

MADISON CHRISTIAN GIVING FUND ANNUAL REPORT - 2021



Madison Christian
GIVING FUND

"WE PROVIDE SPIRITUAL, FINANCIAL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT TO CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES THAT LOVINGLY SHARE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST WITH THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE."

Since 2014 :

225 Applications Received

152 Applications Granted

\$820,700 Grants Given

2021

18 Recipients

\$100,000 Grants Given

Impact Badger Chapter
Evangelical Catholic
Lighthouse School
Wisconsin Inmate Education Association
Impact Christian Schools
Care Net
Young Life Badger Metro
Affordable Dental Care
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Collaboration Project
Every Daughter
Resurrection Madison
Door Creek Church
Madison Area Jail Ministry
Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Stoughton
Magnum Opus
Our Lady of Hope Clinic
Abolition Wisconsin



PROJECT: Hiring Part-time staff for UW-Madison Impact Chapter

OUTCOME: The hired student leader helped us to double in size because of the relationships she already had with the students. At the start of the spring semester, we saw the number of students involved in Impact double from the semester prior. All these students joined a Discipleship group where they built community, held each other accountable, prayed for each other and studied scripture together. Many students shared with us that this space was essential to their growth and their survival through the academic year and Spring semester. Others shared how they looked forward to this time each week.

We had the opportunity to come along a student whose brother committed suicide and show her God's love by praying for her and her family and being there for her.

Thanks to MCGF grant, we not only were able to hire a part-time staff but provide a black student with a job, regain our impact on campus and increase our ability to be kind and teach kindness to our students with the help of a local staff member. Thank you so much!



PROJECT: Hispanic Outreach Expansion

OUTCOME: We work with Catholic parishes providing training and formation for leaders to be confident evangelists or disciple-makers in their communities. Our national office hired a full-time native Spanish speaking consultant which opened the doors for us to reach the Hispanic Christian leaders in the Dane County area. We have begun three new parish partnerships with bilingual church communities in Dane County; Good Shepherd, Saint Peter's and Saint Thomas Aquinas. We have also expanded our partnership with Saint Raphael Cathedral Parish. Through these partnerships we are equipping more Hispanic leaders to be evangelists and disciple-makers.

PROJECT: One-to-One Devices



LIGHTHOUSE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

OUTCOME: We were able to purchase 30 Chromebooks with this grant to support home learning during COVID. We were able to continue teaching all of our students even if they were required to quarantine due to COVID, or if their families had chosen to stay home due to health precautions.

COVID hit our school especially hard. The vast majority of our families do not own computers and do not have the ability for their students to work virtually from home. Having a device for each student is crucial for students to be able to attend our school and continue to receive instruction in the Bible, prayer support and family encouragement. Over 50 students brought their live Bible instruction right into the home for the whole family to hear.

The amount of work and stress on teachers was enormous. The entire school year was an emotional, physical and spiritual stress on parents, students and teachers alike. The fact we could continue to teach virtually was a miracle!



WISCONSIN INMATE
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

PROJECT: Operation Transformation

OUTCOME: On July 27, 2021 we held our first Trinity International University Commencement Ceremony at Waupun Prison! All 20 men graduated with Honors!

A student recently connected with our Dean of Students, Pastor Knoll. He shared that, in the dark hours of the night, he realized that he no longer thinks like a criminal. He said that when he came into the program, he knew the Bible pretty well "academically", but knows that he still thought like a criminal (attitude, desire to get even, etc.). He said that he realized in this recent darkness that his heart has changed. He now reads the Bible to have a relationship with Jesus, not to gain facts to use against someone. He wants to reach out to help people for their needs instead of his purposes.

We saw that the spirit of Jesus in our students has developed to the point that they were determined to be successful in meeting their academic goals to glorify God no matter what it took. COVID-19 created many changes in program delivery. Confinement to cells, handwritten assignments, having less immediate support in finding answers they had related to their studies, patience in receiving responses, the loss of face-to-face contact, counseling, discussions, and study sessions were all huge obstacles to student success. We are in awe of the tenacity our students mustered to meet their goals of completing classes.

