



WISDOM

Verse of the month – Proverbs 3:27-29 MSG

“Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God’s hand for that person. Don’t tell your neighbor ‘Maybe some other time’ or ‘Try me tomorrow’ when the money is right there in your pocket. Don’t figure ways of taking advantage of your neighbor when he’s sitting there trusting and unsuspecting.”

September 2023

We supported the Villa family as they embarked on their journey as professional foster care parents. We raised \$1,180 to buy supplies for their new house so they could make it a home. The Villas have been such a blessing to the community as they are using their ability to speak Spanish to reach Spanish-speaking kids in the system and they have recently started translating our church services into Spanish.

October 2023

We partnered with AKS and our sister Alexis Peterson on making Thanksgiving food baskets for the help shelters around Philly. We raised \$1,140 to make 30 extra baskets which all contained one turkey, 6 canned goods, 2 boxes of corn bread, and 2 boxes of mashed potatoes.

January 2024

We helped a sister in need in Lincoln, NE. She had fallen on some hard times and needed help paying her car note to keep her head above water. We had a record of participation with 14 members giving. We ended up raising \$2,000 and helped pay for her car for a little over 3 months.



For the past 5 Decembers we have geared up to serve orphans in Poland. We have served kiddos from all over the country but I will recap this past December of 2023.

We were given the names of 30 kids ages 16-2 who live in a home right outside of Wrocław, Poland. The kids are given a limit of around \$45 so they head to the internet to find things they like and want within their budget. Then the children all write a letter to Santa explaining to him what they want, they give that to the organizer of the home, and then she gives all the letters to us. Our sister, Ania, has been such a huge help in this project as our lead. Ania is the main point of contact for WISDOM and the event organizer. She receives the letters, translates them, and creates a spreadsheet that is easy to read and follow for the shopping that needs to be done.

As soon as all the presents are bought and bagged in cute bags I will get all the presents to her. Then Ania and her brother get them all to the event organizer who then will get them passed out on Christmas. It takes lots of help, your generosity, and much planning but Christmas with WISDOM has been so blessed to bless these children. If you are interested in helping next Christmas, stay tuned.



February 2024

We teamed up with Compassion and one of their programs called "Fight for First". This program focuses on women from Togo, Burkina Faso, and Ethiopia who are pregnant. It takes \$1,000 to help a woman go from conception to the child's first birthday. The women are given assistance & care through local churches and doctors. We raised a total of \$1,202 but we have no photos as these women remain closed to the public eye.

March 2024

We raised \$1,125 for the 318 Foundation which is an organization where our sister Kyra works in the summer. This foundation is in the Shreveport, LA area and their main focus is to get high school girls access and opportunity. They do this through a mentorship program, sports, and traveling. A lot of these girls, without the 318 Foundation, would be very limited in their lives so this foundation is supporting their growth and in turn helping them become productive members of society.

April 2024

There is a portal that the Department of Health and Human Services uses called CarePortal. This is a place where case workers can post needs for families that are then given to local churches to meet. The main goal here is to keep families together. This month we helped families stick together by providing: money for rent, paying an electric bill, & giving a double stroller.

May 2024

We raised \$1,540 to buy clothes for Royal Family Kids Camp "Everyone's Birthday Party". This is a camp for kids in the foster care system aged 7-12 and at camp they get to dress up and celebrate their birthday. This is a big deal for the kids so we helped supply ties, pants, vests, and dresses for the party they look forward to all year.

📚🎒 Back to School Bash 📖✏️

Since 2020 WISDOM has been helping the Lincoln People City Mission and Christ Place Church of Lincoln with something called "Back to School Bash". We serve families in the homeless shelter and also low income families at the help center. Over the course of this event, WISDOM has become a major key in donating backpacks and volunteers. This event is so much more than just giving supplies as we also get to interact and have fun with the kids and celebrate another year of learning.

With member generosity being at an all time high, this year we raised \$1,240 that went to buying 312 backpacks and we have 13 members volunteering at the event. The amount of families we are able to serve is all thanks to God and His amazing way of taking what we give and multiplying it in ways we cannot even fathom.

Enjoy some pictures of what WISDOM has been able to do over the years as we come together each year to bless these children with supplies to make them feel confident as they head back to school.



Here at WISDOM our third pillar is to bless others with what we have been blessed with and we do that through monthly service projects. As you can see, YOU are making a difference in the lives of so many when you participate in what we have going on here. Thank you so much from all of the people we have helped. Please continue to pray for WISDOM members and our projects as we continue to be the change we want to see in the world by helping those in need.

If you have an idea of a service project please contact me!