



Application Finalists – First Quarter 2025

1000 Generations (Safe Families for Children Wisconsin-Dane County) – Requesting \$10,000 to support volunteer recruitment and training so they can more adequately support children and their families with the ultimate goal of keeping them out of the foster care system. Safe Families is just getting started, in their second year in Madison. The recruitment process includes finding partner churches through which they can recruit volunteers to serve. “Volunteers embody the love of Christ by stepping into the lives of families in crisis providing Radical Hospitality, Disruptive Generosity, and Intentional Compassion.” They address immediate physical needs and also plant seeds of faith. This funding is expected to help them mobilize at least 100 more volunteers in 2025.

Affordable Dental Care –Requesting \$7500 mainly to underwrite daily operating supplies for preventatives and restorative services provided for patients without the means to pay for the care they need, largely “the working poor.” They also would purchase additional Bibles, specifically in Spanish, and other Christian décor for their office space. Reading Scriptures while waiting for dental work to be done can have a calming effect during an otherwise difficult time. They have recently moved and expanded their office space in order to serve more patients and hope to eventually double their capacity.

Clear Hits Radio –Requesting \$6800 for a free Welcome Back Hip Hop concert featuring Christian Hip Hop and Rap artists, which will be aimed at introducing UW-Madison students to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and connecting them with on-campus ministries. They hope this will not only be a witness to Jesus Christ, but also grow partnerships with local churches and ministries. And perhaps become an annual event. The funds will go toward: \$1500- Venue costs and equipment, \$4500-headline artist, \$300-evangelism materials, \$500-promotion. NOTE: This is a third quarter event and would not have to be funded in the first quarter.

Every Daughter –Requesting \$5,000 to fund a full range of expenses to help women in our community who have been sexually exploited and trafficked recover their lives. That includes help with legal fees, court fines, application fees, background checks, apartment deposits, moving costs, rent assistance, and setting up a new home. Women from local churches live out a Jesus-life with them in direct relationship with them (and often their children).

Greater Things Now INC –Requesting \$5525 for a women’s conference, which will take place in a school, a neutral setting that is welcoming and inviting to women from all walks of life. A conference like this for women is something which hasn’t been held in Madison for several years, but often had over 1,000 attendees. The responses to their first and second conferences in the fall of 2023 and 2024 has been very encouraging. This will be their third conference and a grant will give them the opportunity to expand outreach to more women across Dane County, helping them with upfront costs. Grant funds will go toward advertising and other promotion, venue rental, printing, food, and music. NOTE: This appears to be a fall event, may not need to be funded in the first quarter.



International Friendship Center - Requesting \$3,000 for outreach to international students and their families in the form of English classes, Bible studies and cultural events. The IFC provides about 17 English classes each week and 2-3 cultural events and activities each month. These funds will purchase Bibles, Christian resources, food, and "hospitality items." The IFC regularly collaborates with the other international student ministries on the Madison campuses. All programming is offered to students freely.

Jesus Lunch –Requesting \$10,000 to provide a free lunch and message for the soul to students at Middleton High School. The money will go to food, rent, flyers, and licenses. Students impacted annually: 8,000, many of whom are unchurched.

Lighthouse Church and School –Requesting \$8,800 which is the total budget for their annual Back to School event for low income children/families. They provide a backpack and school supplies for each child because success in school is having the right supplies. They plan to serve 350 kids in 2025. The budget for this event includes \$3500 for backpacks, \$3000 for supplies, \$1,400 for entertainment, \$500 for Kona ice truck, and \$200 each for volunteer snacks and volunteer T-shirts. During the event outreach teams and prayer teams are circulating, ministering and sharing the Gospel. NOTE: This event presumably happens in the third quarter of the year and would not have to be funded in the first quarter.

Living Springs International Church –Requesting \$10,000 to expand their Madison for Christ project, a summer door-to-door outreach to neighborhoods around the community. Food and clothing and other supplies are given out, along with a Gospel message. The funds will go to help train leaders, support transportation, plus food and snacks.

Magnum Opus – Request is for \$5,000 for a March 2025 performance of their ballet Shattered, which premiered in 2024, and also for tuition scholarships for their school of the arts. The message of their performance is about reclaiming our identity in Christ and shattering the lies of the world and the enemy. It will be performed in Madison, Michigan and Illinois in 2025. They would like \$3000 for rental of the Bartell theater and technical support, and \$2000 for financial assistance to families who otherwise would not be able to afford their tuition for fine art classes with Christian teachers during 2025.

Our Lady of Hope Clinic –Requesting \$10,000 for offsetting the salary of a new medical provider and funding a marketing campaign to expand their capacity for care. The clinic provides primary medical care and pro-life fertility care to uninsured individuals on a walk-in basis in alignment with the Catholic healthcare tradition.

Outside the Walls –Requesting \$10,000 for their unique ministry of hosting spiritual events in secular venues to build authentic relationships outside the walls of church buildings. Dave Bechtold is a former pastor now called to this outreach of taking the Gospel to where people gather. The money will be used for marketing, facility rental, events supplies and equipment and a part-time administrative assistant. Plans for 2025 include more activity in social media and a need for audio/video equipment.



POSH (Pierre Outreach Safe Home) –Requesting \$10,000 to pay counselors who are involved in this Social Wellness Lab outreach to black girls and their mothers to prevent trafficking and stop the cycle of trauma by providing a safe home and positive behavioral education. All else is donated: space, snacks & speakers. Spiritual support and prayer is a major component, as they work with MMSD and other organizations that deal with trafficking.

Salvation Army –Requesting \$6000 for 56 Bible Journaling kits for Bible studies in the Salvation Army Women’s and Family shelters in Dane County. This serves a population that is involved in Bible study and is less likely to attend church on a regular basis. This is a new pilot project and it’s hoped in the future it will be included in the annual budget based on the success of the first year.

Shelter from the Storm –Request is for \$10,000 for their Motors 4 Moms program which helps women overcome the barrier to reliable transportation. A homeless single mom receives an enormous benefit from having a vehicle. It gives her access to employment and social service resources, improves her independence and family well-being, and reduces stress. This program helps moms get a drivers license, helps with car repairs, provides car seats and insurance, and even provides maintenance workshops.

Stoughton FCA –Requesting \$3000 to provide food for Bible study. They provide a hot breakfast every week during the school year and ice cream every week during the summer for meetings where the Gospel is shared, often by UW Christian athletes. They also have quarterly events when they serve something like chili or tacos. Food has been found to be a key attraction for teenagers.

Wisconsin Inmate Education Association –Requesting \$8000 which is the amount that will be paid to Trinity International University for the annual education of one student from Dane County. This student is involved in Operation Transformation, a seminary program for inmates in the Wisconsin Department of Corrections institutions. Twenty-seven students are currently enrolled in this program now in its eighth year. Alumni are now serving as field mentors in other WI DOC institutions, helping to reduce violence and share their faith in Jesus.

Yada Fair Trade & Resale –Requesting \$10,000 to support their mission of helping female trafficking survivors move from surviving to thriving by supporting their self-sufficiency via job training and job creation. They would allocate 70% to store employee salaries and 30% to YadaMade employees. Yada’s job training initiative began in 2024 but budget constraints have limited the number of women served. This grant would help the viability of the program.