PROJECT: Mobile Clinic

OUTCOME: We bring the mobile clinic to the following locations in Dane County: Sun Prairie, Fitchburg, and Meadowood Neighborhood in West Madison. Last year the Mobile Clinic saw 209 patients. Many of those were pregnant and considering abortion. we provided 68 pregnancy tests, 50 ultra sounds and tested and treated 108 women for sexually transmitted infections.

We've had the opportunity to speak life to many women who are considering abortion. One woman, I'll call Brie, had visited our clinic early in the year. She was pregnant and despite the information we gave her, chose to end her pregnancy by abortion. She returned six months later with her friend. She said to the nurse, "I don't want her to make the same mistake I did. I knew I had to bring her here to see you before she made a decision to have an abortion."

PROJECT: Supplemental Funding for Summer Camp



OUTCOME: Giving low-income students in Dane County the opportunity to attend a summer camp where the Gospel is front and center. They get a full picture of the Gospel story throughout the week through an event we call Club. They get to enter conversation and adventure that helps them understand the vast love of Jesus Christ. At the end of the week they have the opportunity to respond to the invitation of accepting Jesus Christ into their lives. Our discipleship camping is set up to help push our students to the next level of exploring their faith and ultimately serving in their faith as well. Thank you for helping us pour into the lives of our teenagers.

Monse – "Young Life camp was beautiful. It was crazy to see so many people that were there serving us. I will never forget the smiles that they all gave me. Having grown up in the Catholic Church, I never knew that going to church was part of how I could have a relationship with Jesus. I'm going home with a new view of what it is like going to church with my family."

Ithzely – "Life is so hard for my family back home. I feel that many times I have to be the one to keep the peace. It leads me to smoke at night just so that I can sleep. Through hearing about Jesus and conversations with my leader, I'm learning that I have other options to fill this pain that I feel. I'm learning that life will not just be fixed, but there are pieces of it I can control for my health. Thank you to whoever helped pay for me to get to camp, it truly was what I needed."



PROJECT: Agape Grant

OUTCOME: Providing loving care to those who are going through crisis situations and could otherwise not afford care, Affordable Dental Care was successfully able to extend the Gospel of Christ through healing physical needs.

We have helped with treatment payments of over ten patients in critical situations. These people turned to us and we were there when they needed us, thanks to the grant MCGC provided. The grant directly resulted in changing the lives of patients by giving them quality dental care when they otherwise would not have received it.

Our successes have been the people we have helped. One person had a particularly moving story. He suffered from bulimia for 20 years, which had eroded his teeth. He works in the service industry without dental insurance and could not afford traditional care, especially with the toll the pandemic had on his job. He had a complicated case that required full mouth reconstruction that he could only afford thanks to the Agape grant program.

PROJECT: Covid-19 Recover Training Project



OUTCOME: Our intent in the initial grant was to provide training to African American churches in reaching their children with the Gospel. Unfortunately, most of the African American churches remained closed over the grant period or were not able to resume their children's ministries when they returned to in-person ministry. We were able to provide ministry services at 5 churches that were either African American churches or churches that have a multicultural population that include African American members.

Despite the pandemic, we were able to hold a virtual club that allowed us to combine students from a variety of schools to reach children with the Gospel online. This was a game changer for our program because we learned that we could reach more children, in more locations by teaching virtually. We were able to incorporate resources available on our U-Nite website and teachers were able to spread information about the various resources Child Evangelism Fellowship has to offer.



Collaboration Project

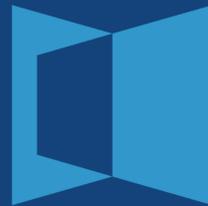
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PROJECT: Rest and Renewal for Pastors of Color

OUTCOME: Thanks in large part to the 2021 MCGF grant we were able to send 16 Dane County African American pastors and spouses on a high quality and culturally intentional rest and renewal retreat over the past 10 months with another 2 couples scheduled for later this year. Also thanks to coming in under budget, we are able to use remaining funds toward an upcoming Latino/Hispanic pastor and spouse dinner serving over 20+ local leaders. These pastors are overwhelmingly bi-vocational, work long hours and with little support. On top of that, the racial disparities in culture add another layer of exhaustion and lead to burn-out. These pastors communicate the good news of Jesus through both word and deed and their holistic health is imperative to longevity.

