

Sooooo, we gave away some money! What did I say??? Why, yes we did. It was our pleasure to meet the recipients of this year's community grants: Blessings, Community Food Bank, Good Shepherd/Serving our Savior Feeding Program, and Pace for Women. Indicative of our current economic situation, three of the four recipients are food resources. And each of these is a different link in the chain to provide this care. The Blessings, (formerly known as Blessings in a Backpack), is well known in our community for the packaging of foods for students to take home for the weekend or holidays, so they will not go hungry without school meal support. Of course, there is always consideration that others in the family will share in this giving. As summer is a time away from school, Blessings established Farmer's Markets where these students could come to pick up food. They now have 8 markets in place. What is special this summer at the Market is the availability of fresh produce. Our \$1500 grant will help to make this happen.

Community Food Bank is a food repository and distribution site for other nonprofits to procure goods to give out to those in need. The purchase of fresh goods to send out to other organizations is expensive, and the demand is high. They are pursuing avenues of assistance and contacting local farmers that can reduce the cost or donate produce. Additionally, they supplement with dry, processed, non-perishables. Our \$1500 will go toward securing some of the fresh goods so greatly needed.

Good Shepherd/ "Serving our Savior" Feeding Program – is a parking lot/food giveaway drive-through program (similar to Feeding Citrus). The \$1000 grant will help them to receive goods from the Community Food Bank.

Pace School for Girls – a place where girls can build and regain their confidence and internal self-worth. This program helps girls that, through a series of life circumstances, have strayed from the path to success. The design of the program is based in recognition and reward. The reward is points earned through successful completion of tasks. These points are then traded for goods at their "points reward" store. Of the many things they can purchase are gifts for the family (i.e. Father's Day). Our \$1000 grant will help to stock this store.

Doing Good By Helping Others.

Other News:

*Derrick Buettner gave us an update on the location of our new meeting site: Rooms 713/714. Enter through the e-School Entrance at Building 7. Park in the back parking lot, not the main lot which is usually full anyway. Check in at the front desk with ID. First meeting July 9 at this location and additional information to follow.

*June 15 -Relief Share Medical Sorting, Megan Carella, 1st Presbyterian Church, 9am

*June 15 – District Leadership Training, Lace

*June 19 – S4TL visitation day, Bonnie Rybak

*June 25 – Installation, Bluewater Drafting, 5:30, RSVP Lace

*July 3 – Beer Pouring at the July 3rd celebration in Liberty Park, Lace

50/50 - \$37 to Megan Carella

Happy/Sad Dollars - \$186

Another fun year is coming to an end. New endeavors await us!