

Learning to be human

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Can you imagine going to the grocery store knowing that for the first time you have a refrigerator to store food? How does that change the items you buy?

Now imagine that for the first time you have a home to clean and the privilege of changing into pajamas at the end of the day. Some newly housed individuals equate all the new norms to “learning to be human.” What wonderful but scary blessings!

The transition from the street to housing can be a difficult hurdle to overcome. Many that move into housing go back to the street because they are not prepared for the life skills needed nor the sudden loss of their friends and community.

LINC Austin is stretching its program to help individuals with the

transition from street life to housing. LINC is developing a faith-based Life Skills program to help prepare and support this big change in people’s lives. This program provides new and healthy community groups and mentors to help and guide newly housed people through the challenges. Many of these people have a home for the first time.



Haleh and Kevin Kersten of LINC Austin receive mite money from Joy Cowan (center).



A friend was very excited to move into her first apartment.

LINC Austin is committed to reaching out and forming relationships with those on the streets, and helping them to navigate life. LINC rejoices when it can wrap Christ’s care around the homeless and be a support network. It is a blessing to be able to share Christ’s love and grace to help the homeless find hope in Christ.

LWML Texas District joins that blessing with the opportunity to help LINC Austin through a \$10,000 mission grant in this 2018-20 biennium to serve God’s children and show His love through these human hands.

FROM THE PRESIDENT Mission goal met!

All thanks and praise to our Triune God — from whom all blessings flow — for meeting the \$2,075,000 mission goal of 2017-19 to fund all 22 mission grants for furthering the Gospel.

A new mission goal and mission grants for

2019-21 will be chosen later this month at the LWML Convention in Mobile, Ala. The mission grant video is available at lwml.org/mission-grants.

Thank you for your faithful and prayerful mite offerings. For more information on mites, go to lwmltxdist.org/about-mites.

Serving with JOY,
Debbie Curry



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HOUSTON

MARVIN ARLDT turned 85 in March and is still sewing strong! He started sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) when his wife passed away in 2009 and he hasn't stopped since. He gathers donated material from various sources and even cuts the buttons and sleeves off old shirts to use. He averages four quilts a week and you can hear in his whistling that he is Serving the Lord with Gladness. Although he is now a



member of Messiah, his quilts continue to go to LWR efforts of Concordia, where Marvin and his wife worshipped together.

NORTHEAST TEXAS ZONE

RUTH CIRCLE of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Mount Pleasant, hosted the Zone Spring Rally on March 30. The theme, "Amazing Grace," focused on John 1:16, "From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another," and John 9:25, "I was blind, but now I see."

Teenager Rebecca Yox accompanied the hymns on organ and flute. Donna Wallace, zone president,

provided leadership training with an emphasis on communication in her presentation "LWML Assembly of Leaders." Rev. Mike Kimmel, Good Shepherd pastor, led the Bible study, titled "Grace Upon Grace."

Following a delicious lunch provided by Ruth Circle members, a DVD about Lutheran Braille Workers was shown. An offering was sent to Lutheran Braille Workers, to be credited to Work Center 119 in Odessa. His grace truly is amazing!

LWML Texas District 41st Biennial Convention

- ▶ June 18-20, 2020
- ▶ Corpus Christi
- ▶ **Theme:**
"Christ is Our Anchor"
(Heb. 6:19-20)



We're over halfway there!



Mites received through March:
\$183,020

Mites still needed to meet goal:
\$167,880

Mission grants paid through January: \$90,035

Send mites to:
LWML Texas District
Attn: Frances Molitor, Financial Secretary
P.O. Box 820, Anderson, TX 77830

WANTED: grant proposals, committee nominations



DEADLINE:
NOV. 1

CAN YOU THINK OF SOMEONE who shows a deep, active interest in LWML? Think about submitting their name to the Nominating Committee. Offices up for election at the 2020 LWML Texas District Convention are: President, Vice-president of Human Care, Vice-president of Organizational Resources, Financial Secretary and Nominating Committee. Nominations may only be made through your society or zone.

For more information, contact Whitney Lee, Nominating Committee chairman, at

nominatingch@lwmltxdist.org.

It is also time to submit proposals for mission grants for the 2020-22 biennium. Look for ministries that match our mission goals, then help and encourage them to submit a proposal. Proposals may be submitted by any LWML Texas District member, society or zone. Information and forms can be found at lwmltxdist.org/proposed-mission-grants.

If you have any questions, contact Joy Cowan, vice-president of Gospel Outreach, at gospeloutreach@lwmltxdist.org.