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PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

Each one of the ministries and missions located here has the recommendation of the North Texas Conference and is approved by Annual Conference vote. Our program is modeled after the General Conference Advance for Christ and His Church program, which is a program of the General Board of Global Ministries. Our purpose is to bring attention to ministries working within our conference borders that are actively seeking local United Methodist church support. Former NTC Bishop Rymes H. Moncure Jr. called them “transformational ministries.”

Our objective is to encourage the growth of these ministries, and to increase local church participation. We believe that they deserve the support of your small groups and the entire congregation.

ARTSPIRIT

Senior Pastor: LINDA MACLEMORE
408 8th Street, Suite 102,
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linda@artspiritdallas.org
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Budget: \$43,000

People Served Annually: 2907 artists and others through outreach programs and support of other missions including: prison ministry, International Rescue Committee, Genesis Women's shelter, Project Transformation Working with Women, Community Conversations, Labyrinth Project, and homeless ministry.

Mission: ArtSpirit engages, explores and interprets the mysteries of God and spirituality through the arts; embraces and challenges the use of creative talents in alternative and traditional forms of worship, scholarship and service to the world.

Vision: To foster the development of spirituality through the arts.

AUSTIN STREET SHELTER

Rev. "Bubba" Dailey, Executive Director
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Dallas, TX 75226

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www.austinstreet.org

P.O. Box 710729
Dallas, TX 75371-0729
214-428-4242

Budget: \$85,000 per month

People Served Annually: As of June 2008, 46,400. Of those, 8,030 were women.

Mission: Austin Street Centre is a "care campus" environment, providing emergency shelter from harm (our main reason for existence), substance abuse counseling, psycho-social therapies in partnership with UT Southwestern Medical School and SMU's Graduate School of Psychology, on-the-job training and transitional living.

Note: In a letter from June 2008, the center wrote "...our cash donations are down by 16% year to date, and are 12% below budget. This is having a dramatic impact on our ability to pay for our operating costs." They are requesting cash donations as well as "wish items" which are available in a published list.

BRIDGEPORT CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER (BCCC)

Executive Director – LANCE HICKS

lance@bridgeportcamp.com

PO Box 215
Bridgeport TX 76426
940-683-2555

Budget: \$530,000

People Served Annually: 2,356 children, youth, and adult Summer participants;
2,500 children, youth, and adult Retreat participants during Fall-Spring

Mission: BCCC strives to provide opportunities for children, youth, and adults to experience loving Christian community and to be shaped by God's grace, all to the glory of God. Since 1949, BCCC has offered summer camps and retreat facilities to thousands each year. Located on over 200 acres just 40 miles west of Denton in Bridgeport, Texas, BCCC sits above Lake Bridgeport and offers an incredible view of the surroundings. Owned by the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, BCCC is led by an outstanding board of directors of pastors and lay leaders within the conference.

Vision: BCCC is in high use all summer and during each weekend of the school year. One of our major challenges ahead is to develop business during the weekdays of the school year. In addition, summer camp participation has increased significantly during the last several years. As a result, additional scholarship funds and capital funding for facility improvements are urgently needed.

C.C. YOUNG RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

4847 W. Lawther Dr. - Suite 10
swingo@ccyoung.org
Dallas TX 75214
214-827-8080

President/CEO – KENNETH T. DURAND

Budget: \$15,905,000

People Served Annually: Over 700

Mission: The C.C. Young Retirement Community is dedicated to the elderly, their families, and the community. The community provides programs and facilities in a continuum of care extending from home and community-based services to residential housing and full-time nursing care. Reflecting the Christian traditions of love, benevolence, and service, they strive to enhance the physical, mental, social and spiritual well being of the elderly.

Vision: C.C. Young has a vision of a community and world where older people are valued for the enormous capacity they individually and collectively contribute to the fabric of our society. Through our community partnerships, we demonstrate this vision with programs and classes in art, education, technology and wellness, as well as support groups, research opportunities and other supportive services. Through volunteer and philanthropic support we will continue to share this vision with our residents and clients. We believe it is not about being old; it is about growing, learning, loving and giving.

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY SERVICES OF FUMC DALLAS

1822 Young St., Second Floor
Dallas, TX 75201
214-560-2511

Director – Rev. Jay Cole, FUMC Dallas
www.ccsdallas.org

2008 Budget: \$797,300.00

Unduplicated People Served: 12,000

Mission: To provide the tangible support and strategic skills necessary for low-income persons to retain safe and secure housing and to teach people (young and old) to identify and correct self-defeating thoughts, emotions, and behaviors so that future generations break the cycle of inter-generational poverty.

