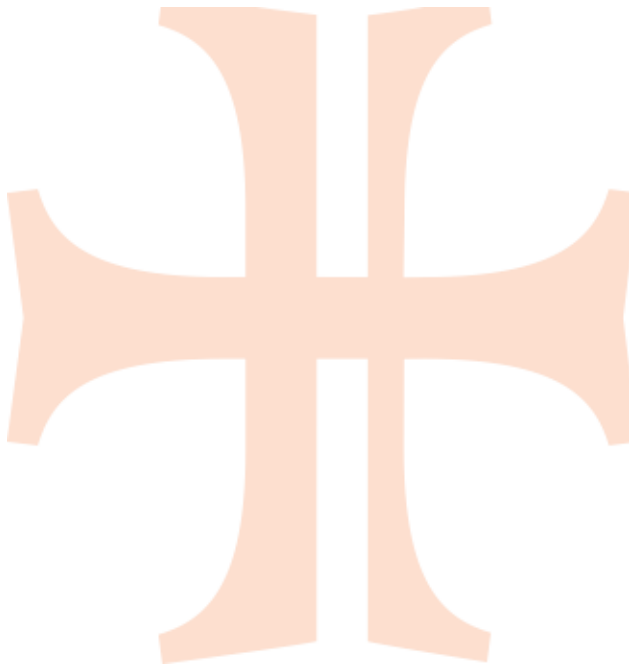


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS

Benevolence/ Social Ministry Handbook



2017

This handbook is intended as a resource for Grace members and others who are interested in learning about the ministries supported through the Grace Lutheran Church Benevolence Committee and for other volunteer and mission opportunities, both within Grace Church and outside of it. Each year, we expect to add or delete ministries; please send suggestions for ministry additions or changes to the church in care of the Benevolence Committee.

*The Grace Lutheran Church Benevolence Committee
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Julie Lehmann, and Pastor Dave Wegner, Ex-Officio*

The **Grace Church Benevolence Committee** seeks to reach out with gifts to our local and global community in the name of Christ. A tithing percentage of Grace's congregational contributions goes to support ministries in Chicagoland and around the world. The Benevolence Committee decides how Grace's gifts are allocated to selected ministries; communicates with these ministries and monitors their mission and purpose; informs the congregation and community about these ministries, their needs, and their gifts to us; and encourages interaction between Grace and these ministries.

The **Grace Church Social Ministry Committee** encourages awareness and personal involvement of members in current social issues. Some of these programs are identified in the handbook section "Social Ministry Programs – Grace Church."

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EDUCATION – Pre-School and Elementary

Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF)

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Bensenville, IL 60106

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www.clefchicago.org

www.facebook.com/CLEFChicago

Janet Klotz, Executive Director

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Description of ministry: Empowering urban Lutheran schools to deliver innovative, quality education in a Christian environment. CLEF supports Lutheran preschools and grade schools in the city of Chicago and Lutheran high schools in Chicago and Melrose Park. CLEF provides scholarships, technology enabled blended learning, capital and technology improvements, teacher salary support and professional development, marketing, outdoor education, curriculum and classroom structure support, and art and music programs. CLEF staff and consultants provide leadership coaching, educational consulting, special education services, coordination of federal education funds, technology support, school nursing, and more.

Area served: City of Chicago and Melrose Park

Donation needs: Monetary gifts for scholarships, in-kind donations, including items for annual benefit auction, building materials, school supplies and musical instruments.

Volunteer opportunities: School supply drives, onsite school events, service projects, gardening projects and building maintenance

Concordia Place

3300 N. Whipple

Chicago, IL 60618

(773) 463-1600, ext. 412

www.concordiaplace.org

Brenda Swartz, President/CEO

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Description of ministry:

Concordia Place puts faith into action each day through educational, enrichment, and wellness programs. Seeking to “do justice” and address the systemic causes of poverty and social inequality, Concordia Place provides growth and opportunity that changes the lives of more than 800 young children, teens, adults, and seniors each year.

Children 6 weeks to 5 years are prepared for a life of learning in *Early Learning and Preschool* while their parents can pursue opportunity for their family. *School-Age 365* enriches the lives of children 6 – 12 years old so their learning continues uninterrupted during critical out-of-school hours. *Teen Leadership* engages teenagers in hands-on, service-learning activities that build a wide-range of leadership, social/emotional and entrepreneurial skills. Adults can further their education, careers, and lives when *English as a Second Language* classes help bridge linguistic barriers. Senior Wellness addresses the physical, spiritual, educational and social well-being of the aging; *Senior Fitness* focuses on the unique fitness needs of aging bodies, and *Senior Lift* provides transportation and companionship for the homebound elderly.

Concordia Place was created in 1981 by Concordia Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Chicago initially to provide after school care for the families beyond the walls of its members. Last summer, Concordia opened its third center, Concordia Day on Ravenswood, to serve more families and help sustain its mission.

Areas served: Concordia mainly serves Chicago area families, but there are no geographical limits to who

can participate. In particular, our popular teen program draws students from 40 different Chicago schools.

Donation Needs: Monetary gifts, professional marketing services, or gifts-in-kind, such as printing services or auction and raffle items for our annual benefit.

Volunteer Needs: Senior Lift provides transportation to seniors and Special Event Committee participants. Corporate Involvement and Leadership Opportunities are also available.

Kidz Express

5221 W. Congress Parkway
Chicago, IL 60644-4806
(312) 730-2670

Doug Low, Executive Director
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www.kidzexpress.org

Description of ministry: Kidz Express is a 501(3)c nonprofit that serves the most at-risk and hardest to reach children, along with their families, in one of the nation's most underserved urban environments. 100% of the participants in our program are African American youth who live at or below poverty level. The poverty and associated problems of poor academics, unemployment, teen pregnancy, gang problems and violence are well documented in police reports and the daily news. Kidz Express provides holistic solutions to the urban challenges of South Austin by building a continuum of community support to strengthen family economic security and foster positive youth development. The centerpiece of the programming is our out of school time programs including our after school program, which operates from September to June during the Chicago Public School academic year, and our summer program. One of the primary objectives of the comprehensive strategy is to increase the academic performance of children participating in the Kidz Express programs. Every day during the after school program the first hour is devoted to academics, including homework and tutoring.

