

Enduring Gifts... Our Legacy of Faith



## Making the Future Better

In August of 1973 a group of wise leaders established the First United Methodist Church of Midland Foundation. The initial gift, made by one of the founders, was \$3,000.

In the decades since that visionary beginning, the Foundation has produced important financial resources to fuel the expanding ministries of First United Methodist Church, along with the expansion of several local community service agencies.

## Help us do what we can't do otherwise

### Within the church...

The Foundation has helped to provide funding for many of our church's most exciting ministries, including:

#### Children's Ministries

- Promiseland
- JAM 56
- Computer Lab

#### **Youth Ministries**

- Choir Tours
- Sound Equipment
- Sponsor Training
- Pre-College Retreats

#### Miscellaneous

- Mission Trips
- Radio/Television Ministry
- Emergency Building and Equipment Repairs



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### Within the community...

"Hundreds of children placed at High Sky Children's Ranch due to abuse and neglect have benefited over the years from grants from the First United Methodist



Church of Midland Foundation. Some of the projects that have been supported include building our playground, growing our Horse Therapy program and our Abell-Hanger Emergency Shelter for the younger children and siblings, ages 0-11."

-Joan Bohanon, High Sky Children's Ranch

"It is difficult to limit our expression of gratitude for the Foundation's sustained support of our Center, which allows our clinicians to counsel countless men, women and children in Christian hope for changed lives."

-Susan Barron, Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc.



"Last year, 347 adults participated in the GED program, coming from an array of backgrounds. Their participation in this program shows they have a common goal of improving their lives through advancing their education. 185 adults participated in the ELD program. For many of them, once they have a solid grasp of the English language they just walk across the hall to take the next step of studying for their GED."

-Lynn Rogers, Director of Public Relations, Casa de Amigos

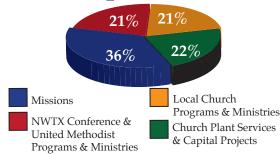
"Teen F.L.O.W. Youth Ministries attracts over 1,000 junior and high school students to Bible study, fellowship, community service and involvement in



a positive atmosphere. Through your generosity, you are helping youth develop a strong moral center in which will benefit our community now and in the future."

-Jay Marquez, Teen F.L.O.W. Youth Ministries

## **Areas Impacted**



A breakdown of how \$753,000 of the earnings were distributed, over the last 5 years.

## Ways of Giving

Maybe you feel like many people who support the church with annual giving over many years and reach the point where they want to provide in advance for a gift that will support the church into the future. Several vehicles are available to simultaneously accomplish the goals of:

- Providing an ongoing gift to the institution
- Providing tax-related or other benefits to the donor and their family members

Your financial advisor can help you design a gift to the Foundation that can:

- Provide significant tax benefits for you and your family members
- Provide income for the rest of your life
- Reflect your wishes for the use of the gift
- Help with the sale of a business, stocks, land or other assets

The Foundation can receive many types of gifts, including memorials and honorariums, bequests, life insurance proceeds, appreciated stocks, trusts, annuities and assets of all kinds. Your financial planner can help you determine which type of gift is most advantageous for you, while insuring our church will be able to keep up with the increasing costs of maintaining fine facilities and doing ministry.

# Imagine our Church Twenty Years from Now

And imagine the satisfaction of knowing your gifts played a vital role in continuing our tradition of excellence in facilities and ministry.

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