

## The Children's Home

A Nonprofit Organization Providing  
Special Education, Residential and Emergency Shelter  
Services

Located in Mount Holly, Burlington County, and Ewing  
Township, Mercer County, New Jersey

### Our Vision

The VISION of The Children's Home is that the children and families whose lives we touch will realize their potential and experience brighter tomorrows, in part due to the caring, nurturing and learning atmosphere of The Children's Home.

### Our Mission

The MISSION of The Children's Home is to provide professional therapeutic and supportive services that help children and their families to become productive members of society.

## What Is Mission?

Jesus Christ, as He left this earth, gave His followers the great commission - the great commandment - to go into the whole world with the message of His love and salvation. That is our aim and our mission. And, that is what "Mission" is -- the effort by committed Christians to go or send into their own neighborhoods and the world-wide neighborhood, the message, the witness, the example of what Christ can do to and for a life, a community and a world. Anything we do toward that end can be considered a part of our mission program.

## **Apportioned Funds - General Administration Fund - Overview**

The General Administration Fund supports the critical administrative functions of the United Methodist Church:

- Without it, you could not feel confident that the money you share through your local church is going where you expect it to go.
- Without it, United Methodist delegates – selected by their peers around the world – would not meet to decide the church's future at General Conference.
- Without it, the nine-member Judicial Council, United Methodism's highest court, would lack the means and the authority to grapple with serious questions of church law.
- Without it, United Methodist history would not be preserved – for the church today and for years to come.

Our gifts help to maintain a system of checks and balances to ensure the denomination operates efficiently. Our contributions also enable church law and practice to be heard and decided.

## **Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK)**

### Our Mission

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (T. A. S. K., Inc.) is a charitable, non-profit organization whose mission is to respond to the needs of people in the Trenton area by

Providing meals to all those who are hungry

Providing services to encourage self-sufficiency and improve quality of life

Informing the wider community of the needs of the hungry

Advocating for resources to meet these needs.

## **Apportioned Funds: The Ministerial Education Fund:**

Preparing Men and Women for Effective Ministry

The purpose of the Ministerial Education Fund apportionment is to enable the Church to recruit and educate ordained and licensed ministers and to equip the annual conferences to meet increased demands for quality leadership.

The MEF is nurtured and funded by United Methodists to provide vitally needed funds for the support of 13 United Methodist seminaries. MEF dollars are critically important to the life and mission of our United Methodist seminaries. For most of these schools, the church's MEF disbursement accounts for approximately 12 to 20 percent of their annual budget.

## **The Neighborhood Center, Inc.**

The Neighborhood Center, Inc. is an urban outreach mission of the Greater New Jersey Conference United Methodist Churches, and part of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Our Mission is:

- To provide services to the residents of Camden, ministering to the total life of individuals and families
- To provide opportunities for the growth and enrichment of individuals and families
- To make available material assistance when needed and possible
- To develop leadership, promote increased understanding among all peoples, and to be constantly involved in strengthening the community and in the alleviation of community problems and concerns
- To be a witness to the love of God and the reconciling power of Jesus Christ in the lives of individuals and families
- To take the advocacy role of those who need support
- To be empowerment of those who are without a voice

## **Heifer International, Inc.**

Bringing an End to World Hunger Through Unimaginable Blessings

Today, millions of people who were once hungry will be nourished by milk, eggs and fresh vegetables.

Families who for generations knew only poverty will be building new homes and starting businesses. Children who once headed out to the fields to do backbreaking work will be heading into schoolrooms to learn to read. And people who never thought they'd be in a position to help someone else will be experiencing the joy of charitable giving.

With Heifer's proven approach – almost 60 years in the making – to helping people obtain a sustainable source of food and income.

Long-Term Solutions emphasizing community involvement distinguish our work from that of global relief organizations.

“Passing on the Gift” means recipients agree to share the offspring of gift animals with others in need, making them equal partners with Heifer in the fight to end world hunger.

Environment and Sustainable Development is taught to our project recipients to help them achieve sustainable agricultural production.

## **Apportioned Funds - World Service Fund**

The World Service Fund is the essential core of the United Methodist outreach. By giving to World Service, we empower United Methodist evangelistic efforts, stimulate Bible study and spiritual commitment, encourage church growth and discipleship, and help God's children everywhere.

Reasons to give:

Every dollar we give supports a child beginning to question, an adult reaffirming his or her beliefs, a new Christian discovering the path. We enable missionaries to work globally, enrich discipleship projects, and enhance congregational life through worship, retreats, training and counseling. World Service becomes our voice, expressing our commitment to build a church and a people dedicated to making disciples for Jesus Christ.

## **Apportioned Funds - Black College Fund**

Supporting leadership for life

The 1972 General Conference established the Black College Fund apportionment, which provides a constant reliable way to support United Methodist-related Black colleges' operations, programs and capital improvements. Today, the United Methodist Church supports 11 historically Black colleges and universities, more than any other religious denominations.

The Black College Fund helps:

- Maintain solid, challenging academic programs; strong faculties, and well equipped buildings.
- Create vibrant spiritual environments that encourage pride and self-esteem in the accomplishments of African Americans
- Provide the opportunity for approximately 16,000 students to interact with academic staffs that serve as strong cultural and spiritual mentors.
- Prepare and educate people for the new global technological world – never veering from an academic excellence based on the Christian perspective of community, service and social responsibility.

