

2009 Mission Grant Partners

Local Churches in Community Mission

Church of Peace, UCC, Outreach Ministry, Rock Island:

churchofpeaceucc.org

Church of Peace Outreach Mission continues to be available to the needs of our neighborhood, to instill change hand in hand with the community members of Rock Island. Our goals are to be the Body of Christ in an underserved, economically challenged, poverty stricken area of the Quad Cities. The Outreach Ministry of the Church of Peace UCC continues to serve the underprivileged lower income residents of Rock Island. Our programs assist clients of all ages, ethnical backgrounds, and religions. Our outreach to youth has been through our long-standing partnership with the Primary Academy of the Rock Island School District.

Education & Family Life Institute, God Can Ministries, Ford Heights:

Godcanministries.org

Their mission is to provide educational programs and opportunities, improve the quality of education that develops critical thinking and learning skills, to repair broken lives, restore families & revitalize their community.

Good News Community Kitchen, Chicago:

The only kitchen in a 5-mile radius that serves the Chicago Rogers Park neighborhood and surrounding communities 365 days a year, it provides a sense of community and offers employment and service opportunities for area residents.

San Lucas UCC, Chicago:

Ministering to needy neighbors in the Humboldt Park area in Chicago:

Tuesday Hot Meal Program provides the needy a hot meal, a welcoming atmosphere, clothing, & toiletries.

Saturday Food Pantry provides people with dry food goods to supplement their food needs.

Emergency Food Program provides emergency food by referral to those in need.

The Produce Mobile provides fresh produce to the community enabling them to eat healthy.

The Thrift Store provides emergency clothing & household items.

LIHEAP (CEDA) provides application assistance for gas and light bills.

Teen REACH Program provides a safe space and an after school program for youth.

Day Labor Center advocates for justice for day laborers and workers' rights.

St. John's UCC, Chicago:

This community ministry reaches out to neighbors through a Food Pantry, AA programs, and rummage sales. The Children's Choir sings in sign language as well as vocally.

Sembrando el Futuro, First Congregational UCC, Chicago:

Through our After School Program, primary school children receive homework assistance to improve their proficiency in basic school skills, receive positive interaction with adult tutors and volunteers, time for arts and crafts, sports, delicious snacks daily, and strong emphasis in developing a healthy self-esteem.

The Peoples Church of Chicago:

Ministering to the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago, the church welcomes and includes people of all economic circumstances. Ministries include a meals program and the EMPTI-SPOON Job Club, which trains and places hard-to-employ individuals, such as recovering addicts and those who have been incarcerated.

Our Ecumenical Partners

Back Bay Mission, Home at Last, Biloxi, MS:

Thebackbaymission.org

Home at Last gives assistance and shelter, when available, to the homeless and destitute, the poor and neglected persons of the Gulf Coast region of Mississippi. Goal: That 20 percent of clients who enter the program, through case management and receiving an increase in benefits, will be able to obtain their own independent permanent housing within two years.

Churches United of Quad City Area, Rock Island:

Churchesunited.net

Gives underemployed and unemployed individuals and families at least one nutritional meal each day for the purpose of good health and financial relief. Serves a diverse population of single mothers and working poor families of many different ethnic and age groups.

Cluster Tutoring Program, Chicago:

This is a tutoring and mentoring program for school-aged youth in the Austin community on Chicago's West Side. This program addresses the academic and social needs of students and their families.

Freeport Area Church Transitional Housing, Freeport:

This program's mission is to transition homeless families in Northwestern Illinois from a state of homelessness to a state of independence and to assist homeless families in acquiring private housing once again.

Greater Chicago Broadcast Ministries, Chicago:

This ecumenical communications ministry offers value-based television broadcasts on commercial channels and the Faith and Values Interfaith Satellite Network to households in the four-state Chicago market.

ILUCC Disaster Response Ministry:

Our ministry seeks to bring assistance and relief from suffering to all who experience loss in times of public disaster.

Interfaith Council for the Homeless, Chicago:

Ihchicago.org

The Council administers four programs: an emergency shelter, a health program providing basic medical care to the homeless, a respite center for illness-related and injury recovery and an education and advocacy program. Increasingly, it focuses on administering transitional housing through Chicago's "Housing First" initiative.

Interfaith Refugee & Immigration Ministries, Chicago:

Irim.org

An affiliate of Church World Service, IRIM encourages and supports positive responses to world refugee, domestic refugee and immigration concerns and provides direct services to refugees and immigrants.

Onward House, Chicago:

Onwardhouse.org

Our mission is to empower families and individuals in need, to achieve their full potential in a community based setting through participant-driven educational, recreational and social service programs in Chicago's immigrant West Town community.

Peace Productions, Chicago:

The Project Program's mission is to produce educational human concern documentaries that will engage and call to action people of faith and of conscience to rage against the systemic injustices of sexism, classism and racism. The mission and goals of our film work is to introduce new ways of thinking about old and entrenched societal notions by meeting on a deep and personal level those very people most affected by these systems. The communities served are both those of general audiences, who are primarily communities of comfort and privilege, as well as speaking to and for marginalized communities of the forgotten.

Protestants for the Common Good, Chicago:

Thecommongood.org

Seek to educate and mobilize people of faith to participate in political democracy for the sake of social justice and the beloved community.

The Immigration Project, Bloomington:

This project seeks to serve immigrants, refugees and their families throughout the state of Illinois by providing free or low-cost legal services and educational information.

The Night Ministry, Chicago:

thenightministry.org

Created out of diverse religious traditions, this agency serves persons in the nighttime streets, empowering them to meet their own needs with dignity and compassion. It operates a nightly health bus, runs youth shelters and provides health outreach for homeless youth and parenting women as young as 14 years of age.