



2011 Mission Support Grants

NEW GRANTS

1. Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition
Melbourne, FL
Three Year Project
Grant Awarded: \$10,000

A year-round program of the Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition, the Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids, or DOCK, is a safe haven for the youth of the Booker T. Washington neighborhood, the Melbourne, Florida, neighborhood that has for years been plagued by drugs and crime. The children of this troubled community witness street violence and are harassed by drug dealers. They are not strangers to hunger and to being on their own.

2. ChildServ
Chicago, IL
Three Year Project
Grant Awarded: \$5,000

ChildServ's Teen Mom Program is specialized foster care for adolescents who are pregnant and/or raising their own children while in care. Specially trained foster parents provide safe, nurturing and loving homes for teen moms and their children as they also mentor teen moms in good parenting. Those services are public-funded and the Teen Mom Program has operated successfully for many years. Piloted successfully in the 3rd and 4th quarters of FY 2010, Phenomenal Woman introduces and provides enhanced services not supported by public funding: more specifically, community-building and life-skills training.

3. Trinity Healing Center
Brooklyn, NY
Three Year Project
Grant Awarded: \$9,000

The Healing Center focuses on the intervention and prevention of family violence and abuse by providing information on resources that are available, assistance with action, support groups that empower women to live in a healthy and safe environment, advocacy to other service providers, law enforcement and city agencies on behalf of victim survivors, and referrals to the appropriate agencies and service providers.

4. Lutheran Social Services of Utah
Salt Lake City, UT
Three Year Project
Grant Awarded: \$20,000

The Equalization Project's purpose is to release the shackles of poverty from those most oppressed in the current economy, namely, we place the refugee and the first generation person in quality employment. We accompany the refugee through employment activities, supplemental income avenues, and a decent job.



5. Lutheran Settlement House
Philadelphia, PA
One Year Project
Grant Awarded: \$20,000

Hope for Immigrant Survivors will serve victims covered under the Violence Against Women Act. These immigrants are particularly vulnerable to domestic abuse - figures from the U.S. Bureau of Justice indicate they are significantly overrepresented among DV-related homicides. Factors leading to their vulnerability include: language barriers, cultural norms, expectations of the immigrant community, lack of knowledge of the legal system and services available for DV victims; and fear of deportation, separation from children, and involvement with police and other authorities.

6. Lutheran Volunteer Corps
Washington, DC
Three Year Project
Grant Awarded: \$10,000

We are developing a year-long curriculum on anti-racism for our volunteer program in consultation with Crossroads Anti-racism Training and Organizing. Staff, board members and other voluntary leadership also receive anti-racism training. We are in a partnership with Crossroads to develop the skills of our own staff to lead trainings for volunteers in the program as well as continue organization-wide transformation towards becoming an anti-racist, multicultural institution in a transformed society.

7. Southeast Asian Ministry
St. Paul, MN
Three Year Project
Grant Awarded: \$15,000

Southeast Asian Ministry (SeAM) is seeking funding support for its Parish Nurse program which serves new and recent immigrants and refugees from Laos, Cambodia, Burma and other countries. SeAM's bilingual nurses provide culturally sensitive health care and education to over 750 clients each year. The nurses make home visits, take blood pressure readings, provide counseling, and assist with paperwork and medication. They educate clients about nutrition, diabetes and heart disease, and ways to maintain overall health. They advocate for clients, help them negotiate the American health care system and connect them with community resources to meet health, food, clothing, housing, education, employment and socialization needs. The parish nurses also help make connections between local congregations and immigrant families who need of clothing, basic household items, support and friendship.

8. World Servants
Richfield, MN
One Year Project
Grant Awarded: \$12,000

Business Development Center for the Upendo Women's Group in Tawa, Kenya that will focus on starting a bakery/restaurant and training center. The business center will be an important cornerstone to the community and will provide valuable infrastructure allowing for future expansion. Tawa is a small, rural village in Kenya of 5,000 people, located approximately three



hours southeast of Nairobi. There is little to no manufacturing in the area and few outside employers. It is an agriculturally-based community and families are dependent upon growing their own food to live. The area is semi-arid and every two to three years experiences extreme drought, which results in severe famine.

RENEWED GRANTS

- A. Christ Lutheran Church
Charlotte, NC
Year 3 of 3
Grant Award: \$10,000

The McClintock Partners in Education program will provide programming for 652 low income children enrolled in McClintock Middle School through the auspices of Christ Lutheran Church which are aimed at increasing their opportunities for obtaining a sound education. Family Nights, a full-day summer program, daytime tutoring, Teacher Partners, Truancy Court pre-emptive programs, classroom supplies and professional development for teachers are all elements of this partnership. The student population represents a diverse mix of ethnicities and some are at risk for homelessness. More than 400 volunteers have been involved in starting this program. A grant would assist with meal and transportation costs in addition to supporting an additional part-time staff position until more sustainable funding is secured.

