



THE FOUNDATION
OF ST. ANDREW'S

**Create
Your
Legacy
for God's
Mission**



Who We Are

The Foundation of St. Andrew's connects donors to charitable legacies and supports the transformational ministries of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

Whether you're just starting estate planning, have already included The Foundation in your plans, or are simply wondering how your faith can shape a lasting legacy, we invite you to pray, learn, and plan: Pray about God's gifts in your life. Learn how your giving can extend Christ's mission now and into the future. Plan in a way that cares for loved ones while creating a lasting legacy.

The Foundation works cooperatively with, though separately from, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. It is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity (Tax ID 41-2001369) and contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Our Mission

GOD CALLS THE FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT ST. ANDREW'S MISSIONAL EFFORTS



Serve in Christ's name through careful stewardship of donor assets.



Inform all about generosity as an extension of faith and witness to God's mission.



Connect donors with resources to translate heartfelt intentions into charitable legacies.

"Giving to The Foundation creates a legacy of Christian love and support well beyond our lives."

CHRISTA GETCHELL, ST. ANDREW'S MEMBER

What We Fund

MISSION & OUTREACH

Community Resource Center

The Community Resource Center (CRC) opened in 2011 after St. Andrew's learned of the extent of homelessness in our community. Funds support the CRC, which provides case management, rental assistance, food and clothing assistance, personal hygiene and household items, and a weekly community meal.

Mission Jamaica

Established in 1990, Mission Jamaica is a short-term service experience with time for reflection and spiritual renewal. Funds support multiple projects, including home construction, maintenance of and care for children at schools and orphanages, and providing free medical care—demonstrating the Good News of Jesus in action.

Vision Slovakia

St. Andrew's has long been integral to the development and growth of The Center for Christian Education (CCE) in Martin, Slovakia. The fund was established in honor of the center's 25th anniversary to continue to support our global partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Bega Kwa Bega (Tanzania)

Bega Kwa Bega (Swahili for "shoulder to shoulder") is St. Andrew's newest global partnership with the Kipanga Parish in Tanzania. Funds are used for student scholarships, educational resources, agricultural or construction projects, medical assistance, or other identified priorities.

Habitat for Humanity

For more than 30 years, St. Andrew's has built and restored homes through the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity program, which strives to make affordable housing available for all. Funds are used to support the homebuilding efforts of St. Andrew's volunteer team.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jan Gilbertson Music Ministry

Funds support St. Andrew's exceptional music program, a hallmark of the church for decades, which strengthens and sustains the worship experience. The fund is named in honor of Jan Gilbertson, who served 34 years as St. Andrew's music director.

The Mighty Organ

Established in 2022, the fund supports musical programming related to St. Andrew's magnificent 108-rank Casavant pipe organ, as well as maintenance and enhancements to ensure the instrument will be enjoyed for years to come.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH



SPARK BIBLE PRESENTATION

Spark Bibles

St. Andrew's provides Bibles to children, presented by parents during worship services to symbolize the baptismal promise to "place into their hands the Holy Scriptures." Funds are used to purchase Bibles in support of this step on a child's faith journey.

Youth Ministry

Funds support St. Andrew's active youth ministry program,

as young people engage in activities, programs, and retreats to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ and to become part of a nurturing faith community.

Youth Mental Health

The fund was established to complement St. Andrew's expanding efforts to provide mental health services and resources to youth and their families. Funds support a variety of initiatives, including educational programs, resources, supplies, small group sessions, and more.

Seminary Scholarships

Nurturing the next generation in the Christian faith will require faithful, dynamic, engaged leaders. The Foundation provides scholarships to individuals (through their chosen seminary) to reduce financial barriers in support of their theological and pastoral education.

OTHER MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Environmental Stewardship

This fund supports St. Andrew's efforts to carefully tend to and restore God's creation. Funds are used by the Environmental Stewardship Team for hands-on education events (like Caring for Creation weekend), guest speakers, advocacy activities, and special initiatives that promote creation care.



CARING FOR CREATION

Pastoral Care

Funds provide financial support to St. Andrew's pastors and care ministry teams as they walk alongside individuals and families facing life's challenges, sharing Christ's love in a difficult time.

