



...an outdoor church for people who experience homelessness, and their friends.

Dear Friends,

For 20 years we have been here... on the Boston Common, on the streets, sitting on park benches, standing in doorways, praying in the rain, singing in the snow.

We have been here, sharing the good news, providing pastoral care for unhoused persons and their friends in Boston.

This work that means so much to so many could not have been done without YOU!

Your support has allowed us to...

- Worship on the Boston Common for more than **7,300** Sundays. We have not missed a Sunday in **20 years!**
- Share more than **365,000** sandwiches
- Welcome more than **800 groups** to CityReach - a weekend during which housed congregations learn about homelessness in Boston – directly from those who have experienced it
- Walk more than **4,000 miles** during **1,120 weeks** in Boston - meeting new people, checking in with our community
- Offer chaplaincy support to those at Barbara McInnis House, the respite care facility of Boston Healthcare for the Homeless
- Welcome “new” ministries, including
 - *common art*, founded locally in the mid-1990s, became a program of *common cathedral* in 1999. Over **17 years** *common art* has met weekly - allowing anyone to come off the streets and create all kinds of art in supportive community
 - the BostonWarm day shelter, founded in 2014, joined our family of ministries in October 2015. At BostonWarm we offer food, rest, charging stations, referrals, and non-judgmental support

common cathedral has changed the lives of housed and unhoused persons in Boston. Through this ministry of presence countless prayers have been offered, incalculable care provided.

In honor of our **20th anniversary**...

Your help is needed so we can continue this meaningful work. Very generous donors have provided matching gifts totaling \$20,000. Every dollar raised up to \$20,000 will be matched. That means your donation will have double the impact!

Now is the time to help as we share the good news...for another 20 years!

Blessings,

Amanda Grant-Rose
Executive Director

PS. **Save The Date!** On September 18th, 2016 we will celebrate our 20th anniversary during worship on the Boston Common. More information to come in our monthly online newsletters and on Facebook.

"I seen you over there by the fountain, but I wasn't comin' over. All my life I been tricked like that. But after a few years, I thought, this is for real, and I been comin' every Sunday. I don't know what I'd do without it." - Joyce

"One day I was walking across the Common and I heard this woman say 'I have some good news' and I said, this oughta be rich, ain't no good news out here. Guess what, it was peanut butter sandwiches. But I came back, and so did she, and we're still here. This is my church." – Robert



Originator of the international Ecclesia movement of street churches (1994)

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