Thanks to Grace Lutheran, this year we moved into our new Youth Center at 5221 W. Congress Parkway and this will allow us to increase the number of participants in our program from 50 to 200 over the next three years. Our new Center will help us make a greater impact in our neighborhood. Kidz Express will be able to increase the supports and services that we provide for our participants and their families. There have been many studies and articles detailing the connection between unemployment of at risk youth and violence in low income neighborhoods. Our new facility will allow Kidz Express to increase the number of mentors we employ from 35 to 75 over the next three years.

Navajo Lutheran Mission and Navajo Christian Preparatory Academy

One Mission Lane, PO Bo 354
Rock Point, AZ 86545
(928) 659-4201
www.nelm.org

mission.manager@nelm.org

Navajo Lutheran Mission Center for Development

7137 E Rancho Vista Drive, B-53
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
(480) 694-5197

Kate Adelman, Executive Director
development@nelm.org

Description of Ministry: The Navajo Lutheran Mission is a 60 year old ministry among the Navajo people living on the remote high-desert region of northeastern Arizona. The daily operation of the Mission includes the Navajo Christian Preparatory Academy (currently 53 students), House of Prayer Lutheran Church (ELCA), Hozho Café (meals for the hungry), a Cultural Center teaching Navajo tradition, a Wellness Center open to the community, and guest accommodations for volunteers. The Mission's purpose is to connect diverse faith communities to the needs of the Navajo people, seeking to build bridges of understanding and shared values. Through cultural sharing, the Mission provides a safe environment for respectful listening, healing and reconciliation, and where integrity and truth guide and empower the Navajo people to lead a socially and economically sustainable community. Visitors and volunteers are welcome at the Mission to experience the tradition and spirituality of the Native American people.

Area served: Located on the Navajo Nation, the 5-acre Mission serves the small town of Rock Point, Arizona. The community encompasses a 10 mile radius with a population of 2500 people living on the land in family clans. Many residents live without running water, heat or electricity. Forty miles from Four Corners, 50 miles from the nearest hospital or grocery store, and 115 miles from general shopping in New Mexico, the small town of Rock Point consists of a gas station/convenience store, laundromat, a post office, a Bureau of Indian Education School, a Chapter House and Senior Center.

Donation needs: Student and Classroom Sponsorships (see brochure); quilts, clothing for all ages, dollar donations for community assistance programs (firewood/propane, meals, medical needs); funding/grants related to education, healthcare, nutrition, or skill building for all ages; transportation/vehicle operating and maintenance cost; Foundation and bequest/legacy gifts that support designated as well as capital expenditures.

Volunteer needs: Networking support to create awareness, visitors and volunteers who wish to engage in learning Navajo culture and spirituality, Board of Director leadership (application process), prayer for the Navajo people and Mission leadership, quilt-making, teacher assistance in the classroom. Check the website at www.nelm.org for a changing list of volunteer and in-kind needs.

EDUCATION - Secondary

Chicago Cornerstone Academy

1111 N. Wells Street
Suite 403

Chicago, IL 60610
(312) 573-8854

www.cornerstonechicago.org

Jim Wilkes, Principal
jwilkes@cornerstonechicago.org

Description of ministry: Cornerstone Academy is small, private Christian high school in Chicago, helping more vulnerable students earn a diploma.

Area served: Chicago and near-west suburbs

Donation needs: Monetary gifts

Volunteer needs: The school is always looking for new Work Study Program sites for weekly high school student internships; the school also annually needs food servers (dressed in provided monk costumes) at our annual Medieval Christmas Banquet; the school has need of a seamstress who can repair (and occasionally create) medieval costuming.

Palestine Lutheran Schools (a ministry of the ELCA)

ELCA Global Church Sponsorship globalchurch@elca.org
8765 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631
(773) 380-2657
www.ELCA.org/globalchurch
http://www.elcjh.org/departments-of-education/overview/

Description of ministry: The educational system of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) encompasses four K-12 schools (2000+ students) and three educational programs for both boys and girls, both Muslim and Christian. The ELCA provides Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) to assist in these schools and educational programs. The Schools equip student to live lives of leadership and service, dialogue and exchange.

Donation needs: Scholarship aid for students' tuition and sponsorship for the YAGM.

Shikokho (A ministry of IPM)

c/o International Partners in Mission jfcistone@ipmconnect.org
3109 Mayfield Road, Suite 202
(216) 932-4082
www.ipmconnect.org

Description of ministry: Shikokho Secondary School is a mixed Christian day school that operates on student-paid fees in Kakamega, an overpopulated, poor and remote area of Kenya, East Africa. The school's primary function is supporting opportunities for vulnerable children and orphans to attain higher levels of learning. Grace provides merit and needs-based scholarships to students that are evaluated annually by academic performance.

Area served: Rural Africa; densely populated subsistence farm area

Donation needs: Books & scholarship money. Grace is the backbone of the scholarship program. Lab supplies, stationery, science and agricultural equipment, dictionaries, bibles.

Volunteer needs: Teachers, perhaps people in the year or two after college. Possibilities for a mission team visit combined with travel.

Walther Christian Academy

900 Chicago Catherine Hegarty
Melrose Park, IL 60160 Catherine_hegarty@walther.com
(708) 344-0404
(708) 240-4154 Bronco Resale Store
www.walther.com

Description of ministry: Walther Christian Academy ministers to God's young people by nurturing and educating the total student. Walther assists families by promoting spiritual, academic, social and physical development in a Christ-centered environment. Providing high quality academics, engaging extra-curricular activities and athletics, Walther serves families with students in sixth through twelfth grade. Annually, more than

96% of Walther seniors apply to and are accepted into college with members of the 2016 class earning an average of \$100,000 in college scholarships and financial aid offers.

Grace is a member of the Walther Lutheran High School Association and one of Walther High Schools' founding congregations. Grace members and grade school graduates represent approximately 10% of Walther's current high school enrollment.

The Bronco Resale Shop (5517 St. Charles Road in Berkeley) provides gently used clothing and household items to individuals and families in the community. Proceeds from sales support academic programs at Walther Christian Academy.

