



Upper New York United Methodist Women  
Conference Mission Projects  
2018-2019

## Mission Statement

It is the desire of the Upper New York Conference United Methodist Women to offer grants to non-profit community and church-based organizations that follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and address the needs of women, children and youth within the boundaries of our conference. A one-time grant will be awarded to a project or program seeking supplemental funding for programs meeting our guidelines.

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**BACK TO WORK/BACK TO SCHOOL**

Rejuvenation Inc.

42 Weyland Ave., Buffalo, NY 14210

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[www.rejuvenationhome.org](http://www.rejuvenationhome.org)

The corporation's purpose is to strengthen and rebuild neighborhoods and women's lives by creating affordable housing opportunities through the rehabilitation of abandoned and/or foreclosed residential properties in communities in the Western New York region. The Corporation will also provide mentoring support for Rejuvenation Inc. residents to assist them in achieving economic security. We support all our women by setting up individualized plans for each as determined by her needs and goals. All of our women have been homeless, we help them get healthy, regain their confidence and self-esteem, so that they can go back to work or go back to school, and they certainly do.

## **BLANKETS FOR CHILDREN**

Ladies Shriners

3937 Rte 67

Eagle Bridge, NY 12057

Contact: **Sharon Clairmont**; 518.25.6187, [donsnar922@hotmail.com](mailto:donsnar922@hotmail.com)

There are 22 Shriners Hospital for Children in the US and Canada that provide care for those with orthopedic and burn-related injuries to children (birth to age 18) from all over the world, regardless of the family's ability to pay.

Members of the 69 courts of the Ladies Oriental Shriners of North America strive to support the Child Life programs of these hospitals. As part of that mission, we help the hospitals provide each child who is admitted to the hospital with a blanket quilt the minute they walk through the door. Over the past two years, our court has made over 300 blankets for the children and the hospitals and we visit the various hospitals to deliver the blankets on a regular basis.

This blanket quilt offers comfort to children at a time when they are frightened, feeling alone, and facing major surgeries or life-changing interventions. This is a traumatic and challenging time for both the patient and their family members.

## **CAPES FOR KIDS**

Wesley's Place Faith Community

5681 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14421

Contact: **Rev. Gregg Stierheim**

As one of the Upper New York New Faith Communities, Wesley's Place has a mission of connecting people with God and with each other. We strive to encounter unknown people in unfamiliar places while meeting community needs in the name of Jesus. We are located in the vicinity of the Buffalo/ Niagara Medical Campus in a resurrected section of downtown. One of the newest developments on the campus is the new Oishei Children's Hospital (just opened last fall). The children's hospital offers a tremendous opportunity for ministry to employees, medical staff, patients, and their families.

We would like to begin an outreach ministry called "Capes for Kids." This ministry in its most simple form is a creative way to offer pastoral care to children in a way that is not scary or threatening, and that they can identify with. About once a month (or as determined by the pastoral care director at the hospital) people from Wesley's Place would dress up in superhero costumes and visit children at the hospital with terminal illnesses. This could happen more or less frequently depending on the needs of the patients at a given time. The superheroes would visit the kids and offer some child friendly pastoral care. The highlight of each visit is when each child receives their own cape from the superheroes! We want people to know that this unusual expression of love comes from Jesus, so each cape will have badges sewn on them from supporting organizations (Oishei Children's Hospital, Wesley's Place Faith Community, and The United Methodist Church thus far).

We are hopeful that this new form of ministry is well received and effective as it could then be replicated at the nearby Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

## **CROSSROADS CAMPING RETREAT**

Plymouth Crossroads

5522 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Contact: **Gyasi Curry**, 716.393.3906; [gycurry@plymouthcrossroads.org](mailto:gycurry@plymouthcrossroads.org); website: [plymouthcrossroads.org](http://plymouthcrossroads.org)

Plymouth Crossroads is a not-for-profit organization which welcomes disconnected, abused and homeless young men ages 16-20. We provide a safe home and caring staff that help youth develop their own plan for an independent path to their future. Our transitional program offers support for education, job training & placement and life skills support at no cost to residents.

