

Lutheran Women in Mission

The Mission Grant Story: ACTS of Love Early Childhood Center

Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the
oppressed. **Psalm 82:3**

ACTS of Love Early Childhood Education Center cares for teen parents and their children, offering hope in situations that are often difficult and lonely. Staff share the love of Jesus Christ through interactions with families, caring for infants and toddlers, and throughout the daily curriculum.

Love for all of God's children is the very foundation that the program is built upon. ACTS of Love provides Christian resources such as books, songs and toys for the children, and information and aid for the parents, including opportunities for church involvement and donations of baby items from congregations and the community.

ACTS of Love began in the heart of Leander, a fast-growing suburb of Austin. Before ACTS of Love opened in 2015, there were no childcare programs available specifically to teen parents. In 2021, ACTS of Love began a partnership with Leander Independent School District, which provided the program with a facility free of charge. Recently, ACTS of Love has partnered with the Pflugerville Independent School District and has relocated the center to the new location, where they now serve more mothers and children, offer parenting classes, and have room for future growth.

ACTS of Love believes that everyone should have access to education. For teen parents, access to education means access to affordable, quality childcare as well. Scholarships and tuition-based childcare are available to teen parents who are enrolled in high school. The program offers teen parents the support they need in order to complete their high school education, and provides their children with high quality early childhood education. Without childcare, many teen parents are forced to drop out of high school in order to care for their new baby. ACTS of Love is bringing hope to this specific situation.

ACTS of Love thanks the LWML Texas District for the \$25,000 mission grant that was used to fund staff salaries and benefits, and support general program expenses during the 2022-2024 biennium.



Great is our Lord's faithfulness, indeed!

All mission grant funds were disbursed and operating expenses were paid for the 2022-2024 biennium.

To all who gave from their blessings, to those who faithfully prayed, to those who gave of their time in service to the Lord, thank you and may the Lord continue to bless you and Lutheran Women in Mission according to our Father's will and plan.





Gathering in Service to the Lord

The women of Hope Lutheran Church, Friendswood, held their fifth biennial retreat in February at Camp Allen in Navasota. Ladies from Austin, Dallas and Florida attended the **On Solid Rock Retreat**, led by Donna Snow, author and Bible study leader.

Over the weekend the ladies strengthened their spiritual foundation, enjoyed rest and fellowship, and completed a service project for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children) of Galveston.

Zone President’s Role in Preserving LWML History

Did you know that zone presidents play very important roles in helping to preserve the history of the LWML Texas District?

When the zone president completes the Biennial Summary Report of Zone Activities and Events and submits it in a timely manner, the Archivist-Historian is able to document our district’s history accurately.

All zone presidents are required to complete the form each biennium. Zone presidents should also ensure that copies of the rally programs, meeting minutes, and other documented zone activities (including photographs or news clippings) are forwarded to the district archivist. And finally, zone presidents should encourage someone in their zone to write a zone history.

Zone presidents can view guidelines and access resources online at lwmltxdist.org or contact the Archivist-Historian, who is always willing to assist and answer questions.

Together, we preserve our history, so that together, as Lutheran Women in Mission, we may proclaim Christ, support missions, and serve others.

“One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.” (Psalm 145:4)

Terri Wenzel, LWML Texas District Archivist-Historian

GREAT IS HIS Faithfulness!



Totals as of March 31, 2024

2022–2024 Mite Goal	\$390,000
Mites Received	\$387,764
Total Mites Still Needed	\$ 2,236
Mission Grants Paid	\$215,129