



Birthday Offering

of Presbyterian Women

Celebrating a Century of Giving and Receiving

This year the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women celebrates the century mark of generous giving. Launched in 1922 to honor the 100th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Birthday Offering is an annual tradition for givers and receivers around the world. Over the last 100 years, grants funded by Presbyterian Women have impacted the ministries of more than 200 organizations and transformed the lives of countless people. From the original funds donated for the entrance gate in Montreat, North Carolina, and Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan, to a classroom at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and a Presbyterian Bible school in Hsinchu, Taiwan, in the 1960s, to the housing and hunger projects in Farmington, Maine, and Lares, Puerto Rico, today, the Birthday Offering continues to provide a message of hope in the United States and around the world. While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of women and children has not. Support the Birthday Offering so PW can continue funding mission projects for the next 100 years. Give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit. Learn more at presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

2022 Grant Recipients

Mission at the Eastward (MATE) McCleary House Transitional Housing

missionattheeastward.org

Farmington, Maine

\$80,000

The Birthday Offering grant will help renovate McCleary House for people experiencing homelessness. Poverty has been increasing in Maine, with a growing number of vulnerable people losing their homes due to job loss, eviction, sickness or economic hardship—all complicated in the last years by the pandemic. This transitional home will provide a warm and healthy place to live for 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals over the course of the year, as most guests stay just a few months. The renovated home will provide a safe space for individuals to begin the psycho-social, educational and vocational work needed to move forward with their lives.



Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares, Puerto Rico Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

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Lares, Puerto Rico

\$105,000

Following Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the January 2020 earthquakes in Puerto Rico, the Presbyterian Church in Lares has become the go-to location in the community for food, purified water and personal items. With much of the population elderly and infirmed, they rely on the church for help with necessities. Because the church's kitchen is small, dated and not code compliant, upgrades are needed to continue providing this ministry. With funding from the Birthday Offering, all appliances, wiring, lighting and plumbing will be replaced and the facility will be made ADA accessible. Solar panels and a heavy-duty generator will be installed to provide uninterrupted electrical service and water availability.