As a voluntary residence, services are aimed at preventing recidivism, while promoting a more stable and productive living situation, with the goal for every resident to transform himself into a contributing and productive member of society.

## **DAY CARE CENTER**

Haven of Hope Farm and Residence, Inc.

19 Cemetery St, Fonda, NY 12068

Contact: **Patricia Brooking**. 518.522.3342, [pbrooking@ny.cap.rr.com](mailto:pbrooking@ny.cap.rr.com);  
[havenofhopefarm.org](http://havenofhopefarm.org)

We provide transitional housing to homeless women and their children in Fulton and Montgomery Counties. Holistic living and work experience programs prepare women to work towards independent living and family unification.

## **Global Roots Play School**

Ithaca Welcomes Refugees

315 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca, NY 14850

Contact: **Julie Petrie**, 347.448.1401; [admin@ithacawelcomesrefugees.org](mailto:admin@ithacawelcomesrefugees.org)

Ithaca Welcomes Refugees, Inc. (IWR) is a volunteer-led initiative, founded in December 2015, as a collective community reaction to the global refugee crisis. IWR's mission is to foster a fair, welcoming environment for refugees and at-risk immigrants in the Finger Lakes region. Services and activities include basic needs support for recent arrivals, cultural orientation, financial assistance for refugee resettlement and for newcomer emergencies, community education on refugee and immigrant issues, and volunteer training.

IWR launched Global Roots Play School in September 2017 to address a gap in local services for refugee and immigrant families. Potential adult English as a Second Language (ESL) students, mostly women, have been unable to attend classes with the BOCES ESL program or Tompkins Learning Partners (TLP) tutoring program due to a lack of affordable childcare in downtown Ithaca. Childcare for children under five is challenging, but affordable center-based care for children between 18 months and 3 years old is even more limited in the downtown area. BOCES and TLP identified this challenge as one that has been ongoing for over 9 years and asked for IWR assistance to address it.

Global Roots Play School provides the following: 1) Childcare support in close proximity to BOCES and TLP to allow parents reasonable access to their children; 2) Affordability for low-income refugee and immigrant parents; 3) Culturally-sensitive, play-based childcare where children feel safe and nurtured, while experiencing socialization; and 4) School/community support for families to reduce stress on both parents and children, enabling all to learn more effectively in their respective learning environments. The overarching goal of the project is to help newcomer families feel both welcome and a sense of belonging.

Children enrolled in Global Roots are learning English, working on peer relationships, and developing STEM skills through exploration. Children who have experienced trauma or displacement are learning to expand their trust beyond family. Parents are comforted knowing that their children are well-cared for nearby, in order to focus on their own English learning process.

To date, Global Roots Play School has served 24 children. The Play School offers care five mornings per week for 12 children each day, ages 18 months to five years, in a large classroom space at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 402 North Aurora Street, Ithaca. St. Paul's is just two blocks from BOCES English as a Second Language program and four blocks from Tompkins Learning Partners.

## **Hats Across America**

Ballston Spa United Methodist Women  
101 Milton Ave, Ballston Spa, NY 12020  
Contact: **Ruth Persons; 518.885.6886**

Our mission is to share God's love through tangible warmth. We make and share hats, mittens, and scarves at no cost to the recipients. A group of United Methodist Women in Ballston Spa knit, crochet, or sew all of the garments. We have been doing this with individual donations, but the need far exceeds our donations. We have supplied hats, etc. to local food pantries, schools, Code Blue Shelter, United Methodist Economic Ministry (Salem, Maine), and Lakota reservation in South Dakota. We would like to expand our distribution (need for shipping costs) to support a program providing hats to the shepherds in the mountains of Colorado, Church without Walls in Rome and Utica, NY and the Neighborhood Center in Utica. All are United Methodist outlets.

