

The TLLC Endowment awarded a total of \$20,500 in grants and scholarships in 2015

The Outreach and Unrestricted Funds awarded a total of \$15,000 to the following organizations:

Any Baby Can, Basic Needs Assistance – Any Baby Can’s mission is to empower families so children can succeed by providing education, therapy, and family support services largely through evidence-based home visitation programs. The agency serves nearly 7,000 local children and their families each year. Funds will be used to provide specific basic needs assistance to families, including transportation expenses, durable medical equipment, consumable medical supplies not covered by health insurance, temporary lodging for family members during treatment, medications not covered by health insurance, rent assistance during active treatment, food assistance during active treatment, childcare for siblings, etc.
www.anybabycan.org



Hill Country Community Ministries, Replace Cooler & Freezer – Their mission states, “We are people of faith, cooperating in love of Christ and neighbor to help those in need.” The organization provides food, clothing, and other assistance for people in crisis and those living in poverty. They were recently notified that their aging freezer would soon fail, putting the safety of the contents in jeopardy. This grant allows them to purchase a new, reliable freezer and continue serving our neighbors in need. www.hccm.org

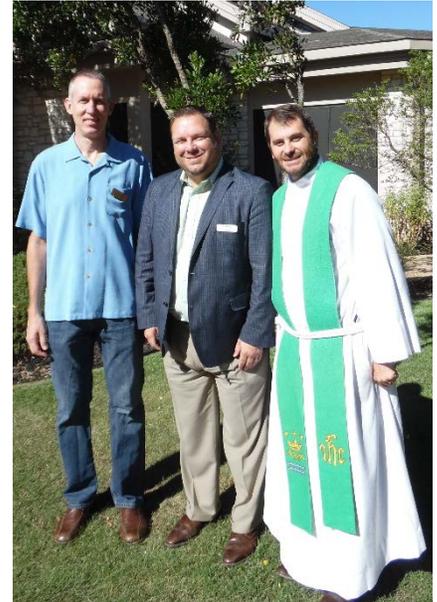


Austin Diaper Bank – Austin Diaper Bank was founded after Beverly Hamilton learned that impoverished mothers were reusing diapers due to limited resources. When she also discovered that diapers are not covered under assistance programs, and potentially 12,000 children in Travis County alone need diapers, she knew she had to act. In June 2013, Austin Diaper Bank became Central Texas’ only diaper-focused organization, despite the fact that United Way of Central Texas reports diapers as a top ten percent requested item for both children and adults. As a result of this generous grant, the Bank will be able to expand assistance to 445 additional babies and toddlers in the Austin area, for a total of over 4,000 families helped in 2015. www.austindiapers.org

Round Rock Area Serving Center, Food Pantry – The Round Rock Serving Center carries out a community-wide mission of churches, other organizations, and individuals serving human needs. “Food-insecure” households are those in which families have decreased the quality and quantity of food they consume because of lack of money, to the point where they are likely to be hungry on a frequent basis. The Serving Center provides food to indigent, low-income, homeless, and disabled people through the food pantry which has been operating since 1986. The Serving Center is a partner agency of the Capital Area Food Bank and spends \$.15 per pound to purchase food for the pantry, significantly leveraging all financial contributions. www.rrasc.org

SafePlace, Family Tree Child Development Center – The mission of SafePlace is to lead in ending sexual assault and exploitation and domestic violence through prevention, intervention, and advocacy for change. The Family Tree provides child care for children living with their families in the Family Shelter and transitional housing apartments at SafePlace in Austin. They have endured domestic/family violence, homelessness, and poverty. With support from the Endowment grant, Family Tree will continue offering safe, nurturing, and high quality child care year-round, so these children can heal, learn, and thrive. www.safeplace.org

Upbring, New Life Off-Campus Enrichment – Lutheran Social Services of the South has a rich legacy of serving Texas' vulnerable children, adults, and families. In April 2015 the agency unveiled a new identity and new mission as Upbring, underscoring the agency's commitment to elevating expectations for what childhood should be for the almost 7 million children who live in Texas. The Off-Campus Enrichment Activity Program enables girls receiving treatment at New Life Treatment Center to engage in weekly off-site outings under the supervision of New Life staff. www.upbring.org



\$5,500.00 was awarded from the Firnhaber Seminary Education Fund to:

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago for benefit of Samantha Nichols who is described as “gifted” and “capable” with strength in organizing communities. The Endowment scholarship allows her to pursue her interest in Clinical Pastoral Education (pastoral care). Endowment website <http://www.lstc.edu/>

Wartburg Theological Seminary for benefit of Jennifer Michael, a “second career seminarian” whose life experiences have instilled in her an awareness of where God is leading her. She already has experience living and working in other cultures. Jennifer has expressed an interest in ministering to women following graduation. www.wartburgseminary.edu/

Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest (LSPS), Spanish Language and Hispanic Ministry –The mission of LSPS is to equip both clergy and laity to be effective in cross-cultural contexts. The Spanish Language and Hispanic Ministry Intensive I event has had great success, yet there has been little participation by ELCA bishops. The Endowment grant allows the program to offer travel and tuition to one or two bishops who will then help generate interest in the mission. www.lspss.edu/