

2026 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Birthday Offering RECIPIENTS

City Mission of Findlay

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S CRISIS SHELTER

FINDLAY, OHIO

FINDLAYMISSION.ORG

\$125,000

City Mission of Findlay empowers change by offering safe shelter, warm meals and hope. One of their services is Martha's Home, a haven of compassion and support for women and children in crisis. By offering not only shelter, but also services and resources tailored to the needs of women and their families, Martha's Home strives to break the cycle of homelessness.

The Birthday Offering grant will support renovations at Martha's Home including roof and window replacements, an upgraded water heater and a new air conditioning unit. The grant will also purchase a vehicle to provide reliable transportation to employment, medical appointments, recovery meetings, childcare and community services. PW's Birthday Offering is helping Martha's Home to maintain safe, comfortable living conditions at the crisis shelter and ensuring access to critical resources for more than 100 individuals each year.

Haywood Christian Ministry

RURAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROJECT

WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

HCMNC.ORG

\$125,000

Haywood Christian Ministry (HCM) believes that everyone deserves access to high-quality, healthy food. Food shouldn't simply be about survival but also about showing love through quality ingredients and thoughtful preparation. Their anti-hunger programs, including the Smoky Mountain Harvest Hub, work to ensure that people across Haywood County, North Carolina, have the food they need, when they need it, and where they are.

The Birthday Offering grant will equip a commercial kitchen within HCM's food hub, facilitating the preparation of food products from rescued produce. The grant will also cover the cost of retrofitting a decommissioned school bus into a mobile market to expand food access and reduce food waste. Together, these tools will enable Haywood Christian Ministries to reach underserved, rural communities and ensure that everyone has ready access to healthy, fresh, good food.

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Kendell's Story

Finding Hope at Martha's Home

When I first came to Martha's Home, I was broken, afraid and nearly out of hope. My two children and I had nowhere else to go. With nothing left but the courage to make one phone call, I reached out and that single act of bravery changed everything.

From the moment we walked through the doors, we were welcomed with open arms. The staff and residents didn't just offer us a safe place to stay, they offered understanding, encouragement and faith. Over time, I found healing through chapel services, Bible study, and the support of women who had walked similar roads.

Today, my children and I are preparing to move into our own apartment. I have steady employment, my kids are thriving in school, and we're receiving furniture and household items to make our new place feel like home.

Even more meaningful, I made the decision to be baptized right here at Martha's Home. What began as simply attending chapel grew into a deep, living faith. My baptism is a moment that marks not just a new beginning, but a new foundation for our family's future.

I am living proof of what can happen when someone reaches out and finds hope waiting on the other end. Martha's Home gave me more than shelter—it gave me peace, purpose and a place to start again.



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