

DISTRICT ADVANCE PROJECTS

Bridge Communities, Glen Ellyn (#60000208)

Bridge Communities mission is to transition homeless families to self-sufficiency by working with partners to provide mentoring, housing, and supportive services. Their vision is a community where all families are healthy, financially stable, and living in affordable housing by providing housing, case management, transportation, tutoring, life skills mentoring, and job readiness for permanent housing and life-long financial stability. Annually, they serve more than 115 families living and working in DuPage County, Illinois. They inspire and affect change by advocating for homeless families while at the same time provide opportunities that connect them to a better future.

bridgecommunities.org

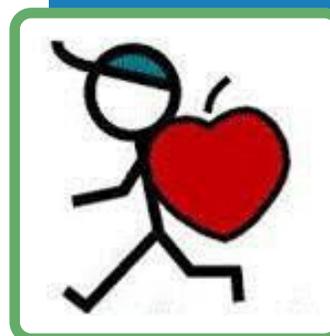
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Buddy Bags of Dixon (#60000236)

Started during the 2013-2014 school year, Buddy Bags of Dixon provides food to identified low income students within the Dixon Public School District. Sacks containing enough food for two breakfasts, two lunches, and two snacks are given to each identified student for the weekend. In 2015, 52.2% of the enrolled students were considered low income, an increase of 5.3% from 2014 (46.9%). As the number of identified students increases, so does the financial need. This ministry utilizes the volunteer and monetary support of local congregations, businesses and individual community volunteers. For more information, contact Board President Joyce Craney at 815-440-6290 or buddybagsofdixon@yahoo.com.

facebook.com/buddybagsofdixon



Center for Changing Lives (CCL) (#60000106)

Founded in 1989 when Humboldt Park United Methodist Church began an outreach ministry, today CCL has a vibrant network of partner UMC churches and individual volunteers and donors. CCL connects people, resources and opportunity so that all may thrive. Too often, lack of resources and opportunity limit participants' choices and capacity to achieve their goals. By providing a suite of innovative, financially-focused services, households build their economic capacity to realize their promise and potential. CCL clients are supported as they develop and mobilize resources, obtain employment and career advances, and achieve short- and long-term financial goals.

cclconnect.org



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Dupage United (#60000230)

Begun by The United Methodist Church and supporting the UMC Social Principles, DuPage United is made up of member institutions (congregations, nonprofits and associations) who identify and develop leaders to effectively act in the public arena to solve challenges in our communities such as increasing access to training, job placement and English classes; identifying government waste, saving taxpayers \$35 million; advocating for county board approval to build a mosque; and preserving more than \$7 million in county grant funding for non-profit human services. Current activities include working to reduce incarceration of mentally ill and increasing resources for homeless populations. For more info, contact Adrienne McCauley at adrienne@dupageunited.org

[**dupagenited.org**](http://dupagenited.org)

Empowering North Korean Refugees (ENoK) (#60000235)

For the past several years, dozens of young lay members of Hyde Park Korean United Methodist Church (HPKUMC) have volunteered their time and resources to provide resettlement support to North Korean refugees living in America through ENoK, a 501©3 nonprofit organization, founded by one of HPKUMC's lay members in 2011. In addition, many Korean and non-Korean United Methodist churches serving communities in the greater Chicago area have participated in this ministry with faithful in-kind donations as well as organizing house services and cultural activities with North Korean refugees served by ENoK.

[**enok.org**](http://enok.org)

Faith Community Homes-Affordable Housing (#60000220)

Faith Community Homes was established by the Ministerial Association of Arlington Heights, with the mission to help families avoid homelessness and move out of poverty and into financial stability in the Arlington Heights and Palatine communities. The program consists of case management, mentoring and financial assistance, and provides assistance for budgeting, goal setting, encouragement and finding ways to increase income, along with rent support for two years. Several local United Methodist Churches actively provide Board members, volunteer mentors, financial support for family rents and significant in-kind donations of food, furniture and gift cards for gasoline and food.

