



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Wheat Ridge Ministries Awards Three New GrantsPlus Grants totaling \$140,000**

Itasca, IL – Wheat Ridge Ministries recently approved three grants totaling \$140,000 that will assist inspired leaders who are serving others and sharing health and hope around the world. The GrantsPlus Program supports new and innovative health and human care programs led by congregations and nonprofit organizations affiliated with the Lutheran community. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 over two to three years. GrantsPlus recipients participate in capacity-building activities offered by Wheat Ridge during the term of the grant, including webinars, convening events, workshops or consultations.

The three new grant recipients are:

**Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning (A3L)  
Lutheran Settlement House, Philadelphia, PA  
Grant Amount - \$50,000**

Lutheran Settlement House's Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning project has been re-envisioned as a new, volunteer-driven program that brings well-trained, dedicated tutors together with vulnerable adults struggling with poor literacy skills. Lutheran Settlement House reaches those who are locked into poverty and locked out of jobs, often unable to manage simple tasks such as helping their own child with homework or reading simple directions. Using volunteers, graduate fellows, community partners and technology to support learners and tutors, they offer a cost-effective and sustainable approach to desperately needed adult education services.

**Clean Water Indonesia  
Kingdom Workers, Wauwatosa, WI  
Grant Amount - \$40,000**

Kingdom Workers plans to expand clean water initiatives in Indonesia. Through the Clean Water Indonesia program, families in rural communities will learn how to implement health initiatives, specifically through the installation of clean water

systems. Kingdom Workers will give individuals the tools to improve their health and wellness, and then empower residents to multiply this impact by expanding the program to others in their community. This program opens the door for relationships to be built between Lutheran congregations in Indonesia and the communities surrounding them so that God's word may continue to be shared.

### **Healing House**

**Madison-Area Urban Ministry, Madison, WI**

**Grant Amount - \$50,000**

Madison-Area Urban Ministry's Healing House will be a 24/7 medical respite facility for families who are homeless and have a member in need of recuperative care post hospital or emergency room discharge. Currently there is no such facility in Wisconsin and hospitals routinely discharge homeless children and parents back onto the streets, or postpone needed medical care for lack of a safe place in which to recuperate. Healing House will provide recuperative care, three meals per day, transportation to and from medical follow-up appointments, health care management and education, and case management related to long-term housing needs.

### ***About Wheat Ridge Ministries***

Established in 1905, Wheat Ridge Ministries provides funding and support for inspired leaders starting new health and human care ministries. These ministries encompass a wide range of innovative solutions from free health clinics to after-school programs, refugee support to care for older adults. We believe that all of God's people are called to help others experience a more abundant life. Our efforts support those who are focused on improving the health of the whole person, addressing wellness of body, mind and spirit. We've helped thousands of ministries get started. Currently, more than 70 ministries around the world are receiving assistance through our traditional Wheat Ridge grants and even more through our WeRaise crowdfunding grants and ministry resources. To learn more, please visit [www.wheatridge.org](http://www.wheatridge.org). You can also find Wheat Ridge on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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