

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sustaining Grace Benevolence Partners



St. John's
ELCA NORTHFIELD MN

Our Commitment to Benevolence

Throughout the years, St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN, has heeded God's creation call to us reach out to our neighbors, near and far, to help sustain them in their hours of need. In addition to our annual benevolence and social concerns commitments, the congregation has consistently set aside 10 percent of its capital gifts to support nonprofit neighbors. This campaign is no different.

Sustaining Grace will be designating at least 10 percent of the proceeds raised through the capital campaign for investing in four local nonprofits, and likely more as the campaign progresses. This pamphlet introduces you to the four initiatives the campaign will initially support.

The need in Northfield and the surrounding communities is great. By pooling our resources, we are making a substantial positive impact on our neighbors and making our community greener in the process. Glory be to God!

Habitat of Rice County

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a world where everyone has a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. St. John's will provide \$8,000 to Habitat of Rice County to assist in their sustainability efforts to plan for more energy-efficient building practices while saving homeowners money in the long run and helping them become more green with their energy use. Habitat is learning from the practices used in building the carbon-neutral homes at Hillcrest Village, strategically using their resources to best benefit from new federal incentives to go green.



Healthy Community Initiative



Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) is dedicated to building partnerships and encouraging community collaborations that support, value, and empower youth. They bring together programs and individuals to provide necessary support so they can put their expertise and resources toward efforts

that positively impact youth and their families in Rice County. St. John's will give \$20,000 to the Healthy Community Initiative's Mobile Home Rehabilitation Fund to assist mobile home owners in weatherizing their units. These funds will multiply by benefiting from energy rebates and ongoing savings to the homeowners in gas and electricity bills for the future.

Laura Baker Services Association

Laura Baker Services Association respects the life choices and dreams of people with developmental disabilities and helps them reach their goals. St. John's has pledged \$20,000 to Laura Baker Services Association for the purchase of an electric vehicle that will provide residents with transportation to medical appointments and other commitments. This grant will multiply savings to LBSA as they benefit from federal rebates, and increase carbon savings since LBSA already receives electricity from a solar farm.



Ruth's House of Hope

Ruth's House of Hope in Faribault, Minnesota, provides transitional housing in a safe, supportive and healing environment to help women and families on their way to a new beginning. Ruth's House strives to support residents in achieving economic self-sufficiency through learning and skill development. In an effort to help Ruth's House reduce their carbon footprint and save money, St. John's will provide \$5,050 to Ruth's House of Hope to replace inefficient air conditioning units in their shelter for women and children escaping domestic abuse.



Ruth's House



**Thank you for your
partnership in living
God's word, loving your
neighbors, and improving
the life of the St. John's
congregation. Thank you
for also serving our
neighbors throughout
the world.**



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