

Grace Lutheran Church's Partnership Grant to Pilgrims' Inn

Year-end Report

Grace Lutheran Church made an investment in the operations and services of Pilgrims' Inn through the gift of a Partnership Grant and chose to partner with us for one year. This relationship has been fruitful.

It was my privilege to worship with and to present about the life and work of Pilgrims' Inn at Sunday worship on August 19, 2021. At a table following the worship service, 11 members of the congregation gave their names and email addresses. Our volunteer coordinator presented various volunteer opportunities in the fall and winter of 2021-2022 and we were blessed to work together on several projects. Volunteers joined us in the food pantry to sort donations and give out bags of food to clients from the community. In addition, several members of the church brought donations to support our work, donations that were shared with the community through the food pantry. These donations are vital to our ability



to keep the shelves stocked and be able to serve those who come to us for food assistance.

The grant funds provided to Pilgrims' Inn were used to operate the Dorothy Bing Shelter Program, the food pantry, and the Open Arms Child Support Center. All three of these programs provide immediate assistance to the



vulnerable citizens of York County. Grace Lutheran joined us in providing 14 beds for women and children each and every night. You joined us in providing a safe, educational environment for preschool-age children so their mothers could work or continue their education. Grace Lutheran made it possible for us to be here offering food to the hungry four days out of every week. Over the last year several clients have found employment and moved out of our shelter into stable housing. You helped make this possible.

In addition to the \$5,000 in grant funding and the volunteers who have joined us in serving the community, I am also aware of several financial donations made to Pilgrims' Inn from individuals connected to Grace Lutheran Church because of our 2021-2022 partnership. Each of these interactions is like a ripple in a pond. Those individual interactions grow and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the community in powerful ways.

I have no doubt that COVID-19 hampered some of what we might have been able to do together had the pandemic not forced us to mask and be apart. I hope we will continue to work together as lights for Christ in this community, working hand-in-hand to do the work of caring for the least among us. Thank you for being a blessing to us and for choosing to partner with us in doing God's work.

With thanksgiving for you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason W. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Jason" and "W." on the first line and "Davenport" on the second line.

Executive Director