info@fchomes.org / 847-342-0846 / [**fchomes.org**](http://fchomes.org)

Fox River Valley United (#60000231)

The Fox River Valley Organizing Initiative is a broad-based group of non-partisan, everyday citizens dedicated to resolving pressing social problems facing communities along the Fox River Valley in Kane and surrounding counties. United in the belief that people working together have the power to change their communities, they are a broad-based, non-partisan organization made up of churches, nonprofits and others institutions. Together with relational power, they take collective action on social and economic issues to benefit the people of the Fox River Valley. Their current focus is on expanding affordable housing and diverting persons with mental illness away from the criminal justice system.

Contact: Adrienne McCauley frvbbo@yahoo.com

dupageunited.org/fox-river-valley-initiative



Habitat for Humanity Lake County (#60000184)

Members of United Methodist churches support Habitat for Humanity as volunteers who build, rehab and repair homes on their construction sites. Many support the Habitat for Humanity ReStore through donations of building items, furniture and appliances and by volunteering their time at ReStore. Others assist as behind-the-scenes volunteers and donors. You can also participate in their Neighborhood Revitalization Program as they target specific blocks for physical improvements and support through community action. info@HabitatLC.org / 847-623-1020

facebook.com/Habitatlakecounty.org



Hemenway Soup at Six (#60000216)

Soup at Six, a weekly hot meals ministry, is the oldest soup kitchen in Evanston and is operated out of the Hemenway UMC kitchen and gym. Weekly serving from 100 to 150 diners, Soup at Six provides 'food with dignity' in the form of a salad, an entree, a bread, a soup, coffee or hot chocolate, milk and a bag lunch once a week.

Originally at six o'clock, Soup at Six soon moved to serving meals beginning at 4pm due to local shelter schedules. [Find them on Facebook.](#)



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Hesed House PADS (#6000017)

Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc. dba Hesed House is a comprehensive homeless resource center working to end homelessness one person—one family—at a time. Hesed House equips 90 area churches to:

- provide food, shelter and services to their homeless neighbors
- provide the opportunity to hope again (job training, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, legal services, veteran's services, etc.)
- work for systemic and societal justice on behalf of the least of these

United Methodist Churches support Hesed House PADS, both financially and with volunteers. 630-897-2156 hesedhouse.org

Housing Forward (formerly West Suburban PADS) (#60000180)

With the mission of transitioning people from housing crisis to housing stability, Housing Forward is the primary provider of service-supported housing in west Cook County. The PADS Emergency Shelter is at the foundation of their solution to homelessness, which spans six program areas (including housing, prevention, outreach, employment, and supportive services). The PADS Emergency Shelter provides overnight shelter to homeless men, women and families. The shelter operates through broad ecumenical support from the community, involving more than 1,000 volunteers and 40 support congregations at 10 rotating sites (including two sites at United Methodist congregations).

housingforward.org

Jennings-Lyon Day Home (JLDH) (#60000119)

Located in a rural community, JLDH is a modern day learning center open 6 am to 6 pm, Monday-Friday, for children 2 -12. Preschool and preschool with extended care nurture children educationally and socially in a safe learning environment. For public schoolkids, JLDH provides before- and after-school care, exciting adventures on no-school days and summer fun days engaging these active minds in socialization and learning adventures. Your donations help provide a nutritious breakfast to start their day and provide special enrichment activities for these growing minds. JLDH is an outreach ministry of Sheridan UMC. Contact: Jen Becker, JLDH Director (815-496-2782 or JLDHkids@yahoo.com).

