

# GIFTS OF HOPE BENEFICIARIES

## International Church Organizations (Companion Synods)

### Lutheran Church in El Salvador

The LCES provides spiritual guidance, hope and reconciliation to El Salvadoran people who lack fulfillment of basic needs. Unemployment, lack of basic health care, and violence are daily occurrences for some, with women, senior citizens, and children among those most vulnerable. The church works with allied ministries to provide for basic needs, education, and health care for many in urban and rural areas.

[www.elca.org/countrypackets](http://www.elca.org/countrypackets)

LCES

ELCIN/ELCRN

### Lutheran Churches in Namibia

Two Lutheran bodies—ELCIN (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia) and ELCRN (Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia) cooperatively support a Lutheran Seminary in Namibia and each also sustains other educational and economic projects to improve life and livelihood and to meet spiritual needs of the Namibian people.

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LCS

### Lutheran Churches in Slovakia

Since 1989 LCS, with the assistance of missionaries and financial support from partner churches, has reclaimed most of its pre-World War II properties, reopened numerous Lutheran secondary and elementary schools, established a Lutheran Theological Seminary complex in Bratislava, and begun outreach to the Roma (Gypsy) community.

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## Metro DC Synod Social Ministry Organizations (SMO)s

### Community Family Life Services

CFLS facilitates personal growth, independence, and integration into a healthy community through a Continuum of Care model for its low-income and homeless clients, regardless of their faith. Its programs in housing, supportive services, emergency services, after school and summer camp, and employment development target the root causes of poverty and homelessness and aim to resolve short-term crises needs, as well as to enable people to achieve permanent economic and social self-sufficiency.

[www.cflsdc.org](http://www.cflsdc.org)

CFLS

LSS

### Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area

Proclaiming God's grace, LSS/NCA compassionately works to create a society where the most vulnerable among us find wholeness, justice, and self-sufficiency. LSS provides professional social services; assists congregations in identifying and responding to human needs; and advocates for social justice, individual self-sufficiency, and the inherent worth of each human being. LSS is well known for its adoptions program, refugee resettlement and employment services, foster care, innovative programs for youth affected by HIV/AIDS, and emergency preparedness/disaster response.

[www.lssnca.org](http://www.lssnca.org)

SEM

### Southeast Ministry

Southeast Ministry (SEM), a joint ministry of Church of the Reformation (DC) and the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod, provides a ministry of hope for over 500 men, women and children a year. In the southeast part of D.C., SEM operates a GED preparation program, the Anacostia Mentoring and Employment Network (AMEN) Job Readiness training, an Ex-Offender support group, and an after school literacy and literature program for disadvantaged children.

<http://reformationdc.org/Ministries/southeastministry.html>

### Fellowship Square Foundation

FSF provides housing and related services to low-income individuals, especially the elderly and handicapped, in the Washington Metro area. More than just a landlord providing shelter and collecting rent, FSF provides a caring staff, a comfortable, secure living environment worthy of being called "home", and special services such as beauty and barber shops, libraries, social halls, recreational facilities, and places for religious expression. Such environments and services enhance the personal freedom, independence, confidence, and well-being of its residents.

[www.fellowshipsquare.org](http://www.fellowshipsquare.org)

FSF

LVC

### Lutheran Volunteer Corps

The LVC is a year-long service program for people 21 and over seeking to unite faith, social justice, community living, and simplicity. Volunteers, matched with non-profit organizations in 10 metro areas across the U.S., work full-time in various positions ranging from direct social services, to political advocacy, community organizing, education, and activism. LVC volunteers strive to grow spiritually by working for social justice while living together in intentional communities, simplifying their lifestyles, and managing on a minimum stipend.

[www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org](http://www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org)

THC

### Transitional Housing Corporation

Founded in 1990, THC is a faith-based non-profit organization. With three apartment buildings totaling 40 apartments, THC provides transitional housing and support services for families moving from the streets or shelters to permanent housing and stable independent lives.

[www.thcdc.org](http://www.thcdc.org)

### Good Shepherd Housing Foundation

GSH, serving the Prince William County (VA) community since 1989, provides permanent supportive housing and support service solutions for persons with chronic low income due to mental or physical disabilities, teenage or single parenthood, HIV/AIDS or age. GSH's Shepherd homes offers affordable supportive housing for chronically mentally ill adults. Grayson Gardens Horticultural Therapy combines the therapeutic nature of gardening with the needs of the developmentally disabled and the chronically mentally ill. And the Housing Partnership Program provides affordable, permanent supportive housing for single head-of-household families who have graduated from area transitional housing programs.

[www.goodshepherdhousing.org](http://www.goodshepherdhousing.org)

GSH

NLH

### National Lutheran Home

A Lutheran-sponsored continuing care retirement community, with an independent living village and a large nursing home in Rockville, Maryland. The NLH has served Metropolitan Washington and surrounding areas for over 100 years, and is well-respected for its fine facilities and especially for its extraordinary caring service. The NLH currently is planning a second campus in the Winchester, Virginia area.

[www.nlha.org](http://www.nlha.org)

MLR

### Lutheran Camps

Mar-Lu-Ridge (MLR), an outdoor ministry of the ELCA situated in Central Maryland's Catoclin Mountains, ministers through its summer camp, retreat and conference center, and other programs throughout the year— providing experiences to change lives, make disciples, build friendships, and create Christian communities.

[www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org)

CFLC

Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp (CFLC), a year-round ministry of the Metro DC, Virginia and West Virginia-Western Maryland Synods of the ELCA, provides an intentional Christian Community experience where one meets God in God's awesome creation— over 300 acres of central Virginia's hills, streams, ponds, and forest. With its summer camp, retreat facilities, trained staff and beautiful environment, Caroline Furnace offers a place to learn and grow with others in the faith.

[www.carolinefurnace.org](http://www.carolinefurnace.org)

NSV

### N Street Village

Founded by Luther Place Memorial Church (DC) in 1978, N Street Village empowers homeless and low-income women to claim their highest quality of life by offering a broad spectrum of services and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect, including transitional, permanent and addiction recovery housing; night shelter; wellness center; day program; and employment services. NSV also provides affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

[www.nstreetvillage.org](http://www.nstreetvillage.org)