

The Northaven United Methodist Church Human Development Fund 2008 Grants

This year marks the 38th year the people of Northaven United Methodist Church have made Human Development Fund donations to address the critical needs of Dallas and beyond.

To qualify for a Human Development Fund grant, the requesting agency must be a non-profit, be an organization preferably connected to a member of Northaven or the United Methodist Church, which addresses the issues of poverty, education, justice, medical needs and/or special population, preferably be located in the Dallas area (although some national and international gifts are considered), and be an agency or organization that can show sustained support from other sources beyond Northaven.

In January the committee reviewed 43 applications and made recommendations to fund 29. This year through the generosity of Human Development Fund donors the total funding commitment was \$46,000. The 2008 recipients are:

Art Spirit, Inc. \$500 for art supplies for outreach programs for women This Dallas based agency is a mission to artists and art lovers who access God through the arts.
www.artspiritdallas.org

Christ's Foundry - La Fundicion de Cristo. \$3,500 for support of their After School Program. Christ's Foundry is an UMC outreach ministry in the Bachman Lake area.
www.ChristsFoundry.org

Community Partners of Dallas. \$1,500 for a worker for the Christmas toy drive. Community Partners of Dallas is a non-profit agency that advocates for Child Protective Services and provides resources for caseworkers to help children and families.
www.communitypartnersdallas.org

Dallas Bethlehem Center. \$1,000 for updating the computer lab and software. This Methodist organization is dedicated to providing the children of South Dallas with a positive environment for growth, regardless of their economic status or family situation.
www.DallasBethlehemCenter.org

Dallas Peace Center. \$2,000 for peace and justice programs and services. Dallas Peace Center is a non-profit interfaith organization dedicated to peace education, research and action.
www.dallaspeacecenter.org

The Gleaning Network of Texas. \$1,000 for gleaning programs within the Dallas area. The Gleaning Network captures edible surplus produce and sees that it is transported to social service agencies and churches that have food assistance programs. www.gleantexas.org

Guatemala Mission Trip. \$2,500 for construction supplies for use by Northaven mission trip members to help repair an abandoned Methodist church in San Juan la Laguna, Guatemala and convert it into a medical/ dental clinic and multi-purpose community building.

Human Rights Initiative. \$1,000 for emergency rental assistance. The mission of Human Rights Initiative of North Texas (HRI) is to provide free legal representation and social services to the most marginalized victims of human rights abuses and to serve as a community resource on international human rights issues. www.hrionline.org

Huisisilapa. \$1000 for construction materials for a footbridge across a ravine. The ravine is especially dangerous in the rainy season when the creek level rises and makes crossing impossible especially for children going to school. Huisisilapa is a community founded when Salvadoran refugees returned to resettle in El Salvador after the peace agreements were signed in 1992.

Interfaith Action International. \$2,000 to support the ministry of Northaven member JoAn Dwyer in San Juan la Laguna, Guatemala and surrounding villages.

Interfaith Housing Coalition \$1,000 for support of Resident Services Programs which provides transitional housing. Interfaith Housing is a ministry to Dallas-area homeless families. www.ihcdallas.org

Junior Players. \$1,000 for administrative costs for the after school and summer arts education programs. Junior Players is an innovative Dallas based arts agency that teaches theatrical skills and self-esteem to youth in underprivileged situations. www.juniorplayers.org

Maria Madre de los Pobres. \$2,500 for support of parish programs at our sister church in El Salvador. The church serves to bring the gospel to a densely populated and intensely poor community on the outskirts of the city of San Salvador.

Methodism's Breadbasket. \$1,000 for emergency food and clothing to families in need. As a mission of the North Texas Conference of United Methodist Churches, Methodism's Breadbasket has over a 35 year heritage of providing emergency food relief. www.MethodismBreadbasket.org

New Beginning Center. \$1,000 for agency services in the prevention of and recovery from domestic violence. New Beginning is a counseling service residential program for abused women located in Garland. www.newbeginningcenter.org

Newborns in Need. \$1,000 for fabric for sleepers, hats, quilts, booties and receiving blankets. This agency's Dallas chapter provides warm bedding and clothing to premature and newborn children, primarily to Parkland Hospital. www.NewbornsinNeed.org

Northaven UMC Pastor Discretionary Fund. \$2,000 to provide our minister with discretionary monies used to help people in need.

Northaven UMC Mission Scholarship Fund. \$1,000 in scholarships for Northaven members who need financial assistance for Northaven mission trips. Interested members should contact Eric Folkerth.

Northaven UMC Youth Mission Trip. \$1,000 for supplies needed for the summer 2008 mission trip to the Gulf Coast Region.

North Dallas Shared Ministries. \$8,000 for our church's yearly commitment to the programs and services of the NDSM. The Ministry has moved into new quarters and has a new clinic in addition to emergency food, clothing and aid for people in need. www.ndsm.org

Open Door Pre-School. \$2,000 for scholarships. Open Door is a non-profit school at Grace United Methodist Church in East Dallas. It provides early childhood education and parenting skills to adults in the multi-ethnic neighborhood around the church.

www.OpenDoorPreschoolDallas.org

Parkland Health and Hospital's Pastoral Care Department. \$1,000 to provide bereavement support materials in English and Spanish. This Parkland Hospital department provides spiritual care and support to patients and their families who are suffering through tragedy, trauma and life-altering illnesses.

Pastoral Counseling and Education Center (PCEC). \$500 for the Second Mile Fund which increases the availability of treatment for adjusted fee scale clients of Dallas County. PCEC provides a faith sensitive, pastoral counseling service. www.pcec-counseling.org

Project Transformation. \$3,000 for scholarships for the summer intern program. This faith-based Dallas agency provides socially conscious leadership training and ministry exploration for college students, and social and spiritual programs for youth living in low income urban neighborhoods. www.projecttransformation.org

Resolana. \$1000 for expanding the creative arts programming at two jails. Resolana creates innovative programming for women involved in the criminal justice system. www.resolana.info

SMU Perkins Youth School of Theology. \$1,000 to support the Spring Youth Forum. The Perkins Youth School, the only program of its kind in a seven state area, helps youth who want to serve their churches and communities realize their calling, despite special issues in their lives.

Ten Thousand Villages. \$500 to purchase inventory for a local store in Dallas. Ten Thousand Villages works with over 100 artisan groups in more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to bring fair trade jewelry, home décor, gifts, coffee, tea, and more to U.S. customers. www.tenthousandvillages.com

Wesley-Rankin Community Center. \$500 toward programs including after-school and summer day camp, tutoring, mentoring, young adult parenting classes, computer classes, English as a second language, GED preparation, senior citizen day program, and family or community assistance. Wesley-Rankin serves the West Dallas Community. www.wesleyrankin.org