Area served: The majority of students reside in the near-west suburbs with some travelling from as far as Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, LaGrange, and Lombard to attend the high school.

Donation needs: Financial contributions to fund student scholarships and financial aid are Walther's biggest need. Three out of four high school students qualify for either a discount on tuition or a financial aid grant with collected tuition covering less than 80% of the general operating budget. Support from association churches and individual contributions helps to meet this budget shortfall and ensures the continued success of the school.

Volunteer Needs: A variety of volunteer opportunities exist from working at the Bronco Resale Shop or helping out in the school office to organizing special events or helping with maintenance and facility upgrades. Contact catherine_hegarty@Walther.com or call 708.344.0404 to identify an opportunity that best fits your skills and schedule.

EDUCATION - Child/Adult Education Programming

Center for Christian Education

M. R. Stefanika 17
03601 Martin, SLOVAKIA
www.cce.sk
Phone: 421 907 448 762

Tomas Gulan
tomas.gulan@gmail.com

Description of ministry: The Center for Christian Education provides educational programs serving children and adults in post-communist Slovakia. Founded in 1998 with the opening of the Bible School, the Center has continued to expand its outreach to include programs for other age groups. A Lutheran-based ministry, it serves both the Lutheran Church in Slovakia as well as other Christian confessions amid remnants of long-term atheistic propaganda.

Today, its ministries include the following:

- **The Lutheran Academy:** Currently offering Pre-school through bilingual high school, it serves over 600 pupils.
- **The Bible School:** Offering lay leadership training, BeFriender ministry training program and university-level education via the **Department of Religious Studies** of a nearby University of Žilina.
- **Vacation Bible School and Summer Youth Camps:** Summer programs for children and teenagers delivered with the help of volunteers from U.S. partner churches.

- **English as a Second Language (ESL) classes:** Summer program staffed by volunteers from U.S. partner churches. Separate one or two-week sessions are offered for children and adults and are held on the Martin campus.

Area served: Slovakia and Central Europe

Donations needed: Grace Church's directed benevolence contribution underwrites the salary of Tomáš Gulán, a high school teacher, school band director and missions coordinator at the Center for Christian Education.

In addition, there is the need of supporting extra costs of having American missionaries teaching at the Center.

You can designate support to a specific ministry of CCE as described above or to the CCE's general fund.

Volunteer needs:

- Leaders/teachers/chaperones for ESL courses, VBS and ESL Youth Camp (no teaching experience necessary; involves a two-week summer stay)
- Host families for Summer exchange program, to offer a home and an experience of family life to a Slovak teenager (3-4 weeks during summer)
- ESL teacher for Lutheran Elementary, Middle and High school. Teaching degree not required, yet helpful and welcome. Usually a one to two year commitment.

EDUCATION – University & Beyond

Concordia University Chicago

7400 Augusta

development@CUChicago.edu

River Forest, IL 60305

(866) 448-3867

www.CUChicago.edu

Description of ministry: A four-year university located next to Grace, which provides education in undergraduate and graduate programs. Grace specifically supports several teacher-training educational scholarships.

Area served: US and overseas.

Donation needs: Cash donations for scholarships.

Volunteer needs: Online menu of opportunities to serve is available at www.CUChicago.edu/volunteer.

Valparaiso University

1700 Chapel Drive

Debra Albers, Director of Church Relations

Valparaiso, IN 46383

debra.albers@valpo.edu

Church Relations: (219)464-6954

www.valpo.edu

Description of ministry: As an independent Lutheran university, Valpo fosters an environment of scholarship, freedom and faith. We hold that each person is made in the image of God and of infinite dignity and worth; that each person is called not only to earn a living, but also to discover what gives work meaning and purpose; that human freedom is a gift from God to be used not to benefit ourselves only, but to *serve others*.

Area served: U.S. and Overseas

Donation needs: Monetary gifts.

Volunteer needs: Identify young people who should consider Valpo; encourage alumni and friends to participate in VU's cultural, athletic and academic programs both on- and off-campus.

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

1100 East 55th Street

Chicago, IL 60615

(773) 256-0712

www.lstc.edu

The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is dedicated to bearing witness to the good news of Jesus Christ. It was formed in 1962 from the merger of four Midwestern seminaries and opened its doors in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood in 1967. Since then it has been the leading urban Lutheran seminary training students for purposeful vocations in the global community. Aligned with its Lutheran heritage and built on a foundation of intellectual rigor, LSTC's innovative, nationally recognized curriculum gives students skills for visionary Christian leadership in the public sphere.

Description of ministry: LSTC's curriculum cultivates competencies for leadership in a public church that focuses on community engagement, public witness and social transformation. A holistic approach to theological education breaks academic disciplines out of their silos and allows creative collaboration to flourish. This equips women and men to be leaders in the church as rostered ministers or lay leaders through its five degree programs: master of divinity, master of arts, master of theology, doctor of ministry, and doctor of philosophy. LSTC offers continuing education opportunities for rostered leaders and lay persons, particularly in the areas of stewardship, religion and science, interfaith relations, care of creation, spiritual practices, and our Lutheran heritage.

Area served: Congregations and ministries in the ELCA and around the world through its graduates.

Donation needs: Gifts to both the Annual Fund (to be used in the current fiscal year) and to the LSTC Fund for endowed faculty chairs, endowed scholarship, and long-term capital improvements (only earnings on the endowment are spent) are crucial to fulfilling the ministry of equipping leaders for ministry. Gifts may be unrestricted or designated for a specific purpose.

MEDICAL & SOCIAL MINISTRY – *Hunger/Homelessness*

Harmony Community Church of Chicago Food Pantry

1908 S. Millard

Pastor James Brooks

Chicago, IL 60623

(773) 762-WORD

hcc1908.org

Description of ministry: Grace Church provides funds for this inner city food pantry which serves 400 families every Wednesday from 11am-1pm.

Areas served: West side of Chicago

Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

848 Lake Street (lower level of First United Church of Oak Park)

Oak Park, IL 60301

(708) 386-1324

www.oprfffoodpantry.org

Description of ministry: Oak Park Rive Forest Food Pantry's mission is to work together as a community to reduce hunger locally through direct hunger relief services, hunger awareness education and advocacy to influence anti-hunger policy. Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry serves clients in 13 Cook County zip codes.