### **Health and Wholeness Ministry, Fresh Start Watkins Glen**

Health and Wholeness Ministry  
206 Fourth Street, Watkins Glen NY 14891  
Contact: **Susan L. Silhan; 607.703.0010**

*Our mission is to be in service of Christ through the ministry of wholeness in mind, body, spirit and relationships for our church and community. Through study, prayer and hospitality we will seek to grow in our own wellness and discipleship as we reach out to others.*

We will provide a "Open House" (still working on a good name) every Friday in downtown Watkins Glen from noon till 8 pm. People may come in for prayer and conversation, information about local health services, food pantries, and local soup kitchen and for planned events. Beverages and light healthy snacks will be available and monthly dinners with Health Topic discussion will be held and open to the public. Mini-ministries will take place throughout the year such as "take a coat, leave a coat" on our porch, a vegetable garden for community use and fundraising etc.

Team members will participate in a study about Healing Prayer to begin this June and begin to plan events for the upcoming year. They will continue to be in prayer and study throughout the year and hope to add to our team.

A women's walking prayer circle will be started this summer as a UMW Charter. We will bring concerns related to women, children and marginalized to prayer while we walk and explore ways to actively assist where there is need.

### **QUILTS FOR CHARITY**

60 Deville Circle, Williamsville, NY

Contact: **Susan White**; 716.626.4137; [sew629@roadrunner.com](mailto:sew629@roadrunner.com)

We are an all-volunteer organization who dedicate ourselves to making quilts for charitable causes. Our number one concern is women, children, and youth demonstrated by our focus on the charitable organizations who receive and distribute our quilts including: Child and Family Services, the Women at the VA Hospital, the Neo Natal Unit at Sister's Hospital, the Sisters at Stella Niagara, Children in Foster Care through New Directions, Camp Good Days and Special Times (a camp specifically designed for children with disabilities), various Nursing Homes, and the organizations providing services for children with Cystic Fibrosis and Cerebral Palsy.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT**

Church and Community Program

4675 County Route 27, Canton NY 13617

Contact; **Patricia Sibbitts**; 315.386.1023; [psibbitts@gmail.com](mailto:psibbitts@gmail.com)

Outfitting children with school supplies, clothing and shoes has become the second most expensive endeavor for families besides Christmas. This has been a great burden for families especially in our county, the second poorest in NYS.

Our mission is to ease the financial burden on families by providing children kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade the supplies they need to help them get the school year off to a good start. We partner with the Salvation Army which supplies backpacks. For the past couple of years, we have provided free haircuts by local hairdressers. Local dentists have donated toothbrushes and toothpaste as well.

### **SECURITY DEPOSIT BANK**

Genesis House of Olean, Inc.

P.O. Box 139, Olean, NY 14760

Contact: **Linore Lounsbury**; 716.373.3354; [ghouseofolean@gmail.com](mailto:ghouseofolean@gmail.com);

[www.geneshouseofolean.org](http://www.geneshouseofolean.org)

Genesis House of Olean is an organization that oversees homeless shelters for children and their families, single women and single adult men. Genesis House residents and clients often have a long history of medical legal mental, addition and/or abuse issues, many for generations. The Genesis o=House strives to change people's lives through love, knowledge, skills, advocacy an encouragement. We help clients set boundaries, make difficult decisions, and most importantly change for the lives of their children. For twenty years, Genesis House has provided people with hope and a chance at a better life.

One of the last hurdles we face with our clients is the lack of a security deposit as they look for more permanent housing. There is no agency that provides security deposits and even when people are employed it can potentially take months to save up enough to pay a deposit. This lack of available funds contributed to Genesis House having to turn away 57 families and single men in 2017.

