

Community Ministry Partners

Community Ministry Partner funding is provided for projects and missions that complement the mission and vision of First Methodist Shreveport. Your Local Missions Team identifies organizations and projects that reflect our goals of caring for people in transformational ways, especially those affected by poverty and those confronting crisis in their lives. We partner with organizations in our community that need volunteers as well as financial assistance.

After much discussion, vetting, and review, FMC is overjoyed to fund thirty-six partnerships in 2025 with grants totaling \$275,000! These grants are in addition to agencies and services like Fuller Center for Housing, Young Life, Methodist Children's Home, and JS Clark Elementary School which receive funding through our operating budget. Our church is abundantly blessed with physical, relational, and financial resources, and what a joy it is to share those gifts with local groups simply trying to serve God's people by improving their lives!

Recipients include:

Basic Necessities - distributes diapers, feminine products, and incontinence supplies. Our partnership will purchase preiod products and incontinence supplies and help with overhead expenses.

Christian Service – provides two meals a day, 364 days a year. Our partnership helps purchase food for around 75,000 meals per year.

Common Ground – works to build relationships and serve the people of the Cedar Grove Community. Our partnership will provide funding for their wildly successful youth and afterschool programs.

Community Renewal International Allendale Friendship House – serves the children and families of the Allendale community through relationships. Our partnership helps with afterschool and summer programming for these at-risk students.

Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – treats people with alcoholism and other addictive diseases. Our partnership will fund graduation gifts for their outpatient clients.

Food Bank of NWLA – serves as the center of food distribution for deserving individuals and programs. Our partnership will purchase 800,000 pounds of produce which will serve 75,000 people.

Gingerbread House – provides investigation and support for children going through physical and sexual abuse cases. Our partnership helps fund interviews, investigations, and counseling.

Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana – reduce unemployment by eliminating barriers. Our partnership gives funding to the Reentry Community Coordination Project.

Highland Center Ministries – provides community services for the working poor of the Highland Community. Our partnership will provide funding for their clothing closets and their Highland Blessing Dinner.

Holy Angels – cares for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our partnership supports the AngelCare Program for Madonna Hall residents.

Hope Connections - guides and fosters a comprehensive, coordinated homeless services system. Our partnership allows them to provide much needed IDs and birth certificates as well as funding bus passes for those trying to get back to their families.

Hope House – provides a day shelter and meets the needs of area homeless. Our partnership will fund homeless service case management expenses.

MLK Community Development Corp – improves the education, residential, and socio-economic needs of the community. Our partnership will fund their student and senior citizen services.

MLK Health Center – offers free physician care, medication, and health education. Our partnership helps fund their diagnostic lab and medical supplies.

Mary's House Pregnancy Care Center – provides pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, and doctor support to pregnant women. Our partnership will help with programming expenses.

Philadelphia Center – operates the Mercy Center, a residential facility dedicated to serving formerly homeless people living with HIV/AIDS. Our partnership helps them with operating expenses.

Praise Academy at Lakeside – provides education for Lakeside children and services for their families. Our partnership will provide well-balanced food for their students.

Project Celebration – provides a domestic violence shelter and services. Our partnership funds food, clothing and hygiene items for domestic violence survivors and clothing for sexual assault survivors.

Providence House – offers a temporary home for the homeless through their residential development center. Our partnership supports updates to their Child Development Center kitchen.

Renesting Project – gathers household donations to help fully furnish and outfit homes of those moving out of homelessness. Our partnership helps them with their distribution center expenses.

Renzi Education & Art Center - provides free, high quality after-school & summer support to area children K-12. Our partnership provides classroom equipment enhancement for afterschool programs.

Ronald McDonald House - cares for families with children who are ill or injured. Our partnership will provide a commercial refrigerator for RMH Shreveport-Bossier.

St. Lukes Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry - improves quality of life for our community through free preventative healthcare through street outreach.

Shreveport Bar Foundation – offers legal representation for victims of domestic violence. Our partnership will help their domestic violence clients (served pro bono) pay for the many extra legal expenses incurred, such as court filing, subpoenas, and additional legal paperwork.

Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission – provides emergency shelter and services for the homeless. Our partnership will support their Life Recovery Program and medical/dental expenses.

Shreveport Green Mobile Market - promotes a healthy, sustainable, economically viable community. Our partnership will increase Urban Farm production.

Social Therapy Project – helps heal our community through counseling efforts. Our partnership will provide pro bono counseling.

Supermen for Christ – offers restoration for men experiencing trauma, addiction, homelessness, and other hopeless situations. Our partnership will help with daily expenses for the Redeemed Restoration Home for Men.

The Arc Caddo-Bossier – builds unlimited opportunities for people with disabilities. Our partnership funds the Reading is Fundamental program at the Goldman and Highland Centers.

The Bridge Alzheimers and Dementia Resource Center – provides resources, education, and support for those with Alzheimers and for their caregivers. Our partnership helps provide comprehensive support for 172 people in NWLA.

The Hub: Urban Ministries – outreach to homeless and poverty level individuals, serving 800-1000 a month. Our partnership helps fund Recovered Homes and resident needs.

3:18 Church - reaches the helpless, hurting, and hopeless in downtown Shreveport. Our partnership will support their midweek Bible study expenses.

Volunteers for Youth Justice – provides care for children, youth, and families in crisis. Our partnership provides funds for their GEMS & GENTS Youth mentoring programs.

Volunteers of America – provides opportunity, promotes dignity, and inspires change for a variety of people. Our partnership will provide bedding and linen needs for Veterans Safe Haven.

Woody's Home for Veterans – provides a home for veterans in need of continued psychiatric care. Our partnership will help complete their shed and help purchase a truck.

YWCA – serves at-risk women and girls in the community. Our partnership will provide program support.