Hours of Distribution are as follows:

Every Saturday, 9am-12pm

1st Wednesday of the month, 7pm-8:30pm

2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wednesday of the month, 3:30-5pm

Donations may be dropped off during the times below (though you may want to avoid donating during the distribution hours above). Enter the parking lot off Kenilworth Avenue and come down the stairs:

Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Tuesday, 8:30am – 6:30 pm

Saturday, 9am-12pm

Donation needs: Non-perishable food and cash donations are always welcome. For more information on food donation suggestions or how to make a monetary donation, go to www.oprfffoodpantry.org/donate.

Volunteer needs: Oak Park Rive Forest Food Pantry has volunteer opportunities Monday – Saturday, at various times throughout the day. For more information about volunteering, go to www.oprfffoodpantry.org/volunteer.

ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal (A ministry of the ELCA)

8765 West Higgins Road

Chicago, IL 60631

(800) 638-3522, ext. 2616

www.ELCA.org/hunger

Robin Brown

robin.brown@elca.org

Iain Chester

iain.chester@elca.org

Description of ministry: With a long-standing, unwavering presence in nearly 60 countries, including the United States, ELCA World Hunger relies on the local expertise and ingenuity of companion churches and partners. We walk alongside our partners, supporting them as they identify and tailor solutions to the unique challenges that perpetuate hunger and poverty. From health care to human rights, sustainable development to community organizing, your gifts help communities end hunger for the long term. In times of disasters, these same development programs are ideal for relief and recovery work.

Volunteer needs: Visit www.ELCA.org/hunger to: (1) Give a gift and make a life-giving difference. (2) Learn more about how to end hunger and help educate others. (3) Tell a friend about this ministry. (4) Become an e-advocate. (5) Become a congregational hunger leader. (6) Pray! Email hunger@elca.org for more information.

MEDICAL & SOCIAL MINISTRY – Social Services

Bethel New Life

4950 W. Thomas St.

Chicago, IL 60651

(773) 473-7870

www.bethelnewlife.org

Alberta Ludington

aludington@bethelnewlife.org

Description of ministry: Bethel works to reduce the concentration of poverty on Chicago's West Side by moving 63,000 West Side residents into skilled jobs that can sustain their families. Started by Bethel Lutheran Church in 1979, Bethel focuses today on creating jobs, connecting residents to jobs and supporting residents once they are in jobs. We believe that without reducing poverty, we won't transform our communities. That only by increasing well-paid employment will we durably reduce poverty. That we need to completely reframe the way we address poverty. Bethel's strategic approach, West side Forward> (www.westsideforward.org), represents a 10-year commitment to bring about the conditions that will allow West Side communities to thrive by reducing poverty.

Areas served: Chicago's West Side communities of Austin, East and West Garfield Park, Humboldt Park and North Lawndale

Donation needs: Monetary gifts or gifts in-kind for the annual Bethel Christmas Spirit Program.

Volunteer needs: Business mentors for new entrepreneurs (ongoing), Board and advisory committees (ongoing)

Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic

740 N. Milwaukee Avenue

Chicago, IL 60642

(312) 738-2452

www.cgla.net

Chanta Williams, Development Associate

chantawilliams@cgla.net

Description of ministry: CGLA supports people working to stabilize their lives by removing or preventing obstacles to economic opportunity, strengthening families and preventing homelessness. Founded in 1973 to support Cabrini Green - a public housing project located on Chicago's Near North Side - CGLA has strengthened the lives, families and communities of more than 50,000 individuals. In FY14 CGLA served 6,500 people including 450 referrals from 24 strategic partners throughout Chicago. CGLA's programs focus on people who have had previous arrests or convictions and emphasize three important factors to individual and family stabilization - improved legal standing, social and emotional support and connection to community services. CGLA's model is based on an interdisciplinary approach, where attorneys work directly with clients to resolve the legal issue while our social workers help them develop realistic goals and service plans to support their desired legal outcomes. We work collaboratively with strategic partners to provide employment, housing and supportive services, empowering clients to achieve their goals and invest in their futures.

Donation needs: Cash donations, silent auction lots, professional services, and CTA cards.

In kind donations for our incarcerated mother and family program: diapers (size 1 + NB), baby laundry detergent, crib sheets, and women's clothing.

Volunteer Needs: Assist in phone triage, general clerical, & data entry. Lawyer & law-students also needed to conduct intake interviews and assist clients at the Expungement Help Desk. Visit <http://www.cgla.net/volunteer-form> to express interest.

Chicago Uptown Ministry/Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois

4720 N. Sheridan Road
Chicago, IL 60640
(773) 271-3760

DeBorah Al-Waraq
LCFS_info@lcfs.org

www.lcfs.org/uptownministry

Description of ministry: Chicago Uptown Ministry (a program of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois) is a faith-based safe haven in a community well-known for its large homeless population, facilitating and supporting the passage of individuals from the fringes of society into the mainstream. Chicago Uptown Ministry serves the homeless, immigrants and low-income families in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood. It builds community between people from all walks of life in order to bring about self-sufficiency, hope and justice. The food pantry serves as a bridge to a number of other services including: ESL classes, after-school programming, AA meetings, support groups for the mentally ill, seniors, parish nursing, substance-abuse treatment referral services and social-justice advocacy. Doors are open daily to provide a safe and friendly environment for community members.

Area served: Uptown community: Montrose to Foster, Lake Michigan to Ashland.

Donation needs: Cash donations, non-perishable food, CTA cards, toiletries, diapers, infant formula, art supplies and cleaning supplies. For additional information, contact DeBorah_Al-Waraq@lcfs.org for more information.

Volunteer needs: Volunteer opportunities include art assistant, receptionist, facility assistant, music instructor, groups or congregations to serve a Martha's dinner, food pantry help, after-school tutors and chaperones for the summer program field trips. Contact DeBorah_Al-Waraq@lcfs.org for more information.

Christmas needs: New unwrapped toys, warm clothing (hats, scarves, and gloves), Christmas baskets and holiday cookies.