JLDHkids.com

Journeys | The Road Home (#60000221)

JOURNEYS | The Road Home of Palatine walks alongside residents facing housing crises, helping homeless residents secure housing and preventing near-homeless residents from losing their housing. They accomplish this through three foundational programs:

- Emergency Shelter Program consisting of 18 faith-based PADS sites (including three hosted at United Methodist congregations)
- HOPE Day Center's case management and counseling resources and services meeting basic human needs
- Pathways Housing Readiness Program, the agency's affordable supportive housing arm

JOURNEYS | The Road Home serves residents from 37 communities of northwest and north suburban Cook County.

journeystheroadhome.org

JUST of DuPage (#60000101)

JUST (Justice, Understanding, Service, Teaching) is a nonprofit organization working to meet the needs of inmates in the DuPage County Jail and their families. JUST's mission is to share God's love and provide a range of programs to incarcerated men and women in order to empower them to make positive changes in their lives. JUST empowers inmates to pursue rehabilitation and make positive life changes by offering a broad range of services, including addiction recovery, education, spiritual enrichment and social services.

justofdupage.org

Lake County United (#60000228)

Consistent with United Methodist social principles to support basic rights to equal access to housing, education and medical care, the Lake County United Housing Team is working with developers and the Village of Mundelein to build 40 units of affordable housing, including accommodations for differently-abled residents. The team continues to look for land to address the housing shortage. The Education Team draws attention to challenges regarding high school education in the county's largest city. The Mental Health Team is meeting regularly with county officials to address the problem of the incarcerated mentally ill by increasing CIT training and establishing a Crisis Center.

lakecountyunited.org



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Morning Star Mission (#60000143)

Since its beginning in November 1909, Morning Star Mission has had one main goal—to help people in need. Today it is a non-denominational organization dedicated to relieving the spiritual and physical hunger of the poor by providing food for the hungry, clothes for the needy, shelter for the homeless and the gospel of Jesus Christ for all. Through their Christ-centered programs and services they help people in need by getting to the core issues of what has caused their homelessness. Whether the problem stems from alcohol, drugs, mental health or family matters, their services are developed to reach a way to make a real change in their lives.

[**morningstarmission.org**](http://morningstarmission.org)



Mujeres a Mujeres (Women to Women) (#60000222)

Mujeres a Mujeres was birthed at Humboldt Park UMC in 2003 to help meet the holistic needs of Latinas. Through ministries such as free professional counseling, domestic violence survivors support group, workshops tailored to help Latinas grow in power, and health and wellness opportunities. Rooted in the congregation, Mujeres a Mujeres continues to flourish because they reveal Christ's love in practical ways without forcing anyone to be a part of the church. For HPUMC, Mujeres a Mujeres is one way to truly reveal open hearts, open doors, and open minds to the most vulnerable of their neighbors.

[**hpumcchicago.org**](http://hpumcchicago.org)



The Night Ministry (#60000223)

The Night Ministry compassionately provides housing, health care, outreach, spiritual care and social services to adults and youth who struggle with homelessness, poverty and loneliness. The Night Ministry accepts individuals as they are and offer support as they seek to improve their lives. The Night Ministry invites others to join this hope-filled work.

[**thenightministry.org**](http://thenightministry.org)



PADS of Elgin (#60000224)

PADS of Elgin has helped create a place of safety, warmth and caring for Elgin area homeless men, women and children for 28 years. The mission of the organization is to provide emergency shelter while helping the homeless develop a sustainable future. The shelter is open, 365 days a year, from 7pm to 7am and has a current capacity for 96 guests per night.

847-608-9744

[**padsfelgin.org**](http://padsfelgin.org)

Ridgewood United Community Ministries (#60000203)

The Ridgewood United Community Food Pantry is a ministry initiated by Trinity United Methodist Church now engaging volunteers from five other United Methodist Churches (New Lenox, Hope—Joliet, Grace—Joliet, Ingalls Park, and Plainfield UMC). The Pantry serves residents of two zip codes on the East Side of Joliet. Open weekly, clients receive services once a month. Food is supplied primarily through the Northern Illinois Foodbank. Funds are used to purchase food from the Foodbank and support the utility budget of Trinity in order to defray the costs of operating freezers. 815-723-1387



Rockford Urban Ministries (RUM) (#60000151)

Founded in 1962, RUM (as Rockford Urban Ministries is affectionately known) is the outreach of 18 United Methodist and four other churches. RUM works on supporting the member congregations in missional outreach, social justice and establishing new ministries. Contact 815-964-7111 or rockfordurbanmin@aol.com.