Vision: Seek, Optimize and Share the talents and techniques that, combined with the right resources, relationships and resolve, provide opportunities for adults and children to accomplish goals that are important to them—a key measure of success. This year CCS will help 12,000 of our neighbors-in-need living in 4,500 households in the city of Dallas (all 752__zip codes) with over \$6,000,000 worth of financial, food, and clothing assistance, Community Voicemail, DART day passes, and other services such as our Adolescent Skills Acquisition Program (ASAP)—the first and only curriculum of its kind in the United States for low-income teenagers.

We strive to leverage resources and relationships so that client benefits and donated dollars are maximized. For example, because of our relationship with the Dallas Housing Authority and because we are the largest distributor for the North Texas Food Bank, we are on track to deliver 2,400,000 million pounds of groceries in 2008 that according to the accounting KPMG has a retail value of \$4,800,000 dollars and also equates to 4,800,000 meals for children and adults!

With volunteer and monetary support from other North Texas Conference churches, CCS will enhance and transform even more lives through faith in Christ.

DALLAS BETHLEHEM CENTER (DBC)

4410 Leland Avenue
Dallas TX 75215
214-428-5171

Executive Director – ERNESTINE SIMMS-KIGH dbc1946@aol.com
Website: dallasbethlehemcenter.org

Budget: \$433,572

People Served Annually: 7,000 South Dallas residents

Mission: DBC is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the children of the South Dallas community. We work to strengthen the entire family structure by providing holistic services for each child's educational, physical, emotional, social, moral, and spiritual needs.

Vision: Our vision is to take a leadership role in providing quality child development and learning experiences through preschool, after school, summer enrichment and recreational programs.

DBC operates 11 service programs. 1) Emergency Food Voucher Program, 2) Child Care, 3) Pre-K program, 4) After-school, 5) Summer enrichment program & reading program, 6) Computer lab, 7) Health fair, 8) Free community Thanksgiving dinner, 9) Christmas outreach, 10) Children's choir, and 11) October Fest.

Please visit our website at www.dallasbethlehemcenter.org for more detailed information on the programs listed above.

GOLDEN CROSS PROGRAM AT METHODIST HEALTH SYSTEM

1441 N Beckley Avenue
Dallas TX 75203
214-947-2470

Contact: REV. CAROLE SOMERS-CLARK
carolesomers-clark@mhd.com

Budget: \$200,000

People Served Annually: 65-80

Mission: The Golden Cross Program is a powerful ministry that illustrates the strength of Methodist Health System's covenant relationship with the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. A Division of the Methodist Health System Foundation, Golden Cross is administered through the Pastoral Care office at Methodist Health System. Its mission is to continue the United Methodist tradition of compassion and caring by providing financial assistance to people needing medical care who cannot afford to pay. The program requires that the person in need be referred by a minister of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, lack necessary funds, and have a condition that can be treated at Methodist Health System.

Vision: In 1922, seven men in a Sunday school class at First United Methodist Church in Dallas turned their concern about medical care for the poor people of North Texas into a vision to provide health care for families who could not afford it – this began the Golden Cross Ministry. Today, over 80 years later, the Golden Cross Program has grown to include broad-based support of Methodist churches within the entire North Texas Conference. The program relies on the support of caring physicians at Methodist Health System who volunteer their services to Golden Cross patients. Medically indigent persons, who meet Golden Cross guidelines are referred to Methodist Health System by a United Methodist minister in the North Texas Conference and, following acceptance, are cared for regardless of age, race, or religious preference. Persons referred must be sick, without funds, and have a condition that can be treated at Methodist Health System. In addition, the program needs financial support to help maintain and update the facilities where these important services are provided. In a newly renovated facility, the new Golden Cross Clinic at Methodist Dallas Medical Center will greatly expand current capacity to ensure that high-quality health care is available for an ever-increasing number of disadvantaged families in Dallas.

HORIZON COMMUNITIES IN PRISONS

PO Box 2547
Winter Park, FL 32790-2547
407-657-1828

Executive Director – Ike Griffin
ike@horizoncommunities.org

Budget: \$80,000

People Served Annually in NTC: 421

Mission: Horizon Communities in Prisons is an outgrowth of Kairos Prison Ministry. Established in Texas in 2002, **Horizon** prepares prisoners to live responsibly with others. To accomplish its mission, Horizon established a faith-based residential community inside the Allred Unit prison, with two employees (both of whom are United Methodists) to implement the curriculum and develop needed resources.