Circle Family HealthCare Network

5002 West Madison Street
Chicago, IL 60644
(773) 379-1000

Anna Watson
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www.cfhcn.org

Description of ministry: "From a Christian foundation, we will improve the physical, behavioral, and spiritual health status of the communities we serve by providing an integrated array of health, educational services and community development initiatives that will enhance the quality of life."

Medical & Behavioral Health Services: As a 330h sub-grantee, CFHCN's healthcare network serves approximately 10,350 underserved patients annually. We provide comprehensive primary and behavioral health services, counseling and support services, mental health assessments, case management, outreach services to homeless, psychosocial rehabilitation, STI/HIV/AIDS outreach and treatment, and at our 5 health centers and school based health centers.

Area served: Austin, Humboldt Park, East & West Garfield Park, and North Lawndale

Donation needs: All Cash and/or in-kind donations are appreciated. Annually, CFHCN receives gifts from Grace Lutheran's Social Ministry, Christmas Giving Program. The gifts donated help us to reach dozens of

underserved youth during the holiday season. Additionally, CFHCN is appreciative to receive any gifts/donations that would help us toward the purchase of a new mobile health van, which we will utilize to transport clients giving them greater access to quality healthcare services.

Housing Forward

1851 S. Ninth Ave.
Maywood, IL 60153
(708) 338-1724 or (888) 338-1744
www.housingforward.org

Tonisha Daniel, Volunteer & Outreach Manager
tdaniel@housingforward.org

The mission of Housing Forward is to transition people from housing crisis to housing stability. Housing Forward is the only social service agency in west Cook County with a comprehensive "housing + services" solution for transitioning individuals and families out of homelessness. Our solution is comprehensive and long-term, not just a quick fix, and includes the PADS Emergency Shelter, Outreach & Engagement, Supportive Services, Emergency Assistance, Employment Readiness and short and long-term housing solutions. Grace Lutheran Church provides 40 lunches one time each month for the guests at the overnight emergency shelter. Grace Lutheran Church also financially supports our Prevail Emergency Assistance and Employment Readiness Programs. Our Emergency Assistance program provides emergency financial assistance and referrals for resources such as food, housing and transportation for individuals and families at risk of losing housing or other vital basic necessities. Our Employment Readiness program enhances our clients' employability through one-on-one sessions with experienced HR professionals and computer instructors to assess job opportunities; create resumes and cover letters, practice interviewing and develop basic computer and Internet skills required to search and apply for jobs online. We also help clients ensure financial stability and plan for future financial well-being for basic budgeting and debt management classes, along with one-on-one financial counseling.

Donation needs: Cash gifts, non-perishable emergency lunches, hygiene kits, warm winter clothing, backpacks, shelter volunteers and skills-based volunteers for our emergency assistance and employment readiness programs.

Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois

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River Forest, IL 60305
(708) 771-7180 or (800) 363-LCFS
(708) 771-7184
www.lcfs.org
www.facebook.com/LCFSIL
www.linkedin.com/company536788@LCFSIllinois

lcfs_info@lcfs.org

Description of ministry: In response to God's love, Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois (LCFS) engages with youth, adults, families, communities and other stakeholders to improve the well-being of those we are called to serve. LCFS annually improves the well-being of approximately 16,000 people throughout the state by nurturing and protecting children, strengthening families and enhancing communities. You're invited to take a tour of LCFS' mission, through the eyes of the people we serve. Come and see the change

they've brought about in their lives with the assistance of LCFS programs. It won't take more than an hour of your time, and we hope that you'll leave inspired. Visit www.lcfs.org/seethechange to learn more.

Areas served: Illinois

Donation needs: Cash donations; back to school supplies; art supplies; Christmas gifts, gift cards to Walmart, Target, Kmart, etc., for youth in foster care, residential care or community services.

Volunteer needs: Individuals interested in serving on a committee for the Lutherbrook Bowl-A-Rama or Harvest Gala events. LCFS also has hands-on volunteer opportunities available to individuals or small groups through our corporate office in River Forest, Chicago Uptown Ministry location in Chicago and Lutherbrook in Addison.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Prisoner & Family Ministry – “Visits to Moms”

102 East De Young Street, Suite B
Marion, IL 62865
(618) 997-9076

Michael Davis, Associate Executive Director
michael.davis@lssi.org

www.lssi.org

Description of ministry: Prisoner & Family Ministry (PFM) a prison ministry of LSSI, which provides support for children of incarcerated parents and caregivers (Visits to Moms), re-entry programing: Marion, Storybook which is statewide, RSVP- (retired senior volunteer program) Rockford.

Areas served: Chicago, Marion, and Rockford

Donation needs: Sponsor visit to Mom buses for \$2,500.00 each; Target gift cards for children at Christmastime. In-kind needs: new blank CDs for storybook (no cases needed); new children's books, new board books for babies, new or gently-used children's G-rated DVDs; new coloring books, activity books, crayons for Visit to Mom bus trips. New hand towels, large-sized toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion). Hygiene kits for women leaving prison.

Volunteer needs: Assist with the Visits to Moms program.

Lutheran Volunteer Corps

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Description of ministry: Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) matches full-time stipended volunteers with service positions in non-profit organizations and ministries to work for peace with justice across the nation. LVC volunteers live together in intentional household communities of 4-7 people and practice simple, sustainable living. Partnering with their placements LVC volunteers work on a variety of issues doing direct service, community organizing, indirect service, advocacy and public policy.

Areas served: Locally: Chicago, IL and Milwaukee, WI. Nationally: Wilmington, DE; Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; Minneapolis, MN; St. Paul, MN; Seattle, WA; Tacoma, WA; Berkeley, CA; San Francisco, CA; Oakland, CA; Omaha, NE.

Donation needs: Monetary gifts. Visit us online at www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org and click “Donate.” Please check with the local Regional Director to see what physical donations are needed.

Volunteer needs: Assistance recruiting participants for the program (anyone age 21+ is eligible) and spreading the word about LVC. Supporters to welcome participants in August by picking them up from the airport and assisting with local orientation activities. People to help plan fundraisers, host or sponsor a fun night out, visit congregations to talk about LVC’s mission, and more.

New Moms

5317 W. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60651
(773) 252.3253 phone
contact@newmomsinc.org

Description of Ministry: Since 1983, New Moms has been supporting young moms and their children experiencing poverty and homelessness in Chicago. Through our family transformation model, young moms are surrounded with the supports and services they need to promote healthy families and life transformation.