- B. Christ the King Lutheran Church
Lapeer, MI
Year 2 of 3
Grant Award: \$10,000

The River of Hope ministry seeks to quench the spiritual, physical, and emotional thirst of the many people trapped in Michigan's current economic desert. River of Hope will take place weekly on Thursday evenings, beginning with a simple free meal. This will be followed by a contemplative worship service. The evening will conclude with a time of resourcing, networking and skill-building (examples include, but are not limited to, personal finance/budgeting classes, an unemployment support group, and learning about available community resources). Nursery care and a children's program will be provided during the worship and resourcing times. Ultimately, our goal is for River of Hope to help feed people physically, spiritually, and emotionally, so that the relationships built and nurtured with God and others can help lower participants' stress levels, strengthen their spirits, and provide them with hope.

- C. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Providence, RI
Year 2 of 2
Grant Award: \$15,000

The Gloria Dei Step-Up Center strives to serve the growing need for meaningful spiritual and educational enrichment opportunities for Providence's poor immigrant, urban youth. Our Music School inspires, challenges, and transforms children through the redemptive power of music, the arts and the gospel. We seek to increase scholarship aid, and to install recording and sound equipment to enrich the School's offerings, attracting and enabling more of the city's most vulnerable children to participate. We also propose to develop a "time bank", in conjunction with



the increase in students receiving scholarships, enabling those who receive to give of themselves. The underlying principle is that “we all have something to give.” A time bank honors real work, asks receivers to become givers, as well, and focuses on the ultimate goal of building community.

- D. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Wytheville, VA
Year 3 of 3
Grant Award: \$7,000

Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow will provide an after-school enrichment program serving the academic, social, physical, behavioral, and motivational development for 25 students ages 7 to 18 years. A particular focus is children in foster care and those at risk of being placed in foster care. This is a partnership between the school system and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. A 2007 pilot program was developed in partnership with Lutheran Family Services of Virginia.

- E. Hope Community Center, Inc.
Klamath Falls, OR
Year 2 of 3
Grant Award: \$7,000

The Hope Community Center will provide a safe place for youth to gather after school. Our long range plan is to serve 60 or more youth through a free after-school program for 10-14 year olds. Additional youth will be served when we expand our program to include a summer program and expand to serve youth ages 6-14. We intent to provide homework help, music, drama, recreation, healthy snacks, community service opportunities, and programs to help with social skills and self confidence.

- F. Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey
El Paso, TX
Year 2 of 3
Grant Award: \$12,000

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey is a congregation of the ELCA that ministers to people on both sides of the Texas-Mexico border. The congregation consists primarily of first-generation Mexican immigrants who earn, on average, between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually per family. Because of this, Cristo Rey relies on external funding to exist. This grant will be used to assist in furthering the ministries of Cristo Rey through continued community outreach. In addition to education, our After School Program provides children with personal attention in a supportive, Christian environment, with an emphasis on specific issues that affect them. Cristo Rey’s ministries seek to address the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of each person, in the context of the socioeconomic realities of the neighborhood.

- G. Lutheran Ministries and Social Services
Waco, TX
Year 3 of 3
Grant Award: \$10,000

The program will expand legal assistance services for low-income persons, especially grandparents dealing with legal problems related to raising grandchildren and to provide full-



time professional staff for this program. The goal of the program is to offer accurate information to assist grandparents in obtaining legal guardianship rights for grandchildren at risk of being placed in foster care and to educate low income seniors about other legal rights such as medical power of attorney for ailing spouses through Law Forums in senior centers and churches.

- H. Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Rocky Boy Reservation, Box Elder, MT
Year 2 of 3
Grant Award: \$8,000

The project's purpose is to bridge cultures and build relationships between the Chippewa Cree tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation in north central Montana and non-Native people from across the United States and Canada. This will occur particularly in the summer months of June, July, and August by: 1) offering Servant Event opportunities to groups comprised of middle school, high school, and adults, 2) providing a summer job opportunity for a youth from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in which he/she will interact directly with the Servant Groups, 3) offering weekly Vacation Bible School throughout the summer months to the children of the Reservation, 4) providing a job opportunity as a cook for a member of the Tribe for the Servant Event and VBS participants, and 5) providing opportunities of cultural learning to the Servant Group participants with members of the congregation of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and/or members of the Rocky Boy community.

- I. Roselawn Lutheran Church
Cincinnati, OH
Year 2 of 3
Grant Award: \$12,000

Roselawn Lutheran Church is committed to providing a large outreach presence in our community. Many households in the Roselawn neighborhood are single parent homes that live at or below the poverty line. We provide an eye clinic, dental clinic, and food pantry. We also host summer programs and a community-wide "Day of Fun". New ministries coming this year include computer classes for food pantry clients and a community garden that will include nutritional education. A new partnership with the Ohio Benefit Bank assists our neighbors in applying for special needs (food stamps, child care funds, etc.) or helps in tax preparation. Our Outreach program has reached the point where a staff person is needed to manage and coordinate all of our outreach activities.

- J. St. Catherine Laboure Medical Center
Philadelphia, PA
Year 3 of 3
Grant Award: \$8,000

The program will launch the Adopt-A-Patient Program which aims to support 700 patient visits which costs the Clinic \$800 with a patient co-pay of \$10. The majority of patients who are uninsured have cardiovascular disease and are served by a family practitioner, physician's assistant, and nurse practitioners. Partners in this project include Chestnut Hill Health System and Albert Einstein Hospital Charity Care Program.