

Asbury Christmas Giving Center



1. Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Located in Illinois and Jefferson, IA, Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) brings the hearts and hands of God's people together to transform resources into humanitarian relief. MMDC works to show God's love by sending tangible resources to those in need to make an intangible difference in their lives through hope and empowerment. Their work is focused on disaster relief, health, education, and micro business here in the US and around the world. Projects include building student desks, packing rice meals, refurbishing bicycles and sewing machines and weaving sleeping mats.

midwestmission.org

Gift of a rice meal bag to feed 6 people - \$2



2. UMCOR - US Disaster Response and Recovery (Advance 901670)

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/

Gift of any amount will support disaster
response in the United States
and around the world.

3. Midwest Mission Distribution Center—Kits

MMDC works to show God's love in a practical way by sending hope and empowerment to those in need here in the US and around the world. Kits are assembled to meet needs during crisis situations. These kits include personal dignity kits (hygiene), student kits (school supplies), feminine hygiene kits, home care kits (cleaning), tornado kits, bed packs, birthing kits and layette kits.

midwestmission.org

Gift of Personal Dignity kit - \$15
Gift of Student kit - \$15

4. UMCOR World Hunger And Poverty (Advance 982920)

Approximately 842 million people are estimated to be suffering from food insecurity or chronic hunger, regularly not getting enough nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life. Chronic hunger kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined; in fact, poor nutrition contributes to 45% of deaths in children under five – 3.1 million children each year – and iron deficiencies cause 315,000 women to die from hemorrhaging during childbirth every year. UMCOR accompanies and empowers families and communities by providing access to the resources, training and technical support they need to increase and diversify their agricultural production enabling them to consume sufficient food to maintain a healthy and productive life and to sell excess to meet other needs like health care or education. By providing training in sustainable, organic methods, we build the capacity of farmers, pastoralists and fishermen to reverse the trend of poor land and water resource management and ensure the long-term health and vitality of the resources on which they depend. Recognizing that the linkages between farming and improved family nutrition is very complex, UMCOR emphasizes a nutrition sensitive approach which seeks to strengthen the impact of agricultural projects by improving household health and nutrition behaviors.

umcmission.org/advance-project/982920/

Gift of any amount will help alleviate
hunger and poverty around the world.

5. Solar Oven Partners

Since January 2000, Solar Oven Partners (SOP) has equipped more than 10,000 families with practical training in solar cooking and provided them with the appropriate technology to realize the amazing health, economic, and environmental benefits of harnessing the free energy of the sun. The ovens, built in workshops in North and South Dakota, are currently distributed in the Dominican Republic, Sierra Leone and in the Navajo Nation of Arizona.

solarovenpartnersumc.org

Gift of shipping and cooking seminar - \$60
Materials for 1 oven - \$140
Complete solar oven package - \$200



6. Tree Of Life - Mission, SD

Tree of Life Ministry (TOL) is a part of the working hands and feet of God to the Lakota Nation residing on the Rosebud Reservation serving body, mind, and soul. TOL feeds, clothes, shelters, and loves while demonstrating God's love, power, and grace to a broken, hurting society. During the summer, volunteers work in the community repairing reservation homes. TOL also runs a Thrift Shop Boutique, food pantry and hot meal program, providing food, clothing and household items for the entire reservation.

Gift of socks or underwear - \$20

125 meals - \$50

250 meals - \$100



7. Asbury Camp Scholarships

Each summer many children, youth and adults from Asbury attend camp at one of three United Methodist camps in the Dakotas: Lake Poinsett Camp and Storm Mountain Camp in South Dakota and Wesley Acres in North Dakota. Asbury has a long-standing commitment to pay one-half the cost of one camp for each camper. In 2025 we supported 38 children, youth and adults as they experienced the fun and fellowship of church camp.

Gift of any amount will support Asbury campers.