- **Housing Program:** 2 year transitional housing, 40-unit apartment complex where young moms begin their journey towards self-sufficiency as they develop key life skills around health, parenting, and financial literacy.
- **Job Training Program:** Offers a learning structure that includes a blend of classroom training and paid hands-on job experience at Bright Endeavors, our social enterprise candle company. Through intensive training, coaching and accountability, young moms develop professional skills and build the confidence they need to acquire first jobs and begin on a path towards economic independence.
- **Family Support Services:** Focuses on providing comprehensive services, including child health and development monitoring and parent coaching, with a primary goal to support the growth of young moms as they become their children’s first, best teachers. Our services integrate opportunities to engage in spiritual formation activities and provide space to develop foundations of spiritual hope, healing, and well-being in the hearts and minds of the families we serve.

New Moms offers services in Chicago and Oak Park. Our Oak Park location (formerly Parenthesis) focuses primarily on Family Support Services including home visiting, parent education, support groups, and free parenting workshops. As young moms and their children are surrounded by a loving community and supportive tools and resources, we witness two generations breaking the cycle of poverty and experiencing life transformation.

Area Served: Chicago, Oak Park and surrounding suburbs

Donation Needs: Financial support, New Moms Amazon Smile wishlist, in-kind donations of Enfamil formula, diapers, and baby wipes. Watch for opportunities at Christmas to provide gifts for young moms and their children through Grace in November.

Volunteer Needs: Individuals and groups of volunteers support New Moms’ work in a variety of ways. An updated list of opportunities is available on our website at www.newmoms.org.

The Night Ministry

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www.thenightministry.org

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Description of ministry: The Night Ministry provides Housing, Health Care, and Human Connection to those facing poverty and homelessness on Chicago's streets. Individuals receive medical care, case management, spiritual care, and basic needs through the Health Outreach Bus program. Young people experiencing homelessness ages 14-24 receive compassionate, non-judgmental support from the Youth Outreach team and a network of four shelters.

Area served: Chicago

Donation needs: deodorant, white crew socks, gift cards, underwear; Up-to-date needs can be found at <https://www.myregistry.com/organization/The-Night-Ministry-Chicago-IL/1303333>

Volunteer needs: volunteer groups are needed to prepare and serve meals alongside the Health Outreach Bus and at The Crib. Individual volunteers can serve at the shelters or on the bus.

MEDICAL & SOCIAL MINISTRY – Medical

Bethesda Rehab & Senior Care

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Description of ministry: Bethesda Rehab & Senior Care (formerly Bethesda Home and Retirement Center) is a not-for-profit, faith-based long-term care and short-term rehab community with a century-long mission of providing a place of comfort and security for older adults in the spirit of Christian love. We believe in providing an energetic and vibrant senior community through life enrichment programs and pastoral care. We offer compassionate, personalized healthcare services that meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our residents. The continuum of care we provide includes Medicare-certified short-term rehab, long-term skilled nursing care, sheltered care (assisted living), and intermediate care. In addition to our specialty programs, we also offer respite care and adult day care services.

Areas served: Mont Clare/Oak Park/River Forest/Elmwood Park/Forest Park/ Melrose Park/Galewood

Donation needs: Monetary gifts or gifts in-kind such as iPads, TVs, used MP3 players, fresh flowers, large piece puzzles, nail polish, make-up & manicure related supplies, digital camera, large print magazines, and musical keyboard

Volunteer needs: Friendly Human and Pet Visitors, Activity Assistants, Gift Shop Clerks, Thrift Shop Merchandisers, Gardeners, and Performers

Selian Lutheran Hospital, Tanzania (a ministry of the ELCA)

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8765 West Higgins Road

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(773) 380-2657

www.ELCA.org/globalchurch

Description of ministry: A semi-urban hospital of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania-Diocese in Arusha region. The hospital is a 120-bed full-service medical facility offering outpatient and inpatient services including medicine, pediatric, general & specialty surgical, obstetric, maternal & child health, hospice and orphan care serving 50,000 outpatients annually. Most patients come to the hospital with infection and tropical diseases or with surgical emergencies. The hospital is challenged by dramatic economic realities since Tanzania is one of the 10 poorest countries in the world. Currently, 20 doctors, nurses and staff work at the hospital, sharing a monthly payroll of US \$3500.

Areas served: Immediately ministry area consists mainly of a government ward with a population of about 200,000 people. The hospital and its clinic also serve as the main referral resource for the entire urban area of Arusha, over a million people.

Donation needs: Financial contributions for medical supplies, salaries and funding for a planned second hospital are welcome.

Wheat Ridge Ministries

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Itasca, IL 60143

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Description of ministry: Helps health and human care initiatives by providing the initial resources they need to thrive. 15 of the 40+ ministries listed in this handbook have received over \$1,100,000 from Wheat Ridge in the form of venture start-up resources. Bread for the World, Chicago Uptown Ministry, Concordia University, CLEF, Grace Lutheran Church, Holy Family Ministries, Hope for Grieving Children, IPIM, LAMP, LCFS, LSTC, LVC, RefugeeOne, Selian Lutheran Hospital, and Valparaiso University are all our partners in ministry. Wheat Ridge also offers www.WeRaise.org – the only faith-based crowdfunding platform in the world dedicated to seeding new ministries.

Donation needs: Cash donations, planned gifts, and “in-kind” to assist our ministry partners. Call our office for details.

Volunteer needs:

Volunteers to assist in the office, at Chicago area events, and we can connect you to our local grantees who frequently need volunteers.

MEDICAL & SOCIAL MINISTRY – Development

Hope for Grieving Children – Africa

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Description of Ministry: Hope for Grieving Children – Africa trains orphanage caregivers, pastors, community leaders and child care organizations to learn the knowledge, skills and strategies to help children and youth who are traumatized by the grief of parental loss. We started in Zambia in 2006 (Zambia has 1.2 million orphans in a population of 12 million people). HGCA has now trained numerous staff and communities of organizations who host train-the-trainer sessions. Organizations include: SOS Children's Villages in Zambia; Bloom Africa and the Baylor University AIDS Clinic in Losotho; the E3 Partners network in Malawi; and Forgotten Voices in Zimbabwe.

