

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC**  
**APPROVED CIRCLE SERVICE PROJECTS 2020-2021**

Below is a list of previously approved and supported service projects for your consideration. Please **select one to three projects for our 2020-2021 year** and report your chosen projects preferably by the **December Coordinating Team Meeting** using the provided form.

The projects are grouped by their affiliation with First Presbyterian Church and the community. If your circle members wish to support a project that is not already supported by our church or not listed below, please bring your request to a PW Coordinating Team meeting. Thank you for your support.

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**Circles have supported the following projects in recent years:**

**First Presbyterian Church Community Outreach Programs**

*For more information, contact Kathy Johnson at (919) 821-5750 ext.1001 or [kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org](mailto:kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org).*

**Friendship Fund** provides financial aid to those in the community who are in need of help with rent, utilities, work-related items, child care, food and other emergencies that arise for those living from paycheck to paycheck. This ministry is funded primarily through donations. *Circle can support with financial contributions.*

**JobStart** is a Dept. of Public Safety program that teaches job and life skills to incarcerated women preparing for their release from the Raleigh Correctional Center. This 16 week program is offered at First Presbyterian Church twice a year. It is one of five JobStart programs in the state, the only female program and the only one offered off a prison campus. *Circle members can support this program through mentoring these women, either during JobStart or as JobStart graduates go out in the community. Financial contributions will be used to support educational, housing and other critical needs. Please contact Jennifer Jackson at (919) 448-4084 if you are interested in mentoring opportunities.*

**Miriam's Basket** provides scholarships for children in our FPC Child Development Center. *Circles can support with financial contributions.*

**Pennies for Hunger** is a program which provides meals for needy children at home and abroad. *Circles can collect donations to support the program.*

**Family Promise formerly Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN)** is a housing ministry to homeless families. *Our church provides housing four weeks per year. Program needs financial support, donations, and volunteers to serve in a variety of ways; acting as overnight host, setting up our rooms for our guest, contributing to nightly meals, and eating dinner with our families at night. For more information, contact FPC member Don Becom, (919) 880-8499.*

## **First Presbyterian Church, other Mission Projects**

**Bolivian Mission** actively supports a school in Santa Cruz, the Eden School, through scholarships and other financial support, holiday gifts, and yearly trips by volunteers who run a Vision Clinic and skilled professionals who provide medical services. *In addition, adult and children eyeglasses are being collected for their Vision Clinic. There is a special need for children's eyeglasses. A collection box is located in the first floor of the Stock Building. For more information, contact FPC member Bill Miller, (919) 325-1557.*

**The Green Chair Project** is a non-profit created to be a donation receptacle for your gently-used household furnishings that can be reused by those in need throughout our community. *The program needs donations of clean, gently-used household goods, financial contributions and volunteers. Please contact Kathleen Lichten Stein for information on volunteer opportunities at (919) 322-0474 ext. 102, 1853 Capital Blvd, Raleigh or visit [thegreenchair.org](http://thegreenchair.org) website.*

**Habitat for Humanity** is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness. Habitat invites people to build houses together in partnership with families in need. *Volunteers from First Presbyterian may donate their time or talents. Volunteers may provide lunch (cold cuts/ drinks and dessert) for about 25 workers on a Saturday by contacting Kathy Johnson at (919) 821-5750 ext.1001 or [kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org](mailto:kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org).*

**Healing Transitions for Men and Women of Wake County** is a rescue, recovery and rehabilitation facility for homeless women and men with alcohol and drug addictions. *Financial support and donations of personal items are appreciated. During the Christmas season church members knit warm hats and gloves for all residents, and donations of note books for journaling are needed as well.*

**FPC Shares** is a program that collects weekly food items to alleviate hunger by developing systems to recover, prepare and distribute wholesome, perishable food for the area's poor, hungry, undernourished and homeless. *FPC partners with 3 organizations to accomplish this. Watch First Press for the items being collected each month.*

**Wake Relief-** Volunteer opportunities to help carry food into the building and help stock shelves. Address is 616 Tucker Street, Raleigh, (919) 833-6400, ext. 225. *For more information, visit their website at [wakerelief.org](http://wakerelief.org).*

**Urban Ministries-** Food, nutrition, healthcare, medicine, counseling, and a path home. *Volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, call (919) 836-1642, 1390 Capital Boulevard, [info@urbanmin.org](mailto:info@urbanmin.org).*

**Catholic Parrish Outreach** -Volunteer opportunities are available. *For more information, contact Terri Foley at (919) 873-0245, 2013 Raleigh Boulevard or visit their website at [cporaleigh.org](http://cporaleigh.org).*

**Loaves and Fishes** is an after-school program for at-risk K-12 grade children at Mount Peace Baptist Church on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Southeast Raleigh. *Circles have the opportunity to provide one meal for approximately 25 middle school students for one of their monthly dinner meetings. Also individuals can volunteer to be tutors, help children with daily home work, and when weather permits supervise outside activities It is a comprehensive after school program. Contact Loaves & Fishes for more information at (919) 231-4687 or their website [lafchildren.org](http://lafchildren.org).*

