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BENEVOLENCE 2019

October Mission: DAIS



Perhaps the best way to frame the value of the role Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) plays in the lives of our neighbors and friends is to state a few alarming facts:

- Each year, approximately **1/3 of all arrests in Dane County** are domestic violence-related.
- In the U.S., **1 in 4 women** and **1 in 7 men** have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner.
- It's estimated that **1/4 of all physical assaults** perpetrated against women by an intimate partner are reported to law enforcement.
- Each year, DAIS receives nearly **20,000 calls** from people seeking their help.

Domestic abuse is not a new problem. It's not a small problem. And it's not going away.

But there is hope for a better future for people who find themselves in abusive situations, thanks to organizations such as DAIS, which we are featuring this month as a Benevolence Program mission.

DAIS offers a variety of services, including a call hotline, emergency shelter, relocation assistance, legal assistance, intervention for children in precarious situations and community education.

November Benevolence Mission: Accessible local health care

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JANUARY (\$943): **Divine Savior** (Puerto Rico), our sister congregation in Cataño, receives financial assistance for operational needs and to support recovery efforts from Hurricane Maria.

FEBRUARY (\$849): **Compassion International** provides educational, health and spiritual guidance to “our” kids: Vanesa, 13, in Mexico, and Simon, 6, in Tanzania.

MARCH (\$839): **ELC summer youth programming.** Through Vacation Bible School, Mission Week and our YouthWorks mission trip to Indianapolis, we’ll touch the lives of dozens of kids over summer break.

APRIL (\$1,126): Mount Horeb’s **backpack lunch program** offers a steady source of nutritious food to kids from homes where food insecurity is a regular issue.

MAY (\$682): **Feeding our area’s hungry.** Every year, Americans waste 31% of food at the retail and consumer levels – representing roughly 133 billion pounds and \$161 billion. Fair Share Coalition repurposes local CSA food and Healthy Food for All repackages area supermarket and restaurant food.

JUNE (\$948): **Lutherans United Assisting After Disaster** is a grass-roots association of churches in the ELCA South Central Synod of Wisconsin that assists disaster survivors through the initial stages of recovery.

JULY (\$742): **Madison Area Jail Ministry** features 1-on-1 devotion to the spiritual needs of people who are incarcerated and the sheriffs deputies who work at the jail.

AUGUST (\$897): **Lutheran World Relief** tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. Our church creates and collects quilts, school kits and health kits, which volunteers load into railroad boxcars, destined for Lutheran World Relief.

SEPTEMBER (\$1,317): Through **SABA, International**, we aid The Nest Children’s Home, New Dawn Orphanage, and Bethel Outreach Children’s Center in Kenya.

OCTOBER: **DAIS** provides trauma care, shelter, and social services for domestic abuse victims.

NOVEMBER: **Accessible local health care** through Our Lady of Hope in Madison and Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville supports people in our region who would otherwise have few or no options for assistance.

DECEMBER: **Lutheran Social Services** delivers a wide range of programs and services, including adoption, foster care, addiction treatment, senior housing, mental health, and family assistance.

BONUS: We’ll reinvest repaid microloans through **KIVA** to small businesses worldwide.

- Benevolence presentations will be made at services on the weekend of the second Sunday of each month. Offerings can be made throughout the month. The funds will be sent to the organization at the end of each month.
- 100% of all collected funds will go toward the Benevolence Program.
- 10% of each month’s collection will go to our sister church, Divine Savior in Cataño, Puerto Rico; the balance will go to the monthly organizations. The funds will be set aside monthly but paid to the sister church annually. If there are two organizations in one month, the remaining 90% of the funds will be split evenly.