarded to the FCCW Treasurer.

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Miami	\$4,651.00	\$4,200.00	\$6,455.00	\$4,255.25
Orlando	\$6,038.36	\$7,368.98	\$9,199.35	\$10,072.43
Palm Beach	\$2,983.82	\$1,825.65	\$8,000.00	\$7,173.00
Pensacola-Tallahassee	\$8,471.00	\$9,541.69	\$7,807.59	\$7,288.84
St. Augustine	\$2,494.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,093.53	\$1,812.15
St Petersburg	\$4,221.47	\$13,845.00	\$11,015.00	\$4,543.00
Venice	\$6,058.87	\$3,618.97	\$3,490.72	\$3,788.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,919.90</b>	<b>\$43,400.29</b>	<b>\$48,061.19</b>	<b>\$38,932.67</b>

There was a balance forward of \$300.00 added to the 2014 amount and the totals were divided evenly between each A/DCCW, 2014, \$5,600.00 was returned to each A/DCCW to "feed the hungry", "shelter the homeless" and help clothe those who need clothing with the charities that you have selected. Each year we strive to top the prior year aid to charities. Now that the economy is on the upswing perhaps we will see it in the donations for this year. Thank you for your generosity.

Success of the program begins with you all. This year as last, each A/DCCW can hold their "Hugs" drive any-time convenient between December 2014 and February 2015.

All money in each A/DCCW should be turned in to their Treasurer by the end of February, and then sent on to the FCCW Treasurer Pam Dewey no later than March 7, 2015.

You may list up to 4 charities per diocese. Name and address of the charity ('s) should be included so our FCCW Treasurer can write the checks and return them to the appropriate diocese. We have voted to continue to divide the money equally between the 7 Dioceses.

It is the responsibility of each A/DCCW president to keep their Bishop and Archbishop informed, and request a letter of acknowledgement and encouragement with their ladies.

Please use the more inclusive title of "Homeless families". We realize that there are many single fathers taking care of their children in situations of poverty and homelessness.

Let us pray this year will be as successful.

Thank you.

***By Peggy Clark, FCCW Hugs For The Homeless Committee Chair***