

## **The Northaven United Methodist Church Human Development Fund 2009 Grants**

*This year marks the 39<sup>th</sup> 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 committee reviewed 34 applications and made recommendations to fund 27. This year through the generosity of Human Development Fund donors the total funding commitment was \$52,000. The 2009 recipients are:*

**Christ's Foundry - La Fundicion de Cristo. \$4,000** for support of their After School Program. Christ's Foundry is an UMC outreach ministry in the Bachman Lake area.  
[www.ChristsFoundry.org](http://www.ChristsFoundry.org)

**Community Partners of Dallas. \$2,000** 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](http://www.communitypartnersdallas.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](http://www.dallaspeacecenter.org)

**The Gleaning Network of Texas. \$2,000** 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](http://www.gleantexas.org)

**Guatemala Mission Trip. \$2,500** for construction supplies to help repair an unused Methodist church in San Juan La Laguna to turn it into a community center/medical clinic. Northaven members will work with JoAn Dwyer.

**Human Rights Initiative. \$1,000** for gift cards to local grocery stores for clients that need food 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](http://www.hrionline.org)

**Huisisilapa. \$1,000** 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. \$3,000** for the San Juan Methodist Church Conversion Project. The Project, led by JoAn Dwyer, is the conversion of an abandoned Methodist church (in San Juan la Laguna, Solola, Guatemala) into a medical/dental clinic and multi-purpose community building. Medical/dental teams from the United States will help support medical care in San Juan and surrounding villages.

**Interfaith Housing Coalition \$1,500** for support of Resident Services Programs which provides transitional housing. Interfaith Housing is a ministry to Dallas-area homeless families.

[www.ihcdallas.org](http://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](http://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.

**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](http://www.NewbornsinNeed.org)

**Northaven UMC Pastor Discretionary Fund. \$3,000** 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 2009 mission trip.

**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](http://www.ndsm.org)

**One Man's Treasure Clothes Closet (NEW in 2009) \$500** to expand 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](http://www.onemanstr.org)

**Open Door Pre-School. \$3,000** 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](http://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).** \$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](http://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](http://www.projecttransformation.org)

**Resolana.** \$1,500 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](http://www.resolana.info)

**Shared Housing Center (NEW in 2009)** \$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](http://www.sharedhousing.org)

**SMU Perkins Youth School of Theology.** \$500 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](http://www.tenthousandvillages.com)

**Vickery Meadow Management Center (NEW in 2009).** \$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](http://www.vickerymeadow.org)

**Wesley-Rankin Community Center.** \$1,000 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](http://www.wesleyrankin.org)