Vision: The Horizon Interfaith Community inside the Allred Unit of the TX dept of Criminal Justice, a maximum security prison near Wichita Falls has expanded its prison ministry with intense programming, facilitated by staff and church volunteers from churches in the NTC counties of Wichita, Archer, and Clay. This program, named “A Model for the Future” by the US department of Health and Human Services, was featured on PBS – “Religion and Ethics Newsweekly” in January of 2007. The curriculum used extends over 10 to 12 months, teaching Life Skills, Mentoring, Family Relations, Spiritual Development, Computer Skills, and more. Resources needed are prayer, volunteers, donations of materials, and donations of program and operating funds.

METHODISM'S BREADBASKET

6211 East Grand Ave.
P.O. Box 150425
Dallas, TX 75223
214-887-4005

Executive Director – Cynthia Gordon Martin
cmartin@methodismbreadbasket.org

Budget: \$112,000 (2006)

People Served Annually: 6320 individuals and 3390 families

Mission: Established as a mission in December 1970, Methodism's Breadbasket's mission is to provide emergency food and clothing assistance to individuals and families in need in several Dallas zip-codes and in Seagoville. Most of the food supply is purchased from the North Texas Food Bank. Counseling and referral to community based agencies are provided when the need arises. The assistance to the individuals and families is provided based on their need and emergency circumstances; regardless of religion, race, age or national origins.

Vision: With increased funding, the vision is to begin providing food baskets and toys at Christmas to all the clients.

NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK

4306 Shilling Way
Dallas, TX 75237
214-330-1396

Contact-Rev. Sarah Squires

Budget: \$9,566,226.00

People Served Annually: 633,912 families

Mission: North Texas Food Bank passionately pursues a hunger-free community. In 2007 the NTFB distributed 32 million pounds of food through 252 Member Agency Food Pantries and agencies, Food 4 Kids, Kids Café, Community Kitchen, CSFP, Nutrition Education, HungerLink, and Second Chance. The geographic area served includes 13 counties, including Dallas, Denton, Grayson, Fannin, Collin, Hunt, Lamar, Delta, Hopkins, Rockwall, Kaufman, Ellis, and Navarro. A few of the NTFB partner agencies (receive food from the NTFB) within the North Texas Conference are Project Transformation, Wesley Rankin Community Center, Korean Central Methodist, Umphress United Methodist Church, and others.

Vision: With increased funding, the vision is to increase the Food 4Kids and Kids Café programs to meet desperate need for children's feeding. Also, to create a model and pilot program for a teen feeding café, and a target increase from 32 to 64 million pounds of food distributed to close the gap in need.

ONE MAN'S TREASURE CLOTHES CLOSET

512 E. i-30, #211
Rockwall, TX 75087

Contact – Mary Carter
onemanstr@yahoo.com

Budget: \$45,000

People Served Annually: 451

Mission: To empower men recently released from prison who come to the Dallas area by providing them with clothing and opportunities for networking. Typically, a newly released man only has a little money, the clothes on their back and a bus ticket. Specifically, we partner with 15 aftercare ministries and provide them with clothing for their men, who receive five shirts, two pairs of pants, underwear, socks, and winter coats. The objective is to increase their odds of becoming a productive member of society by giving them a positive self-image, which allows them to face a new world and try to find a job. The geographic area covered includes Dallas county (84% of clients), Rockwall, Collin, and portions of Ellis, Kaufman, Denton, Henderson and Hunt.

Vision: Future plans include a booklet for clients that maps out the first month out of prison and its challenges. This will be included with the clothing. Moreover, goals include expanding the service to more aftercare groups.

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

547 E. Jefferson Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75203
214-946-3600

Contact – Mr. Eric Lindh, Executive Director
Email: lindh@projecttransformation.org
Web: www.projecttransformation.org

Budget: \$1,022,300

People Served Annually: 840 children & youth

Mission: To connect the energy of young adults, the strength of church-sponsored institutions, and the untapped resources of underserved neighborhoods to meet the evolving needs of children and youth.

Vision: Project Transformation, which started here in the North Texas Conference, has grown significantly in the last ten years, both in numbers and in the scope of services offered. What started as a grassroots organization has now expanded to host programs in ten site churches, and internships are offered to 100 young adults. Serving both Dallas and Grayson counties, the program provides afterschool/summer programming for low-income children/youth hosted in urban United Methodist churches. Another program objective is to engage young adults in leadership development and ministry exploration while connecting United Methodist churches to one another and to the needs of their communities. In 2008, plans are to expand to Trinity UMC in Denison and to develop a new system/model of replicating PT in other annual conferences.

SEEK CAMPS - SUMMER EVENTS FOR EXCEPTIONAL KAMPERS

PO Box 1729
Coppell TX 75019
972-462-0471

Contact – DENNIS WILKINSON dwilkinson@fumccoppell.org

Budget: The camps cost between \$14,000 and \$18,000 (depending upon the site and duration) with 1/2 to 3/4 of the revenue coming from camper fees. Room and Board for the volunteer staff is paid through Conference apportionment dollars.