The greatest successes from this project came through the responses from participating pastors and trust that was built through service. One couple shared with us that in their 15 years of marriage and nearly same time serving as a pastor, they had never had a get-away like this. Another pastor shared that she was on the edge of burn-out and ready to quit and this retreat came at just the right time.

PROJECT: Youth Friday Night Live/Virtual/Live Student Ministry Night



DOOR CREEK CHURCH

OUTCOME: For each session held the students were presented a Bible lesson from a leader with an invitation to accept Christ into their heart. For those who were already believers, then discipleship was the goal in helping them grow in their walk in Christ.

Our progress in the ministry was met by challenges of Covid-19, but we were able to overcome some of those challenges by beefing up the virtual component and combining with our larger campus (Sprecher Rd). The program was moved from Friday night to Wednesday evenings. Our volunteers were able to teach students from both Northside and Sprecher Rd campuses. Students left the program feeling a sense of belonging, cared for and listened to. The Gospel was presented at each session. Three of the students signed up and were baptized during our last baptismal service. We were able to connect to some of the local schools to promote ministry and to offer support to the staff.

PROJECT: Bridge the Gap

Madison Area Jail Ministry



a ministry of presence

OUTCOME: The Madison Area Jail Ministry provides pastoral care to people at the crossroads of their lives through the work of our chaplain and ministry volunteers. We accompany people on the painful but necessary journey of reclaiming their lives and re-authoring their stories as beloved children of God. This project allowed us to expand our reach by providing funding for an additional 5 hours a week of ministry bridging the gap to make our lead chaplain full-time.

Prior to COVID, Chaplain Todd Marcotte worked with a team of over 30 volunteers who provided spiritual care through volunteer chaplaincy, Bible studies, worship services, reentry programming, and tutoring. Since March 2020 all in-person programming was put on hold. However, our Chaplain was allowed to continue to provide individual spiritual care and has been producing virtual church services that are made available to jail residents via tablets that are accessible in every housing unit—including segregation cells. More people are now being reached with the Gospel message than was possible with just in-person church services!

PROJECT: Stoughton Fellowship of Christian Athletes



OUTCOME: At our monthly FCA events, we typically have UW Athletes in Action students sharing their stories with the middle and high schoolers. Many of the athletes integrate the Gospel of Christ into their athletic stories. We also have FCA Bibles and materials on hand that every student is welcome to freely take. At our service events (we try to do two events per year) we strive to be LIGHTS in the Stoughton community, and beyond, spreading the Good News through our actions in addition to our words. Due to the coronavirus pandemic right now, we have been doing more partnering with the greater FCA community and listening to inspirational messages from athletes around the country through Zoom.

The generosity of the MCGF allows us to provide good food, a key ingredient to success for any middle and high school event, at each event. Many students come from a sports practice and are simply thankful to have something to eat. We average serving 40-50 middle and high school students at each event.





PROJECT: Full Light (filming a classical Christmas ballet set to the beautiful score of Handel's Messiah)

OUTCOME: We sent a survey to all who viewed the film project. Both on our survey and during the film itself we invited people to speak about the Gospel with our staff, giving names and emails of people to reach out to. While we didn't have people ask about salvation, we did receive comments such as:

"We really appreciate you including this invitation as part of the survey and as part of the Full Light program."

"God's light truly shone through the production. Thank you for continuing to offer light and hope during this year!"

"We are blessed to have Magnum Opus in our world - thank you and thank God for the beautiful way you are sharing your gifts. Full Light was my favorite hearing/seeing of the Messiah!!! God is good."

While we did not see salvations happen, we believe seeds were planted and lives were encouraged through our faith and hope by viewing our dancing.

With the interactions from the survey, we believe the film project came out with positive results.

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We look forward to seeing what God is going to do in 2022!