HGCA has trained teachers in multiple school systems and has benefited more than 4,000 caregivers and 25,000 orphaned children. Those trained have also initiated many grass roots orphan support projects. Trainees learn about the symptoms of grief and strategies for alleviating grief at different stages of childhood development. The training is called "How to Love a Grieving Child" and was originally developed by the late Dr. Richard Matteson, a clinical psychologist and friend of Grace Lutheran Church, River Forest.

HGCA also created a vocational and discipleship training school for orphaned youth in their late teens and early 20's. The school provides training in vocational training and life skills that equip these older youth to gain employment and contribute to other orphaned children. We believe that every child should have the right to thrive and succeed in life.

Donation needs: Training sponsorship

International Partners in Mission (IPM)

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Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
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jfcistone@ipmconnect.org

www.ipmconnect.org

Description of ministry: This ecumenical ministry connects congregations with community-based mission projects within and beyond the U.S. Grace supports administrative costs, as well as other projects. Affiliated ministries include Nepal—The Calendar Project, Brazil—Agro-Ecological Resource Station and, Kenya—Shikokho School.

Area served: Worldwide

Donation needs: Cash donations.

Opportunity International

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Description of ministry: A faith-based poverty alleviation ministry headquartered in Chicago, Illinois and working globally in 28 countries, **Opportunity International's** model is moving small-scale entrepreneurs, mostly women, from dependency to self-sufficiency in a dignified and sustainable way. Our model provides a full system of support which empowers entrepreneurs to build businesses and create jobs in their communities – from seamstress to farmer to school proprietor and more – and support their families as they transform their communities into vibrant economies.

By responding to Christ's call to love and serve the poor, Opportunity International and its supporters are empowering clients to tap into their God-given potential to earn a livable income and forever transform their lives and the lives of their children. Opportunity serves women and men of all faiths and no faith, and maintains a network of offices across the globe to accomplish its mission of dignified, responsible and sustainable poverty eradication.

Area served: Depressed international communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Volunteer needs: Those who will advocate for our sisters and brothers in poverty, including but not limited to: praying for our clients, sharing Opportunity within their networks, hosting gatherings, initiating discussions, speaking at events, and encouraging others to learn about poverty and participate in solutions. Opportunities for administrative assistance at the Chicago office a couple times a year (contact Sarah if interested.)

Donation needs: Monetary gifts of cash, stock, through donor advised funds, estate gifts, etc. that provide the capital for loans and which continue to serve marginalized communities in perpetuity.

EVANGELICAL OUTREACH

Global Mission (A ministry of the ELCA)

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Description of ministry: Support over 240 missionaries serving around the globe, including over 60 young adults on a year of volunteer service, plus scholarships for international women leaders and ministries of evangelism, education and empowerment in over 40 countries, working hand in hand with companion Lutheran churches in those countries.

Areas served: Worldwide

Papua New Guinea – Health Care

ELCA Global Mission
8765 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631-4101
(773) 380-2641

www.elca.org/globalmission/support

Description of ministry: Grace Church provides funds for the much needed Primary Healthcare in Papua New Guinea. The funds are used for infant care, safe water, immunizations, and treating Malaria.

See also, ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal, p. 11-12

See also, ELCA – Shikoko School, p. 7

See also, ELCA – Palestine Lutheran Schools, p. 6-7

The Lithuanian Church in Diaspora

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or

Rev. Hans Dumpys
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Description of ministry: After fifty years of Soviet occupation, Lithuania's new state of independence created a need for financial support of its pastors. In a direct way, Grace Church's benevolence assists in the renewal of the Lutheran Church in Lithuania by providing financial support to a Lithuanian pastor. Pastor Romas Pukys lives in a village outside of the city of Siauliai in northwestern Lithuania. The financial support from Grace enables him to devote himself to full-time pastoral work with his congregations to which he commutes by car.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OF GRACE CHURCH

The Social Ministry Committee

The Social Ministry Committee is one of the standing committees of Grace. Its mandate is to help Grace members become aware of and supportive of people in need in our communities, and to facilitate hands-on service projects for this purpose. Some of these projects or ministries are also supported financially through the Grace Benevolence Committee. You'll note this below when you are directed to the Agency Description within the Benevolence Committee listings. During the course of a typical year, the committee assists the following groups. We are always on the lookout for additional deserving non-profits that might benefit from Grace involvement.

Bethel New Life - (see page 12)

Bethel New Life operates as a community investment organization on Chicago's West Side, including Chicago's Austin, West and East Garfield Park, Humboldt Park and North Lawndale communities. Bethel provides affordable housing for families and seniors, helps people returning from prison to find legal employment, and provides programs for neighborhood youth. Grace members contribute gifts for youth and seniors during the annual Christmas gift drive.

Bread for the World

Annually, Grace members are provided an opportunity to send letters to members of Congress in support of important legislation identified by Bread for the World. This is often called a "Harvest of Letters" and occurs on two different Sundays during the year.

Chicago Uptown Ministry / Lutheran Child and Family Services - (see page 13)

Grace members regularly contribute non-perishable food in bins in the atrium or coatroom, which is donated to the Uptown food pantry. In addition, during hunger month, members are given large paper bags to fill with food and return to church. Uptown Ministry is one of four pantries receiving the donations that are then delivered by Grace members. Uptown Ministry also receives gift cards purchased by Grace members during the annual Christmas gift drive.

Fraternite Notre Dame

Church of Our Lady

502 N. Central

Chicago, IL 60651

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www.fraternitenotredame.org

Description of ministry: Founded in 1977 as the result of the appearance of the Virgin Mary in France, a group of nuns from France came to the United States (and other countries) to serve the destitute, and chose Chicago's west side. They purchased a church building at 502 N. Central Avenue as a mother-house and site of their social services. Fraternite sponsors a soup kitchen, as well as the bag lunches for the homeless. It also operates a full-service bakery. Once a month, volunteers from Grace make 300 sandwiches and fill 150

brown bag lunches with the sandwiches plus commodities donated by groceries and other food service sectors. The Fraternite nuns then deliver these lunches in their vehicles to the homeless on the streets in Chicago. In addition, Fraternite sponsors one of four local food pantries receiving non-perishable food donated by Grace members. Every Thanksgiving, Grace members donate more than 50 turkeys and pumpkin pies toward Fraternite's Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the homeless.