Because of this, we have started a “bank” or sorts to provide residents with enough to make that security deposit. We have contracts with local landlords who know the situation and agree to return to Genesis House the amount we contribute for the security deposit bank or participate y working off that time as a “volunteer” in the house after they move out.

## **SPIRITUAL FORMATION & GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES**

Seneca Street United Methodist Church

1218 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14210

**Contact:** Dee Finch; 585.330.2710; Pastordeefinch@gmail.com; senecastreet.org

Seneca Street United Methodist Church has been a strong presence Seneca Babcock area of South Buffalo that has steadily declined over the past 40 years. Intentional ministry with and to the community Seneca Street as well as adjusting the building or program according to needs of the people of all ages. By being part of the community, this church has helped the neighborhood that has been inflicted and affected with many addictions, including drugs and alcohol. Addictions and lack of hope have affected the quality of life for children, youth and women. Part of the history has been due to Pastor Brian and his wife Cheryl who just wanted to help people in their time of need. It was clear the children and youth were suffering due to conditions. The building is 100 years old, but it reinvented itself to be more of a building for a church community over 23 years ago. The doors opened to the neighbors and has effectively helped hundreds of people of all ages during this time. It is now serving a second generation of people of all ages especially children and youth.

## **SUMMER ADVENTURE- FEEDING KIDS’ MINDS & BODIES**

GardenShare

PO Box 516, Canton, NY 13617

Contact: **Carlene Doane**: 315.261.8054; [office@gardenshare.org](mailto:office@gardenshare.org);  
[www.gardenshare.org](http://www.gardenshare.org)

GardenShare is coordinating with the Canton Recreation Department to incorporate free lunches into a six-week summer recreation pilot program known as Summer Adventures: Feeding Kids' Minds & Bodies. GardenShare's interest in this project stems from its alignment with our mission to solve the problem of hunger in St. Lawrence County through policy advocacy and by strengthening the local food system to benefit all county residents. Everyone deserves the same access to healthy food; it has long been a goal of GardenShare to increase accessibility to food during the summer for children who receive free/reduced meals during the school year.

St. Lawrence County suffers from a nearly 20% poverty rate, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Of our school-age children, 54%--over half--are eligible for free or reduced-price meals at school. While Canton's rate--42%--is significantly lower than the county average, the roughly 550 students in the Canton school district who receive subsidized school meals do not have a subsidized meal program to turn to in the summer.

The mission of the Summer Adventures program is to provide productive, structured supervision for children ages 6 to 12 in the Canton community during the summer time. To make it a more accessible program for low-income families, the program will be expanded from two hours at the school playground, with no transportation, to a full day (9AM to 3PM) at Taylor Park (a beach and recreational area) with busing provided. Additionally, by providing a free lunch, this program aims to provide a healthy meal for all children regardless of their family's income. Each week of Summer Adventures will focus on a theme such as health and wellness, local Grasse River history, and environmental health, enlisting the expertise of local organizations in partnership with the Recreation Department. The themes will encourage and enable children to think about health and wellness, from the scale of their own bodies to the scales of the community and environment at large. The included free lunch program will not only keep the children fed, but demonstrate the variety of tastes to be enjoyed with healthy food made from scratch and help them make the connections between wellness and local food.

Ultimately, no child in our community should need to worry about food; our proposed program will feed only 50 due to its nature as a pilot project and as-yet low public recognition. The funds from the UMW will be used to purchase fresh produce from local farmers. GardenShare and Canton's Recreation Department believe the Summer Adventures program will bring children from across Canton's socioeconomic spectrum together to learn, play, and eat on equal footing.