## **The Ranalli Mission**

The Ranalli Missionary Ministry has been in Ecuador since 1968. Albert Ranalli was a member of the Chatsworth United Methodist Church, and had pastored a Methodist church in Kentucky for 5 years before leaving for Ecuador with the OMS International mission society. He died in 1965 after a massive heart attack, and Sharon has continued since then. The ministry consists of 8 teaching centers of the Bible Institute for Quicha Indians in 6 provinces, a weekly radio program for Quichuas, helping an elementary school for the poorest of the poor children in Riobamba (financially as well as Bible studies and education workshops with the teachers), and helping two daycare centers for preschoolers in two rural communities high up in the Andes Mountains.

There are about 5 1/2 million Quichuas in Ecuador, out of a total population of 13 million. About half are considered evangelical Christians. Their culture is communal, the opposite of individualism that is so valued in America.

I thank the Wesley UMC for their support and prayer through these many years.

## **UMCOR**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR is working in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States. Our mission, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict or natural disaster, with open hearts and minds to all people.

UMCOR works through programs that address hunger, poverty, sustainable agriculture, international and domestic emergencies, refugee and immigrant concerns, global health issues, and transitional development. United Methodist hearts and hands are part of every program implemented; school kit, seed, health kit, fresh water and tool distributed in the US and throughout the world; and every new house, well, clinic and school rebuilt after catastrophes of conflict or nature.

Most importantly, our work connects us in a global network of generous donors and equally generous beneficiaries.

Every dollar you give to UMCOR goes to the program you designate. UMCOR is 100% efficient.

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering allows us to make—and to keep—this promise.

## **Apportioned Funds: Africa University**

Educating Global Leaders

Hope for the Future

Africa University, located just outside of Mutare, Zimbabwe, is the first fully accredited United Methodist-related institution on the African continent established by the 1988 General Conference. The university opened for classes in 1992 with 40 students and currently has an enrollment of about 1,200 students representing 22 countries.

From the beginning, Africa University's mission has been to provide quality education within the Pan-African context. Students of the university acquire general and professional knowledge and skills. They are encouraged to grow in spiritual maturity and to develop sound moral values, ethics and leadership qualities.

United Methodist congregations support the university through the Africa University Fund and other donations. Individuals also support the university. Graduates of Africa University go on to excel through careers in medicine, business, national politics, education, agriculture and the church. Their education helps them to harvest hope across the continent and around the world.

## **Shoebox Ministry**

Fred Johnson, present chairperson (4/09).

This is an ongoing mission.

Start in 1994, by Etta Davidson and a woman in Homestead. Originally, there were approximately thirty people involved.

This ministry fills shoeboxes with toothpaste, deodorant, combs, hand soap, Vienna sausage, small water bottle, tooth brush, white wash cloths, razors, shampoo, tissues and fruit cups. The shoeboxes are delivered to the Methodist Church in Camden.

This is an important ministry to Wesley UMC. We are actively involved and need continual support.

## **Habitat for Humanity:**

### **A Christian Ministry**

Habitat for Humanity Burlington County is a nonprofit ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. We believe that everyone deserves to live in a decent, safe, and affordable home.

#### Putting Faith into Action

Our ministry is based on the belief that God's love cannot be demonstrated through words alone; it must show itself in deeds. Habitat provides an opportunity for people to put their faith and love into action, bringing diverse groups of people together to make affordable housing and better communities a reality for everyone.

#### The Economics of Jesus

When people act out of compassion, God magnifies the effects of our actions. Habitat calls this the "the economics of Jesus." The donated labor of construction volunteers, the gifts of partner organizations, and the Partner Family's "sweat equity" make affordable housing possible.

#### The Theology of the Hammer

Habitat is a partnership putting love into action. Everyone can use the hammer as an instrument to demonstrate God's love. Habitat calls this idea "the theology of the hammer," Habitat for Humanity Burlington County welcomes all people to build with us in partnership

## **United Methodist Homes**

The mission of United Methodist Homes is to deliver exceptional care within a full continuum of services designed to promote wellness, and foster mutual respect and dignity while enhancing the lives of residents.

### Vision

The vision of United Methodist Homes is to be the provider of choice in lifestyle options for seniors.

### Values

We believe an effective model of health care delivery reflects these core values:

- Concern and understanding for the whole person
- A focus on education and wellness in pursuit of a full life
- Independence, dignity and a sense of control for all residents
- Caring and compassion in our staff

## **Crossroads Programs, Inc.**

### History & Purpose

Crossroads Programs was founded in 1978 through a collaboration of interfaith community leaders committed to providing shelter to runaway and homeless youth. They formed a volunteer Board of Directors and incorporated Crossroads as a private, non-profit organization. Over the years Crossroads' expertise in sheltering youth has expanded to include clinical services for all types of at-risk youth.

### Philosophy & Approach

Crossroads' goal is to promote the healthy development of youth who have very few of the resources needed to grow up in this world. We believe that all youth deserve a chance to discover and put to use their inherent strengths and talents in order to become successful, contributing adults someday. Our approach is to promote positive, healthy adolescent development by fostering responsibility, resiliency, and respect for self and others.