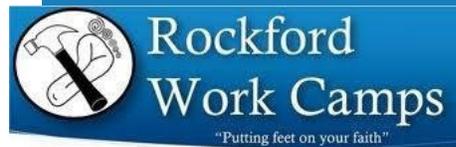
Rockford Urban Ministries, 201 7th Street, Rockford, IL 61104

rockfordurbanmin.org



Rockford Work Camps (#60000234)

Put your volunteers to work in Rockford, Illinois! Mission groups from around the country stay in Rockford at local United Methodist churches and do good work for nonprofits and families in need. Your support purchases materials so that repairs can be made for local non-profit programs and individual families. To volunteer, call 815-315-3957 or email at rockfordworkcamps@gmail.com.



Saturday Kids' Club of Centennial (#60000201)

With 26 years of ministry to the underserved children in the Rockford community, this multicultural arts-based program meets Saturday mornings year-round and provides children, ages 5 to 15, with breakfast, lunch, games and activities. The program aims to help children develop respect for themselves and others of different backgrounds. Through positive relationship building, they are actively working toward social transformation, one child at a time. Contact: Carol Risenhoover (815-494-4960) CentennialUMC Rockford.org



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The Seeds Center Community Development Corporation (#60000225)

This faith-based ministry of Maple Park UMC is dedicated to growing the community by planting and nurturing programs that contribute to the educational, economic, social, and spiritual growth of area residents.

- The Park Café addresses food insecurity, social isolation and poverty by providing a welcoming place where individuals fellowship and “dine with dignity.”
- Josephine & John’s Place offers Bible study, exercise and cultural programs for seniors.
- Community Garden (new) will facilitate food security, community involvement and sustainable urban land-use by providing education and locally grown organic fruits and vegetables.
- Let’s Go to Work Job Readiness Program
- CyberPark Café.

seedscenter.org

United Church of Rogers Park Community Feast (#60000178)

In 1984, a group from United Church of Rogers Park felt the church space could be better used to serve the community, so they launched a weekly meal for their neighbors in need called “Community Feast.” Each meal was lovingly prepared and served and each week was an adventure in their journey of faith regarding resources for food and people to help prepare and serve. Other church and community groups came with offers of food, cooks and people to help; local businesses supplied some food; and the Greater Chicago Food Depository came into existence to assist programs such as ours. Many people provide hours of service, food and funding for supplies so that once a week nearly 100 people can sit and enjoy a restaurant-style meal with friends while being served by volunteers from all over the Chicago area and beyond. As volunteers serve, they become knowledgeable advocates for changes in the world to bring about justice for those who live in poverty or with limited resources.

ucrogerspark.org

Questions about apportionments, Second-Mile Giving, advances or specific projects?

Please contact David W. Quinn, Northern Illinois Conference Apportionments Administrator, at dquinn@umcnic.org or 312-346-9766 ext. 741. You can also visit umcnic.org/apportionments.

Waukegan to College (W2C) (#60000233)

W2C creates brighter futures for students, families and the community by preparing students to enroll in and graduate from college. W2C helps fill a crucial gap in the financially challenged Waukegan public school system by preparing motivated first generation college students for university admissions and beyond. They accomplish this through a robust variety of resources and an extraordinarily dedicated corps of volunteers, all devoted to helping students get on and stay on the road to a 4-year degree. Their holistic approach mandates the family's close involvement alongside of and in support of the W2C student. W2C's broad and deep programming prepares students (and their families) for the academic, financial, social and psychological realities of a four-year degree program. Year-round programming includes counseling and advocacy, coaching, tutoring, ACT prep, math skill-building with Khan Academy, Read to Achieve programs, college visits, cultural enrichment, one-on-one help with admissions applications and essays, and family workshops (topics range from Life Skills to College 101). Their intensive Envision Corps programming is focused on the pivotal needs of their highest-potential high school juniors and seniors. Finally, college persistence programming assists students throughout the college journey.

waukegantocollege.org