8. Asbury Comforters

On one Wednesday each month Asbury women gather in the Missions Room to sew flannel baby blankets for Tree of Life (TOL) Ministry in Mission, SD. The blankets are available to the community at TOL's thrift shop and provide a warm welcome to babies born on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Gift of fabric for 1 flannel blanket - \$15



9. The Banquet

The Banquet meal ministry was founded in 1985 starting with just one meal per week. They now serve 16 meals per week at two locations. The Banquet is a volunteer-based ministry, which means meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area.

thebanquetsf.org/

Gift of 2 gallons of milk - \$6
Container of coffee - \$10

10. The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House

The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House (BDHH) in Sioux Falls, SD offers daytime and overnight emergency shelter for the homeless and vulnerable. The facility's overnight shelter provides a safe, secure and warm place for 80 men and 20 women. A wide range of other social service providers offer additional essential services aimed at providing a hand up to those in need. BDHH recently opened a new Center for Families which can house ten families.

bdhh.org

Gift of bath towel - \$5
Men's and Women's Underwear all sizes - \$20
Toilet Paper - \$30

11. Call to Freedom South Dakota

Call to Freedom brings wholeness to all individuals impacted by sex and labor trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation by navigating a healing path through their continuum of care model. Their vision is to create a comprehensive CommUnity model of care for individuals, and support communities while educating and advocating to combat sex and labor trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Call to Freedom models Christ in their approach to restore wholeness to those impacted by sex and labor trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. As clients come to Call to Freedom's ministry, they often come in with no possessions and need many essential items. Here, they are immediately shown support as they begin to transition out of the lifestyle of exploitation and abuse. When a person is referred and comes into Call to Freedom's program, they are treated with the dignity and the honor they deserve. Some women have children and need to care for their needs as well as their own.

calltofreedom.org

Gift of women's T-Shirt - \$15

Women's sweatpants - \$20

Baby clothes - \$25



12. CHS Shelter for Family Safety

The Shelter for Family Safety, a program of Children's Home Society in Sioux Falls, provides emergency shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, and support for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse or neglect.

chssd.org/shelter/

Gift of socks for men, women and children,
any size - \$15

Underwear for men, women and children,
any size - \$20

13. The Community Outreach

The Community Outreach provides financial assistance, mentoring, case management and support to families and individuals to meet basic needs of housing. Short-term financial assistance may include rent, security deposits, utilities, and employment related transportation. Each person is given a 30-minute interview to gain insight into need(s), create a basic budget, share information, and provide referrals to other agencies.

The Genesis program partners with the local faith community, service organizations, and businesses in engaging the community in providing homeless and at-risk of becoming homeless families and individuals with opportunities to obtain or retain safe and permanent housing. Mentor teams work closely with participants to develop encouraging relationships, share life skills, and provide housing related financial assistance.

thecommunityoutreach.org/

Gift of 30-day bus pass - \$30
Gas voucher - \$50

14. Feeding South Dakota

Feeding South Dakota is the state's largest hunger-relief organization, with a mission to end hunger in South Dakota. Through their programs and agency partners they are providing food in all 66 counties of South Dakota and fighting hunger in rural communities, metro areas and Native American Reservations. Their vision is a state where no one person's health, well-being, or potential is hindered by the availability of nutritious food. Together, with the support of our incredible volunteers and South Dakota communities, we are impacting food insecurity rates by filling the tables of our neighbors facing hunger. Programs and services include the Backpack Program, Mobile Food Distributions, Senior Boxes, Food Bank and Wellness Pantries.

feedingsouthdakota.org/

Gift of any amount will help feed hungry
families in South Dakota.



15. Food To You - Mobile Food Pantry

Food To You, also known as the mobile food pantry, is a food distribution ministry that happens at four locations in Sioux Falls throughout the month. Food To You is sponsored in the Sioux Falls area by Charis Ministry partners, a non-profit organization of thirteen local congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Its purpose is to get groceries to those who need them by distributing them in the neighborhoods where the need is greater and after daytime work hours in order to be more accessible to those who work.

