

The Northaven United Methodist Church Human Development Fund 2011 Grants

This year marks the 41st 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 a 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 February, the Human Development Fund Committee reviewed 36 applications and made recommendations to fund 26. This year through the generosity of Human Development Fund donors the total funding commitment was \$47,300. The 2011 recipients are:

Cameroon Hymnal Initiative. \$1,000 for the empowerment, training and deployment of leaders to teach the contents of the hymnal to the congregations of the UMC in Cameroon.

Christ's Foundry - La Fundicion de Cristo. \$4,000 for support of their family ministries. Christ's Foundry is an UMC outreach ministry in the Bachman Lake area. www.ChristsFoundry.org

Community Partners of Dallas. \$500 for workers 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 Area Christian Progressive Alliance. \$300 for an outreach effort to individuals and churches in the area to build a progressive Christian network in Dallas and the surrounding area. www.DallasChristians.org

Dallas Bethlehem Center. \$1,000 for a scholarship fund for children in the early childhood learning center. This United 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 to upgrade computer systems. The Dallas Peace Center is a non-profit interfaith organization dedicated to peace education, research and action. www.dallaspeacecenter.org

The Gleaning Network of Texas. \$1,500 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. This year's trip will be a medical mission in the clinic construction of homes for people in San Juan La Laguna. Northaven members will work with JoAn Dwyer.

Interfaith Action International. \$3,500 for the operation of the medical/dental “Clinica San Juanerita” Methodist Clinic in San Juan La Laguna, Guatemala. The clinic opened its doors on April 13, 2009. JoAn Dwyer is the overall project Director.

Interfaith Housing Coalition \$500 for support of Resident Services Programs which provides transitional housing and services. 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. \$3,000 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.

Newborns in Need. \$500 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. \$2,500 to provide our minister with discretionary monies used to help people in need. This money will also offset expenses of the Northaven Care Team.

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. \$1,500 for supplies needed for the summer 2010 mission trip. The trip will be to Dulac, Louisiana, to assist the Caddo tribe.

North Dallas Shared Ministries. \$10,000 for our church’s yearly commitment to the programs and services of the NDSM. Funds will be used for direct client and patient services such as providing rent or utility assistance or purchasing food, bus tokens, diapers, eyeglasses, prescriptions and school supplies. www.ndsm.org

One Man’s Treasure Clothes Closet. \$500 to expand their client base. One Man’s Treasure seeks to empower men recently released from prison by providing them with clothing and opportunities for networking through faith-based organizations. www.onemanstr.org

Open Door Pre-School. \$2,500 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

Pastoral Counseling and Education Center (PCEC). \$1,000 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. \$1,000 for expanding the creative arts programming the Dallas County Jail's new addition. Resolana creates innovative programming for women involved in the criminal justice system. www.resolana.info

Shared Housing Center. \$500 for "bundles of compassion" (laundry basket with bed linens, towels, pillows, toiletries, cleansers, and toys for children) for homeless families. Shared Housing Center provides housing solutions focused on homeless elderly and single parent families. www.sharedhousing.org

Vickery Meadow Management Center. \$1,000 to provide school uniforms and jackets for the children of Vickery Meadow. This program ensures that at-risk youth in one of Dallas' most blighted neighborhoods have the basic essentials for the start of the school year. www.vickerymeadow.org

Wesley-Rankin Community Center. \$1,500 toward programs including after school programming, summer camp programming, mentoring, college preparation, computer and general literacy programs, community outreach and direct assistance, and the senior citizens day program. Wesley-Rankin serves the West Dallas Community. www.wesleyrankin.org