### **THE SEWING CIRCLE at OPUMC**

5015 Clarice Dr., Hamburg, NY 14075

Contact: **Carolyn Wrinn**: 716.648.1179; [csrin@yahoo.com](mailto:csrin@yahoo.com)

The Sewing Circle at Orchard Park United Methodist Church is an ecumenical group who have come together to create and produce items for community charities. Blankets, quilts of all sizes and sometimes pillowcases have been sent to area shelters, a program for different-abled, Family Promise, a home for teen mothers, the Baby Café and in Buffalo, and the church A-OK program for those who need. Every baby baptized at the church receives a quilt. Over 4 years, the sewing circle has grown to 17 people with common desire to create and help the community. Over 100 individuals have received the gift of warmth with a label attached “Wrapped in God’s Love.” More than sewing, this group is a place to learn, share and support one another. It has become a community. This ministry is not only about what we give away, but what we receive.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018**

Emmanuel United Methodist Church  
75 East Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094

**Contact: Kristin Hromowyk; 716.433.2838; [eumceducation@gmail.com](mailto:eumceducation@gmail.com)**

Emmanuel UMC will provide Vacation Bible School (VBS) for five days at the end of July. This is an annual event hosted by Emmanuel for children from our own congregation, our neighborhood and other local churches. It is highly anticipated by our own children and those who attend year after year. This is a joyous week of sharing God’s love with these approximately 80 to 100 children, ages PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our goals are to nourish them spiritually and physically by 1) showering them with God’s love; 2) sharing Bible stories through a variety of fun and interactive stations; and 3) providing a nutritious supper and a dessert each evening.

### **WELCOME THE CHILDREN OF HURRICAN MARIA**

Community Church Jehovah Jireh (Previously Primera UMC)  
62 Virginia Street, Buffalo, NY 14201

**Contact: Rev. Alberto Lanzot; 716.510.4885; [alanzot.aol.com](http://alanzot.aol.com) ;**

Community Church Jehovah Jireh located on the West Side of Buffalo NY (one of the most impoverished areas of the city) was formerly known as Primera Iglesia Unitada Metodista. Our church is the only Spanish speaking United Methodist Church in the City of Buffalo. As such, we welcome as members individuals and families from all over the area, from Central America, from Mexico and Puerto Rico. Any and all are welcome. Our services are conducted in English and Spanish and our pastor and staff are bi lingual as well.

The church is a poor one. In an ethnic neighborhood such as ours hospitality and Outreach are the two most important characteristics of the church. This has been nowhere more evident than this past year as the church welcomed families displaced from Puerto Rico due to the continued devastation of Hurricane Maria in 2017.

Along with Pastor Alberto, Lay Pastor Cesar Galarza is attempting to welcome the families, especially the children and youth into the church and help them negotiate their new lives in Buffalo, trying to adapt to a non-Spanish speaking culture and city.

We believe that the best way to do this is to welcome them into the church life, which is an important part of this community. In order to do this, we are asking for your help to purchase materials in Spanish (generally a little more expensive than in English), ethnic food to make them feel more comfortable and extra food for our food pantry, which services the neighborhood, but which has been even more stressed than usual due to the influx of our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters.

It is our goal to nurture the children and youth, teach them about our loving God and make them understand that, regardless of the natural disasters that have caused such havoc in their worlds, the church will be there to sustain and help the

#### **YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH**

Central Park United Methodist Church

216 Beard Ave., Buffalo, NY 14214

Contact: **Rev. Mary Kelly:** 716.833.3193; [kellchamp@me.com](mailto:kellchamp@me.com)

Central Park UMC is an urban church with an evolving congregation. Until a few decades ago the church was home to a fairly homogenous congregation of middle class Caucasian members. Over the years, the church has become a true “melting pot” of United Methodists with African,

African-American, Asian as well as Caucasian members. Many of the members now come from families settled in Buffalo through Journey's End Refugee Services. We are truly blessed when some of these families join our church. For several years we have worked with the young people to help them adapt to life in the United States. We focus on the young women in particular, who come from cultures where their role can be limiting. We are very respectful to their native cultures, but also encourage them to think of life beyond high school, of careers, even as we are careful to nurture their spiritual lives.