charissf.org



Gift of box of mac and cheese - \$2

Package of pasta - \$3

Can of hearty soup - \$3

16. Laura Wilder Elementary Partnership

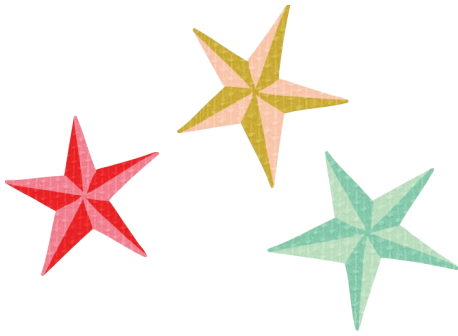
Laura Wilder Elementary, located across the street from Asbury, has been designated our Signature Ministry. Our goal is to build relationships with the Laura Wilder staff, the students and their families by sharing Christ's love in tangible ways. During the school year we provide volunteers for various school events and activities along with funds for staff meals and other needs.

Gift of any amount will support our commitment to the Laura Wilder staff, the students and their families.

17. Lunch Is Served

Lunch Is Served, Inc. is a nonprofit with the unique mission of delivering simple sack lunches for working men and women who are attempting to break the chains of poverty and hunger. The offering of free brown bag lunches represents more than simple nutrition. Each lunch bag symbolizes a serving of community encouragement and support created by volunteers and donations.

lunchisserved.org



Gift of 5 sack lunches - \$10

10 sack lunches - \$20

30 sack lunches - \$60

18. Midwest Street Medicine

Midwest Street Medicine Sioux Falls was founded in July 2023 by Dr. Shannon Emry and Dr. Melissa Dittberner. It includes a diverse team of professionals from medicine, public health, recovery, and lived experience to bring compassionate, low barrier care directly to people experiencing homelessness in our community. The team works to build a trusting rapport with individuals, including accompanying them to medical or other appointments, supporting them in their journey to recovery, and advocating for their behavioral health and mental health needs.

Gift in any amount will provide first-aid supplies, medications, and hygiene essentials for those experiencing homelessness.

19. Necessities For Neighbors

Necessities for Neighbors is a program of Charis Ministry Partners that provides help with household items not covered by SNAP. These are items that many take for granted but are necessities for healthy living. The following items are handed out to those who are in need: laundry detergent, diapers, toilet paper, and hygiene products. This program is sponsored in the Sioux Falls area by Charis Ministry partners, a non-profit organization of thirteen local congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

charissf.org

Gift of laundry detergent - \$13

Pack of toilet paper - \$30

Box of diapers - \$30

20. Nightwatch Food Truck

Nightwatch Food Truck is an effort of area congregations to provide food to those in need in Sioux Falls. Churches include Asbury United Methodist Church (UMC), Celebration UMC, First Lutheran, First UMC, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Good News Church, Harrisburg UMC, Hilltop UMC, Southern Hills UMC, Sunnycrest UMC and Wesley UMC. Each Sunday evening, when other agencies are closed, a group prepares a meal and distributes the food at two locations in the downtown area. Anyone is welcome to stop by and pick up a meal. Food is also distributed in the Hayward Elementary neighborhood on Monday evenings. During 2025 Asbury prepared and served a meal on six Sunday evenings.

Gift of 1 meal - \$2

10 meals - \$20

20 meals - \$40

100 meals for one distribution - \$200

21. Project CAR

Project CAR of Sioux Falls provides a reliable system of transit for seniors, persons with developmental disorders or medical conditions — any adult whose ability to transport themselves is limited because of health or finances. Project CAR is available Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and on Sunday mornings to give rides to medical appointments, employment and church activities. Rides are offered at no cost to the passenger. With a fleet of five vehicles, they rely on a cadre of volunteer drivers to provide this service.



Gift of 1 ride - \$18
Gas for 1 vehicle - \$50

22. St. Francis House

The St. Francis House is a transitional home for the homeless in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, providing an ecumenical ministry to the homeless. People of all races, genders and creeds are welcomed at the St. Francis House. With their new building, they can serve 120 single individuals, with 60 beds for females, 60 beds for males and 7 family rooms. Along with providing housing for those in need, they provide three meals each day and case management services to assist guests to obtain and maintain employment, attend treatment classes, rebuild family relationships and pay off debts to society.

stfrancishouse.com

Gift of a belt - \$10
Water jug or lunch box - \$15
Socks - \$20
Diapers - \$30

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