



FINANCING THE FUTURE Through Special Gifts

Weekly tithes and offerings are vital to fund the daily operation and physical upkeep of our church. Additional support, to meet special needs outside our walls and support Royal Redeemer long-term, can be given as Special Gifts. Here are some of those special gifts donated by members of our congregation for needs beyond the walls of Royal Redeemer:

- Many years ago, Royal Redeemer received special gifts which were designated for the Sanctuary. Years passed and the special gifts grew, and, over this same time, the Sanctuary aged and needed some much-needed updates. Without these special gifts, the Sanctuary improvements we are currently undertaking could not have happened.
- Throughout the history of Royal Redeemer there have been members who have thought very highly of a Christian education for our children. As a result, these members gave special gifts that helped establish two separate scholarship funds for the school. In the past two years, the Endowment Committee has distributed over \$14,000 in scholarships to families in need.
- Royal Redeemer takes seriously our part in showing God's love to those in our surrounding communities. That's why we partner with excellent organizations like Building Hope in the City which, among many other ministries, helps restore old west-side neighborhoods to their former glory by restoring dilapidated homes and providing affordable housing to financially distressed families. Royal Redeemer is using funds received through a special gift to support the salary of a "Missionary in the City" who helps his new neighbors with their spiritual needs.
- We have also committed \$150,000 to build a water filtration plant in Haiti with funds received from a generous bequest. When completed the plant will provide residents with much needed safe drinking water. The local church will also sell water to nearby businesses to provide an alternate source of income for them to help fund their ministries.
- Children living in the Central neighborhood of Cleveland are provided lunch, Bible stories and materials through our partnership with Heaven Train, a division of Lighthouse Ministries. Nearly 300 children and their caregivers receive lunch every other Saturday during the summer and our financial support helps to fund a local missionary within the community. As before, the funds were generated from special "above and beyond" gifts from our generous family of believers.

Donations to the Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Fund finance the future of our church and school. Your gifts or bequests to the fund are tax deductible. You can give them any time. And you can specify how you would like Royal Redeemer to use them and any interest they earn. Contact Gary Likowski at: (440)237-7958, ext. 139 or glikowski@royred.org.