

## Mission Statement and Grant Guidelines

### **Mission Statement**

#### Our Mission

Our mission is one of compassion designed to serve God by serving others, sharing His Word and His resources with those in need.

#### Our Vision

Our vision is that those who are disadvantaged or who are suffering spiritually, physically or emotionally will experience the love of Christ in tangible ways, receiving relief from their suffering, encouragement in their growth and improvement in their quality of life.

#### Our Resources

Our resources are directed to the support and development of programs that relieve hunger, provide medical care for the mentally and physically ill, provide educational opportunities for children and youth, develop opportunities for employment and economic advancement, provide affordable housing and shelter and encourage Christian spiritual development.

#### Our Focus

We focus on programs that have a measurable impact on the lives of children and youth and their families and that provide the basic ingredients for success in education and physical, mental and spiritual development.

### **Grant Guidelines**

- 1) The Foundation's Board is strongly guided by the Foundation's Mission Statement. Proposals should explain how the organization and program or project is consistent with that Statement.
- 2) Proposals must contain a description of the proposed program or project, including a statement of the need, specific program components, logistics, goals, projected benefits or numbers of people to be affected, and plans for evaluating the effectiveness of the program or project.
- 3) Proposals must include the names of the executive officers and members of the board of directors of the requesting organization, aggregate board financial contributions to the organization for the prior 12 months, financial information of the organization including operating budget, project budget, amounts and sources already committed to project, other possible funding sources, and most recent audited financial statement (or if no audit, certified by the organization's chief executive or financial officer).
- 4) Proposals must include a copy of the organization's current IRS exemption letter and most recent IRS Form 990 federal tax return. The Foundation does not support other private foundations. Applicants that are classified as "supporting organizations" must provide additional documentation as set forth in the Foundation's Grant Application.
- 5) In general, the Foundation will not fund more than 25% of a project's budget or more than 10% of an organization's total annual operating budget.
- 6) In general, the Foundation will not make multi-year commitments.
- 7) Proposals should be submitted a minimum of four months before funds are required.
- 8) The Foundation will consider only one proposal from any one organization during any 12 month period.

- 9) Loans and grants are not made to individuals.
- 10) Organizations previously funded by the Foundation must provide a full report of previous grant expenditures.
- 11) In general, the Foundation does not support event fundraisers or sponsorships, or contribute to endowments.
- 12) The Foundation does not support lobbying of any kind.