



Grant Recipients

Thank ₂₀₀₉ Offering PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met in Louisville, Kentucky, in February 2009, and approved grants totaling \$684,900 from the 2008 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. Twenty-seven projects were chosen from sixty-nine proposals.

Projects must meet criteria established by the committee, including consistency with the mission concerns and policies of the PC(USA), a purpose that meets basic human needs, provides a form of aid that relates directly to the people being served and is a creative project less than three years old or a new direction for an existing program. The committee selects programs based on merit, regardless of geographic location. At least 40 percent of the Thank Offering funds go to health-related projects.

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee is pleased to announce the 2009 Thank Offering recipients.

Synod of Alaska/Northwest

HELPING OURSELVES PREVENT
EMERGENCIES (HOPE)
Finding A Home
Craig, Alaska
\$23,200

Bring people together to build a safe island community and provide safety, support and advocacy for people who have experienced personal or domestic violence.

Synod of Living Waters

VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION
Youth at the Family Room
Nashville, Tennessee
\$50,000

Empower Nashville youth and adults through education, spiritual development, cultural enrichment, social justice advocacy and civic engagement.

Synod of Mid-America

THE UNION RESCUE MISSION
Recession Rescue
Wichita, Kansas
\$15,000

Help the homeless discover abundant life through a living faith in Jesus Christ.

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

GROVE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER
New Center Project
Williamsburg, Virginia
\$25,000

Ensure access to services to meet basic daily needs for people of low income, as well as elderly and at-risk residents in the community, through a new outreach center.

Synod of the Northeast

KINDERSMILE FOUNDATION, INC.
KinderSmile Oral Health Care Program
Upper Montclair, New Jersey
\$21,000

Provide optimal oral care access and oral health education for children in underserved communities.

Synod of the Pacific

CERVS' INTERFAITH CARE COMMUNITY
Veterans Family Reunification Program
Medford, Oregon
\$30,000

Transition homeless vets back to productive lives through self-empowerment programs.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Food Bank
Medford, Oregon
\$15,000

Fight poverty and feed economically deprived individuals and families in the Rogue Valley area.

Synod of the Rocky Mountains

HOPE FOR THE CHILD BRIDES
(The HOPE Organization)
Helping Children Transition from
a Polygamous Lifestyle
Washington, Utah
\$40,000

Assist survivors of abuse within polygamous relationships, offering support, protection, assistance, choices and opportunities.

Synod of the South Atlantic

SAFEHOUSE MINISTRIES, INC.
Food Bank
Elberton, Georgia
\$13,000

Provide safe, short-term emergency shelter, food, clothing and furnishings for victims of domestic violence.

UNITED METHODIST RELIEF CENTER
Transportable Cottage Refurbishment
and Set-up for Elderly
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina
\$35,000

Address housing needs of low-income families in rural communities, especially those at risk of becoming homeless as a result of substandard housing.

Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CENTER FOR LUPUS CARE, INC.
Education and Resource Library
Inglewood, California
\$50,000

Educate the general population about systemic and discoid lupus erythematosus, and help patients communicate accurately with their doctors about the disease.

Synod of the Sun

TAMINA COMMUNITY CENTER
Tamina Community Life Fitness Program
Conroe, Texas
\$32,000

Improve the quality of life for the Tamina community by offering educational programs, activities and services emphasizing self-determination and personal responsibility.

ODYSSEY AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
Compounding the Impact
Rockport, Texas
\$10,000

Provide a safe, community-based after-school enrichment program for children.

Synod of the Trinity

CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELATIONS
Community Outreach Project of Edinboro (C.O.P.E.)
Edinboro, Pennsylvania
\$5,200

Coordinate efforts to meet the mental and emotional health issues of young adults and their families.

International

LAMBI FUND OF HAITI
Cisterns Project
Haiti
\$20,000

Improve the economic situation of area farmers by providing access to potable water.

FAMINE RELIEF FOUNDATION
Mission Ranch
Gaithersburg, Maryland/Haiti
\$30,000

Serve abused and abandoned children through outreach programs and orphanage.

YAHAVE-JIRE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
Community Cement Block Factory
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
\$28,000

Provide economic empowerment and job stimulation to address hunger and poverty.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN, DENVER PRESBYTERY
Building A Christian Women's Leadership and Conference Center
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
\$20,000

Build permanent women's center for spiritual growth, leadership training, and development of entrepreneurial skills.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF GRACE
Holistic Health for Women
Lima, Peru
\$7,500

Nurture women, educating them about their health.

ATITLÁN WATER ASSOCIATION
Cerro de Oro Clean Water Project
Lafayette, California/Guatemala
\$12,500

In partnership with Living Waters for the World, provide clean water projects for up to 18 villages serving indigenous Mayan peoples around Lake Atitlán.

RECONCILE
Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Training for Women in the Presbyterian Church of Sudan
Kampala, Uganda
\$40,000

Promote civic education and trauma healing to help resolve conflicts between communities and tribes in Sudan.

RAHAB'S ROPE
Love In Action
Bangalore, India
\$40,000

Rescue women and girls who were forced into human trafficking and/or abandoned on the streets.

MUNDAKAPADAM MANDIRAMS SOCIETY
Purchase Color Doppler Ultrasound Machine
Kerala, India
\$20,000

Provide more effective treatment of pregnant women through purchase and use of color doppler ultrasound machine.

INTERCHURCH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, INC.
Medicine Box Program
Malawi and Democratic Republic of Congo
\$16,500

Deliver basic medicines and medical supplies to Presbyterian hospitals in Malawi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

BUSYANGWA CENTER FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES
Tailoring and Design, Shoemaking and Repair Project
Kigali, Rwanda
\$16,000

Offer training for tailoring, knitting, and shoemaking and repair to women and youth who are marginalized in Rwanda.

DONGHUI VILLAGE BANLI BIBLE TRAINING CENTER
Developing Tea Plantation for Lancang Lahu Christian Training Center
Yunnan Province, China
\$50,000

Purchase seedlings and fertilizer that local people will use to initiate tea production, thereby developing a sustainable livelihood and lifting their community out of poverty.

TUMAINI LA WATOTO OUTREACH FOUNDATION
Income-generating Activities for Kenyan Women Caregivers
North Richland Hills, Texas/Kenya
\$20,000

Improve the quality of life for orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya by providing services that promote education, good health and general development to caregivers.



To learn more about the Thank Offering, contact the PW associate for special offerings, Cindy Goodman, 888/728-7228, ext. 5387, or Cindy.Goodman@pcusa.org, or visit www.pcusa.org/pw/thank.