People Served Annually:
250 campers and
150 volunteer staff

Mission: The North Texas Conference has provided summer church camp services for children, youth and adults with special needs for approximately 30 years. We currently offer four SEEK Camps (Summer Events for Exceptional Kampers) – two at the Prothro Center at Lake Texoma (older and younger adults) and two at the Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center (youth and children). The camps serve about 400 people each summer, including approximately 150 volunteer staff and 250 campers. The staff to camper ratio ranges from 1:3 at the adult camp to 1:1 at the children's camp.

SHOES FOR KIDS

5 Lantern Drive
Heath, TX 75032

Contact- Sherry Bonds sbonds@classicnet.net
972-771-6605

Budget: \$11,700 (2006)

People Served Annually: 1232 children

Mission: The mission is to provide new school shoes and socks for underprivileged children in the Rockwall & Royce City Independent School Districts. In 2008, the program will be held on August 9th. In 2007, this program put shoes and two pairs of socks on 1232 children. The goal for 2008 is to help 1400 children. They will also have an immunization clinic. Future goals are to expand the immunization clinic to monthly. Payless Shoe Source, FUMC Heath and FUMC Royce City are partners in this ministry. Specifically the children on reduced or free lunch programs within the school districts are the beneficiaries.

SUMMER EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

PO Box 215
Bridgeport TX 76426
940-683-2555

Executive Director – LANCE HICKS
lance@bridgeportcamp.com

Budget: \$4,085

People Served Annually: 60

Mission: The primary mission of the Summer Event Scholarships is to assist families with the cost of summer camp expense for their children and youth. When you remit funds, please indicate #740 with the payment.

WESLEY-RANKIN

3100 Crossman
Dallas TX 75212
214-742-6674

Executive Director – STACEY ELLIS sellis@wesleyrankin.org

Budget: \$520,380

People Served Annually: 1,360

Mission: Founded in 1902, Wesley-Rankin Community Center is a 501 c-3 faith-based organization building a stronger multi-generational West Dallas community. The center is characterized by increasing numbers of graduates, responsible parents, and citizens who are active and empowered with self-determination and advancing economic independence.

Vision: Our vision for the center has no boundaries. We invite volunteers to come to Wesley-Rankin, not only to help other people, but also to work side by side in partnership. We want to help the residents of Los Altos take their place in the larger community, so that they, too, can feel empowered.

This is an exciting and challenging moment for Wesley-Rankin. The Sarah E. Wilke Youth Center opened in fall 2003, bringing with it all sorts of new opportunities for outreach and collaborations with other agencies.

Through a partnership with DISD, we continue to offer GED classes, and we have added English as a Second Language as a component to our educational programs. By providing instruction in these two areas, we empower the community to embrace their future and realize their potential.

Our after-school program serves elementary children and youth, and features tutoring, mentoring, and leadership training to aid them in their academic journey.

Our teen-parenting program has reached beyond its ministry to include the young adults in our community who are not parents, but who also need a place to anchor themselves. With the focus on health and wellness issues, and on the spiritual journey of young adults, this program will continue to evolve to meet the needs of the community.

The popularity of our senior citizen program is a special source of celebration. Our partnership with Dallas County has significantly increased our number of participants, and we are currently serving over 300 meals a week. Besides a wholesome lunch, this program also offers our seniors a place for fellowship and provides supplemental groceries. Our doors at Wesley-Rankin Community Center are open to anyone. We invite each of you to come, visit, and work side by side in service with our community members.

UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT HOME – WESLEY VILLAGE

2800 Loy Lake Road
Denison TX 75020
903-465-6463

Executive Director – BRENDA KOZIKOWSKI
wesleyvil@aol.com

Budget: \$1,334,502

People Served Annually: 120

Mission: The mission of Wesley Village is to make available caring, supportive, and quality services to older adults for the enhancement of their physical, mental, social, and spiritual well being, reflecting Christian values of love and service. We endeavor to accomplish this by respecting the worth and dignity of the individual, and by offering and delivering services to persons without regard to religion, sex, race, national origin, creed or source of payment. They foster the personal independence of residents, creating an atmosphere where each resident is able to reach his or her full potential in whatever level of care he or she resides.

Vision: Wesley Village has a vision to further support senior adults by modernizing its apartments to make them more senior friendly and by providing benevolent assistance to our residents in need. Long range planning envisions a future facility with service for adult day care, an Alzheimer's unit, skilled nursing care, and low-income housing as well as retirement cottages. Toward this goal, Wesley village invites donations to their Permanent Building Fund.