Donation needs: Books, games, toys, arts & crafts, musical instruments, children's clothing, food.

Thanksgiving needs: Turkeys and pumpkin pies. Christmas needs: New unwrapped toys for their Christmas party (700 children).

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers are needed to help in the soup kitchen and the after-school program (e.g. making arts & crafts, playing games, going on field trips).

Members help to pack lunches throughout the year and collect food for Thanksgiving meals.

Grace Lutheran School - Karlov Street

Grace school is located in Chicago at 28th and Karlov Streets. Originally settled by families of recent European origin, the Little Village neighborhood and the school are now almost exclusively Spanish-speaking. The K-8 school has four classrooms, each accommodating two grade levels. Every August, our members are asked to donate school supplies for the benefit of three Lutheran parochial schools, including Grace-Karlov. As a result of your generosity, prior to the opening of the school year, bags full of a wide range of supplies are delivered by the Social Ministry Committee to these schools.

Greater Chicago Food Depository

4100 W. Ann Lurie Place

Chicago, IL 60632

(773) 247-3663

www.chicagofoodbank.org

Description of ministry: The Food Depository is a large warehouse and distribution center providing food to local agencies throughout the area. Last year it distributed 66,000,000 (sic) pounds, which made it possible for local pantries and other agencies to provide 135,000 meals per day to those in need. Its commodities are donated or purchased. The professional staff depends on volunteers for much of the work. Once a year, volunteers from Grace spend a Saturday in the warehouse, unpacking, re-packing, and storing whatever food products are scheduled for distribution.

Harmony Church (see page 10)

Grace members assist in Harmony Church's food pantry work. In the summer Grace members walk with Harmony members for the Greater Chicago Food Depository's Hunger Walk.

Hephzibah Children's Association

(708) 649-7100

[www: hephzibahhome.org](http://www.hephzibahhome.org)

Hephzibah is a multi-program child welfare agency located in Oak Park. It offers after-school day care services for 450 children in eight elementary schools and its home base, plus summer day care for 245 children. It also provides assessment, support and other social services for families, plus foster care

placement and adoption. Throughout the year, Grace members drop of children's clothing that is donated to Hephzibah.

Holy Family Ministries

Founded originally in the Cabrini-Green public housing area, Holy Family Lutheran School moved to the Lawndale neighborhood in 2008. It is a faith-based, secure parochial school, offering pre-school plus K-8 education to area children. Tuition constitutes one-fourth of the annual budget, the balance coming from donations and fund-raisers. Every August, Grace members contribute school supplies for the benefit of three Chicago Lutheran schools. Holy Family is one of them. Prior to the beginning of each school year, bags of a wide variety of school supplies contributed by members are carried to the schools by members of the Social Ministry Committee.

Housing Forward (Formerly PADS) (see page 14)

Housing Forward is the only social service agency in west Cook County with a comprehensive "housing + services" solution for transitioning individuals and families out of homelessness. Grace members make more than 100 lunches one time each month for the guests at two overnight emergency shelters.

Lutheran Child and Family Services - (see page 14)

Founded in 1873, LCFS is a state-wide human care agency, providing a broad range of social services. It offers foster care and adoption services as well as a residential facility for children at Lutherbrook. It also offers an array of services to help strengthen families, individuals and communities, including the provision of food and clothing. Grace members regularly contribute non-perishable food in bins located in the coatroom or Atrium. Annually in the spring, in a hunger month food drive, members are offered a large paper shopping bag to fill with foodstuffs and to return to church. Food collected is delivered to four local pantries, including one that is sponsored by Lutheran Child and Family Services. LCFS also receives children's gifts during the annual Christmas gift drive.

Lutheran Unity East School

Grace members provide school supplies to this school in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood. Lutheran Unity has a rich history of educating students with a tradition that spans more than 100 years.

New Moms - (see page 16)

New Moms was founded in 1983 to serve teen-age mothers and their children. Through a wide variety of supportive programs, it strives to "enable, empower, and equip" these families. Headquartered in the Logan Square/Humboldt park area it has served 1,000 persons in its history. Health, counseling, childcare, employment counseling and supportive housing are among its award-winning programs. During the Christmas season, Grace members take a "tag" off the Christmas tree which gives the age and gender of a gift-recipient for a person served by New Moms. The gifts are taken to New Moms by a member of the church's Social Ministry Committee.

The Night Ministry - (see page 17)

Members cook a meal for the Crib, a homeless shelter, run by the Night Ministry, for teens and young adults up to 21 years old in Chicago's Lakeview community. Grace members donate toiletries and other sundries that are stuffed into stockings made by Grace members for the annual Christmas drive. The stockings are distributed by the Night Ministry to homeless teens and young adults. Grace School children help stuff the stockings and raise money for toiletries through a bake sale.

North Austin Head Start

This is one of five Head Start programs sponsored by the Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) in the Chicago area. Located near North and Central Streets, it welcomes three- to five year olds, providing educational, nutritional, and health services. It offers half day and full day programs. Each year at Christmastime, Grace members bring mittens and other articles of small clothing to the tree in the Atrium. These are then picked up by the staff of the Head Start Program for distribution to needy pre-school children.

Oak-Leyden Developmental Services

In Oak-Leyden's Developmental Therapy Program, adults with developmental disabilities receive training in skills of daily living, social and leisure skills, communication, and vocational skills. The skills help individuals with developmental disabilities become as independent as possible in their everyday lives. Grace members provide Christmas gifts for adults in Oak-Leyden's group homes.

OPRF Food Pantry - (see page 11)

Grace members regularly contribute non-perishable food in bins located in the coatroom or atrium. Also, in "hunger month", members are given a large brown shopping bag to fill with food and return. The OPRF food pantry is one of the four agencies receiving these donations, which are delivered by church members.

Safer Foundation

The Safer Foundation provides gently used, professional attire for former prison inmates who are seeking employment or who have recently been hired. It also provides coaching and post-employment counseling.

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