We believe it is especially important for our Young Women to know the history of civil rights, including Women's rights, in our country. We offer biweekly Young Women and Young men of Faith classes. A component of our program is field trips. Some of the places to visit are Underground Railroad Museum in Niagara Falls, NY, Women's History Museum in Seneca Falls, NY and the Susan B. Anthony Museum in Rochester. None of the families can afford the cost for admission or transportation. The visits and the discussions that will follow will fit in with a class will begin Fall 2018 on the UM Social Principles.

THE UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
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MISSION PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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**honorariums. Applications must be filled out completely and will be evaluated by the committee. Grant period will be July 1 - June 30.**

Enclosed is the application form to be used for requesting a grant for no more than \$2,000.00 from the CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECTS COMMITTEE. All completed applications must be returned either electronically or postmarked no later than **June 1, 2019**.

I. CRITERIA FOR GRANTS

- A. The projects/programs must be located within the boundaries of the Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- B. Grants may be given to support projects/programs for the benefit of women, children and youth.
- C. Grants **may not** be used for salaries or honorariums.
- D. The proposed or established mission projects/programs must address at least ONE of the following categories:
  - 1. Physical, emotional, mental or spiritual wholeness of children, youth or women;
  - 2. Elimination of institutional racism directed toward children, youth or women, including safeguarding of the nationality, culture or language;
  - 3. Building a positive self-image and self-esteem in relation to gender, in addition to combating sex role or stereotyping;
  - 4. Advocacy on behalf of rights and needs of children, youth and women;
  - 5. Root causes of exploitation shown through economic, political, racial or sexist practices;
  - 6. Provision of opportunities of development of leadership skills;
  - 7. Enablement of women to participate fully in decision-making at all levels of their lives.

II. EVALUATION

An evaluation is required of all projects/programs receiving funding.

THE UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
MISSION PROJECTS COMMITTEE

**Grant Application**

**Deadline for submission is June 1, 2019**

Date of application \_\_\_\_\_

Project title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Grant request \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Period grant will cover (months) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**If unable to implement the program/project within the one (1) year time limit, the grant must be returned to the Upper New York Conference Mission Projects Committee. Funds are not transferable to other programs or projects.**

Total **budget** for the **project** which you are requesting this grant \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Submit all completed forms on or before June 1, 2019 to: Valerie D. Clark by email [vdjphilly@gmail.com](mailto:vdjphilly@gmail.com) or 174 Hazelwood Terrace, Rochester, NY 14609. To contact by phone call 585-233-9808.

THE PROPOSAL FOR WHICH A GRANT IS BEING REQUESTED

- A. Describe the program or project and include your mission statement.

B. Examine the list of criteria on page 1. Record those criteria which will be addressed by your program or project.

C. Please provide name, address, phone number and email address for person submitting the evaluation. **In addition, should the grant be awarded, to whom should the check be made payable?**

D. Attach the **project/program budget** for which you are requesting a grant. Please list sources from which you anticipate receiving other funding.

E. How did you learn about this grant? Does your organization have connection to The United Methodist Women? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how?

\_\_\_\_\_x\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Program/Project Chair or President)

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**Grant Application - Budget**

If you already prepare a project budget that approximates this format, please feel free to submit it in its original form. You may submit additional pages for income and expenses. **Please indicate organization name and project on each budget form submitted.**

Budget for the period: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENSES**

**INCOME**

ITEM	AMOUNT	SOURCE	AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$	Government grants	\$

Consultations and Professional Fees	\$	Foundations	\$
Equipment	\$	Religious Institutions	\$
Travel	\$	Fundraising	\$
Training	\$	Individual contributions	\$
Supplies	\$	United Way	\$
Postage	\$	In-kind support	\$
Printing & Copying	\$	Membership income	\$
Rent & Utilities	\$	Other (earned income)	\$
Other (specify)	\$		
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Total Expenses	\$	Total Income	\$

Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_