**Meals on Wheels** is an organization that delivers mid-day meals to homebound. *Program needs financial support and volunteers to serve in a variety of ways. Many volunteer the same day once a month about 1.5 to 2 hours-pick up is at main location on Blair Drive or at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. The group of volunteers from our church is organized by FPC member Kathy Johnson at (919) 833-4070 / (617) 794-9180 or [kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org](mailto:kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org).*

**Presbyterian Missionaries**, Dan and Elizabeth Turk, serve in Madagascar through the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar's (FJKM) development branch as advisors to the environment and health departments. The FJKM believes Christian witness includes ministry to the physical and spiritual needs of people and care for all of God's creation. *Financial support is appreciated. For more information, contact Kathy Johnson at (919) 821-5750 ext.1001 or [kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org](mailto:kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org).*

**SAFEchild** helps adults and children create nurturing environments free from abuse and neglect. Program needs financial support and volunteers to serve in a variety of ways, such as mentoring new mothers, leading childrens groups while parents attend classes or present Funny Tummy Feelings program to first-grade students in Wake Co. Schools. *If you are interested in more information about volunteering please contact volunteer coordinator, Gina Bustle at (919)292-5661 or [gbustle@safechild.org](mailto:gbustle@safechild.org). Address is 864 W. Morgan Street, Raleigh.*

**Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen** serves a nourishing hot mid-day meal five days a week at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The food used comes from donations; community volunteers prepare and serve the meals. *Financial support and donations of needed items are appreciated.*

**St. Savior's Center Healthy Baby Program-** Volunteer opportunities are available. St. Savior's serves low-income families in the Raleigh area by providing them with disposable diapers and an "education and nurture" program. The diapers come from donations through church and civic groups. Financial support and donation of diapers are appreciated. Join the volunteer team and help distribute diapers and children's books to families in need. *For more information, contact Kim Barber at [kim.barber@att.net](mailto:kim.barber@att.net) or Jenn Hogshead at [jennhogshead@yahoo.com](mailto:jennhogshead@yahoo.com). Volunteers should be able to carry packs of diapers from truck to storage room. Volunteer time is about 2 hours.*

**Inter-faith Food Shuttle Backpack Buddies** collects monetary donations as well as individual-sized healthy food items to provide much needed nutrition for needy children. *For more information, please contact Abbey Riesett at (919) 250-0043.*

**A Place at the Table** is a downtown restaurant with a mission to provide restaurant meals to people at a price that they can afford. They also allow the poor to work in the restaurant to pay for the meal.

## **First Presbyterian Church, funds and other programs**

**Martha's Ministry** Jan and Allen Barwick conduct an amazing ministry keeping all in the congregation informed about all those in our congregation who are in need of prayers and our support with letters and cards. Every Friday they post new and updated information via email.

**Interfaith Prison Ministries** assists incarcerated women in their growth, particularly spiritually. *Financial support is appreciated as well as volunteer opportunities to mentor women. Please contact Jennifer Jackson at (919) 448-4084 for more information.*

**New Baby Visitation Ministry** – Volunteers are needed to visit families of new babies in the FPC congregation taking them a small gift/blanket provided by the church. This is an opportunity to make connections with church members. *For more information, contact Katy Schafer at (919) 821-5750 ext. 2210 or [kschafer@fpcraleigh.org](mailto:kschafer@fpcraleigh.org).*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Prayer shawls knitted by FPC members can be shared with family and/or loved ones at times of bereavement, hospitalizations or surgery, and for special occasions such as marriage or birth of a child. Shawls are available through the church office or the Pastor's Assistant for Visitation. The group also knits baby blankets for new FPC babies and caps for adults and children. *Financial contributions, contributions of yarn and /or contributions of time/talent are much appreciated. For more information, contact FPC member, Karen Dunn, (919) 787-1562.*

**Pride for Parents Store** – *Each Christmas FPC participates in the Pride for Parents Store where families facing financial hardships can buy affordable toys, etc. for their children. Many times it is held in the FPC Outreach Center and volunteers are needed to help run the store. PW has also contributed to the store by purchasing new toys for the families. If you are interested in volunteering or purchasing toys for donation, please contact Kathy Johnson at (919) 821-5750 ext.1001 or [kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org](mailto:kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org).*

## **Other Community Organizations (financial support appreciated)**

**UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, Patient and Family Resource Center** collects items to enhance the program assisting and supporting families. *Please contact Tina Shaban, RN, (919) 966-3097 or FPC member, Ginger Finley, (919) 834-9222 for more information about the programs and a wish list of needed items.*

**Healthy Women, Healthy Families Program** is a year-round support ministry of PC(USA) World Mission in collaboration with PW. Each year project proposals are accepted from our global partners to determine the best use of these funds benefitting women and their families. New projects are funded annually based on the following criteria: projects must promote health, education and development of women and children, and may include: primary and pre-primary education, prenatal and essential obstetric services, trauma healing and psychosocial support, early-childhood health and nutrition programs, health and hygiene education, food security, and fistula repair surgery. Contributions coded E052136 may be channeled through the Circle Treasurer to the FPC PW.