General Church Operations

This endowed fund supports St. Andrew's ongoing operational expenses, augmenting the church's annual budget. Funds are transferred directly to the church once a year.

Greatest Needs

Our most versatile and flexible fund makes available resources to advance St. Andrew's current and future mission priorities. The Foundation board annually determines how the funds are distributed—to supplement grants from another endowed fund, to fund a special project, or to provide financial support to an existing or emerging ministry need.

Your Gifts at Work

CURRENT IMPACT

In 2025, The Foundation awarded \$53,000 in grants to our mission partners (our largest annual amount to date), reflecting the generosity and vision of our donors. Since its inception in 2000, The Foundation has awarded nearly \$374,000.

2025 Grant Awards

RECIPIENT	FY 2025	SINCE INCEPTION
Bega Kwa Bega	\$2,400	\$3,400
Community Resource Center	\$6,500	\$36,805
Environmental Stewardship	\$1,600	\$2,300
General Church Operations	\$2,600	\$24,200
Habitat for Humanity	\$4,300	\$40,620
Jan Gilbertson Music Ministry	\$1,500	\$5,900
Mighty Organ	\$4,000	\$6,360
Mission Jamaica	\$21,500	\$120,880
Pastoral Care	\$400	\$1,580
Seminary Scholarships	--	\$52,450
Spark Bibles	\$1,600	\$22,180
Vision Slovakia	\$1,600	\$8,460
Youth Mental Health	\$1,500	\$5,300
Youth Ministry	\$3,500	\$24,855
Other	--	\$18,525
TOTAL ALL GRANTS	\$53,000	\$373,925

"It's a blessing to see how The Foundation uses our contributions to impact the lives of many through their mission partners."

WENDY WORNER, ST. ANDREW'S MEMBER

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

We currently steward 15 endowed funds with more than \$1.4 million in assets. Continued growth in donor gifts, carefully managed investments with positive returns, and new commitments to legacy gifts are the building blocks to grow The Foundation in the years to come.

Gifts to The Foundation are thoughtfully managed in order to honor donor intention and ensure a legacy, balancing short-term performance with sustainable, long-term growth. Our investments are held with Fidelity Investments and professionally managed by Guardian Wealth Strategies according to our investment policy.



GIFTS TO THE CHURCH VS. FOUNDATION

Gifts to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church sustain annual operations, ministry programs, building needs, and special projects with immediate impact. Gifts to The Foundation of St. Andrew's create a long-term charitable legacy that supports church-related ministries, general church operations (if designated), and initiatives beyond the church's annual budget. We encourage donors to give generously to both entities—support for the church's ministries today while building a legacy for the future.



Ways to Give

We welcome your gift as a reflection of your Christian values and charitable intentions. Current contributions let you see your impact during your lifetime, while legacy gifts provide a lasting testament to what is important to you. Any gift may be directed to existing funds or used to establish a new one.

- **Cash Gifts** • Make a one-time or recurring cash gift via personal check, a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), or donor-advised fund (DAF) grant.
- **Investments** • Transfer marketable securities, such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds.
- **Payable/Transfer on Death** • Designate The Foundation as a recipient of funds remaining in a bank checking, savings, CD, brokerage, or investment account.
- **Named Beneficiary** • Designate The Foundation as a beneficiary (sole or partial) of a life insurance policy, annuity contract, IRA/Roth, or employer retirement plan or pension.
- **Life Income Arrangement** • Create a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust that provides income during your lifetime.
- **Estate Gift** • Designate The Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or trust.
- **High-Value Assets** • Give the gift of real estate, valuable art, or other personal property that can be received and sold by The Foundation.
- **Memorial or Tribute Gifts** • Make a gift in memory of a loved one, to honor someone important to you, or to mark a special occasion.

Ensure you designate “The Foundation of St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church” as the beneficiary of your legacy gift and include our federal tax ID (41-2001369) where possible.

The Foundation does not provide financial planning, investment, tax, or legal advice. Please consult a professional advisor as appropriate.



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