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Siebert Lutheran Foundation Awards \$4.4 Million in Grants

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 (Milwaukee, Wis.) – According to recently released year-end totals, the Siebert Lutheran Foundation awarded \$4.4 million in grant funding to 89 Lutheran and Lutheran-affiliated nonprofit organizations in 2022. The foundation’s grantmaking included \$1.37 million to 17 high-performing Lutheran schools and education programs serving children and youth in underserved communities, close to \$1.3 million to 29 organizations to support Lutheran leaders, ministries, and evangelism, and \$1.3 million to 28 organizations that work to address poverty and create pathways to stability and empowerment.

Among the grants made in 2022 are several that support food security in the Milwaukee area. Three area food banks, including Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, Just One More Ministries, and Ebenezer Stone Ministries, received \$270,000 to support more than 40 Milwaukee-area Lutheran-affiliated food pantries.

“With the rising cost of food, it has become increasingly difficult for many people to put nutritious meals on the table consistently. In addition, the end of FoodShare emergency allotments in 2023 is significantly impacting families who relied on this assistance to make ends meet since the pandemic began,” said Maureen Fitzgerald, Vice President for Government Relations at Feeding America. “Without assistance from food pantries, the situation would be much worse, especially for seniors, those with disabilities, children, and single parents.”

“We are humbled to stand alongside organizations that work hard to source and distribute healthy and nutritious food while also looking to address the root causes of hunger,” said Charlotte John-Gomez, Siebert Lutheran Foundation’s President. “Our grantee partners are innovative and collaborative. Witnessing their impact on our communities inspires us and fills us with optimism for the future.”

Siebert Lutheran Foundation is a private independent foundation whose mission is to maximize collaboration, relationships, and funding to strengthen and grow organizations in the Lutheran Christian community that share the Gospel, educate children and youth, and serve the needs of its neighbors. The foundation was established as a trust in 1952 by the late Albert F. Siebert, founder of the Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation. The trust was created to enable Mr. Siebert’s entire interest in the company to be left to “advance the Lutheran church” after his death.

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