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MISSION GRANT STORY

LWML MISSION GRANT STORY – OUTREACH TO AT-RISK CHILDREN – DETROIT, MICHIGAN

And the King will answer them, “Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matt. 25:40).

But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God” (Luke 18:16).

At the Peoria Convention, LWML delegates voted to support a \$55,000 mission grant to assist Lutheran City Ministries, Inc. in its Outreach to At-Risk Children in the city of Detroit, Michigan. The target group for this project is local children from all walks of life and from varying circumstances; children who are hungry, without clothing and shoes, or are in need of development of good social skills. They are children who might never have the opportunity for a chance at living a positive life and who desperately need to know the love of Jesus. Lutheran City Ministries (LCM) will address both their spiritual and material needs. Hunger is an enormous issue. Some children barely eat one meal a day while others say there is little or no food in their homes. Many children

move from residence to residence and come from unchurched homes. LCM endeavors to meet or exceed all of these needs.

LCM’s sole purpose is to introduce the children to Jesus in a Christian environment under the leadership of trained, committed, Christian leaders. LCM strives to introduce positive alternatives in place of the negative forces of dangerous street life that the children encounter daily. The children are dependent upon this ministry to help them be the best they can be.

A message from Lutheran City Ministries, Inc. states, “We are so excited about being able to touch the lives of many more children in Detroit with Jesus’ salvation story and love, as well as share the model with other city Lutheran churches, daily celebrating the joy of Jesus with children. They will grow in Him and witness to others. What a joy it is to tell the Good News. Thank you, God and women of the LWML, for this miracle gift of love.”