



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
W I N T E R P A R K

Special Notice to Grant Applicants

2010 Grant Emphasis: Children in Poverty

Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

Dear Grant Applicant,

The current economic crisis continues to affect many throughout our nation and the world. Some of the most vulnerable are children. In the United States, 14 million children (19% of all children) now live in families with incomes below the federal poverty level. Globally, one billion children live in poverty (one in two children in the world), and over 25,000 children die each day due to causes that are mostly preventable.

Recognizing the urgency of this need, the First United Methodist Church of Winter Park Leadership Council voted to award the 2010 grant monies **exclusively to organizations and programs focused on children in poverty**. Accordingly, the Grant Committee will consider only those applications meeting that criterion this year.

Grant applications will be accepted until February 28, 2010.

V. ACCOMPLISHMENTS: List some of the most recent major accomplishments of your organization, mission or ministry.

VI. OTHER FUNDING SOURCES: List all other funding sources for the past fiscal year.

VII. PREVIOUS FUNDING: List the sources, dates and amounts of other grant aid in the past five years.

Before completing this form with your signature, quietly and methodically lift your thoughts to the **Lord** in silent prayer. Solicit **God's** help in guiding you in the completion of this request and helping your project, if it is **His** will to move the project forward.

FINAL NOTE: You may be contacted by the Grant Committee to provide additional information or make a presentation to the committee before final approval.

Project submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed application to:

First United Methodist Church of Winter Park
Attn: Director of Operations
125 N. Interlachen Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Grant Approval Criteria

1. Purpose. Support church groups and local groups and organizations whose mission is consistent with the mission statement of First United Methodist Church of Winter Park: "On the move to make a difference through Jesus Christ."
2. Organizations only. Any organization may apply. Individual applications are to be accepted only when the funds are to be used in the context of an outreach or program supported by the church through funding or staff participation.
3. Priority to church members. Application requests to do not have to originate within the church, however, all applications must have a member of the church or a staff person as sponsor or co-sponsor.
4. Priority to FUMCWP outreach. Funds may be used for outreach beyond the local church, however, priority should be considered for those applications that benefit programs in our own community.
5. Alternative funding. Recipients should be worthwhile programs that may not otherwise have extensive or alternative sources of funding. Have other funding sources been explored or exhausted? Grants are not to be considered a fall back source for projects within the church that were not funded in the general budget.
6. Accountability. Responses must be received from prior year to account for funds received prior to awarding any funds for the following year.
7. Variety. Grant funds are to be provided to a variety of applicants and duplication in types of services and populations is to be avoided.
8. The Gospel. Consider how the funds will be used to spread Jesus' love and message of salvation.