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THANKSGIVING OFFERING

2026

There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land. -- Deuteronomy 15:11

Six ministry partners. One shared goal.

$180,000

A season of giving through Christ Memorial Church

Al Amana Centre

Muscat, Oman

https://alamanacentre.org

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Al Amana Centre grew out of a legacy of Christian ministry in Oman dating back to 1893, when Reformed Church missionaries established hospitals, schools, and lasting relationships with Omani communities. Rooted in this Christian heritage, the ministry evolved in 2006 into a fully Omani-registered organization focused on interfaith and inter-cultural dialogue.

Located in one of the most religiously tolerant countries in the Gulf, Al Amana creates welcoming spaces where people of different faiths and cultures come together to build relationships, trust, and mutual understanding. Through hospitality, cultural immersion, and peace building, Al Amana puts Christian values of love, service, and hospitality into action - helping people build bridges across differences and bring greater understanding back to their communities.



Hope College & Omani men group photo at Centre-Omanis



Lunch w/ Hope College & Omanis at the Al Amana Centre

Interfaith photo voice Sharing at Al Amana Centre





Learning with Ahmed Al Mukhani

LEARN MORE

Stay connected

Learn more about these 2026 Thanksgiving Offering recipients and their projects at the Thanksgiving Offering tables in the Mixing Area or visit their websites.

Al Amana Centre https://alamanacentre.org	**$27,000**
70x7 Life Recovery https://70x7liferecovery.org	**$25,000**
Escape Ministries https://escape-out.org	**$30,000**
Gateway Mission https://hopefoundhere.org	**$33,000**
Resthaven https://resthaven.org	**$15,000**
People Helping People https://phppullman.org	**$50,000**
Total goal	**$180,000**

TOGETHER IN GENEROSITY

Let's make a difference together

Our 2026 goal is $180,000

Your Thanksgiving Offering supports six organizations serving neighbors locally and around the world.

Give in any of these ways:

1. ONLINE

Visit christmemorial.org/give.

2. IN PERSON

Drop off your donation at the church office, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

3. DURING WORSHIP

Place your donation in the collection plate during any Sunday morning service or the Thanksgiving Eve service.

Please note "TGO 2026" on your donation.

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2026 PROJECT

$27,000

Christ Memorial's gift will help Al Amana continue welcoming people in person and on-line. Funding will provide five new laptops and a vehicle to support this work of hospitality.



Group photo after sharing meal with locals at Centre



Exploring and learning Omani history, culture, and Islamic practices while visiting the Grand Mosque



Students and staff from the Modern College of Business and Science (MCBS) in Oman participated in an international experiential learning and cultural-bridge program in Germany, coordinated in partnership with the Al Amana Centre

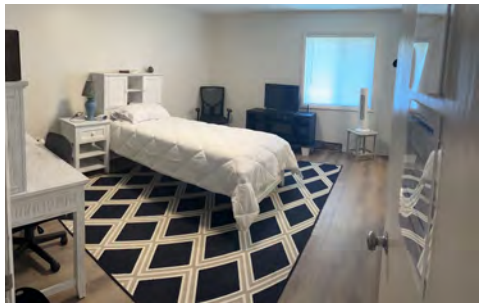
70x7 Life Recovery

Organization location not provided

https://70x7liferecovery.org

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

70x7 Life Recovery brings hope and a fresh start to individuals returning from incarceration. Through life-skills training, support groups, employment opportunities, mentoring, housing, and practical assistance, 70x7 walks alongside individuals as they work toward rebuilding their lives. From providing clothing, food, transportation, and essential documents to offering ongoing encouragement and support, its programs demonstrate the love of Christ in tangible, meaningful ways.






Images from the Benson and Pearl's house. A project previously completed by 70x7 similar to the project CMC will be funding.

People Helping People

Pullman, Michigan

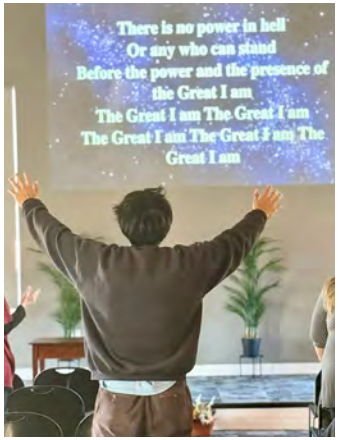
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EXPANDING THE LINKING CENTER

$50,000

TGO funding will help expand the Linking Center, creating space for growing programs and more opportunities to serve children and families. Christ Memorial Church will specifically support the new Youth Room by providing furniture, fixtures, games, and other items to create a welcoming, engaging space where students can connect, build friendships, and grow together. This expansion will help PHP continue embracing God's call to love and serve the community.



Growing in faith, building friendships, and making memories — one smile, one laugh, and one child at a time!



People Helping People

Pullman, Michigan

https://phppullman.org

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

People Helping People (PHP) has served its community through relationships, education, and faith-based outreach for many years. In 2010, PHP and community friends began hosting a Thursday evening community meal and Bible study for all ages, creating opportunities to share meals, build relationships, and grow in faith. This ministry continues today and eventually found a permanent home at the Linking Center.

When the Linking Center opened in 2018, it welcomed just 25 elementary students into its after-school program. By 2026, that number had grown to 130! As the program has expanded, so has the need for classroom and cafeteria space. In January 2026, with encouragement from area schools, PHP also launched an after-school program for middle school students, but the existing facility does not have enough room to accommodate it.

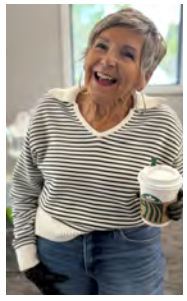












1.) The food Pantry
2.) Some of the MANY volunteers making an impact with PHP Community
3.) Children praying in church

70x7 Life Recovery

Organization location not provided

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A FURNISHED HOME

$25,000

One of the greatest challenges facing those returning to the community is finding safe, affordable housing, especially for individuals with a criminal record. A recently acquired home in Holland will provide housing for formerly incarcerated individuals known as "juvenile-lifers," who are now eligible for release due to changes in sentencing laws. TGO funding will help furnish the home with beds, linens, dressers, couches, tables, and other necessities, creating a welcoming environment where residents can begin rebuilding their lives with stability, dignity, and hope.







Images from the Benson's house. and Pearl's House. Projects previously completed by 70x7 similar to the project CMC will be funding.

Escape Ministries

Holland, Michigan

https://escape-out.org

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Escape Ministries empowers young people to become thriving young adults through transformational relationships and programs focused on Education, Employment, Fitness, and Faith. Through caring mentors, meaningful connections, and practical opportunities, Escape helps young people discover their potential, develop confidence, and build a future filled with hope.

In 2026, Escape launched a new youth housing program to support young people aging out of foster care. Many of these young adults face the challenge of navigating adulthood without the stability, support, or guidance that others may take for granted. The new home will provide a safe, fully staffed group living environment for four youth, giving each resident 9–18 months to work toward important adult life-skills.







Resthaven

Holland, Michigan

https://resthaven.org

MAPLE WOODS EXPANSION

$15,000

TGO funding will help sponsor a room in the new Maple Woods Cottages, supporting the creation of welcoming, accessible living spaces where residents can maintain their dignity and quality of life. This investment will allow Resthaven to continue providing compassionate care while meeting the changing needs of older adults in our community.









Resthaven

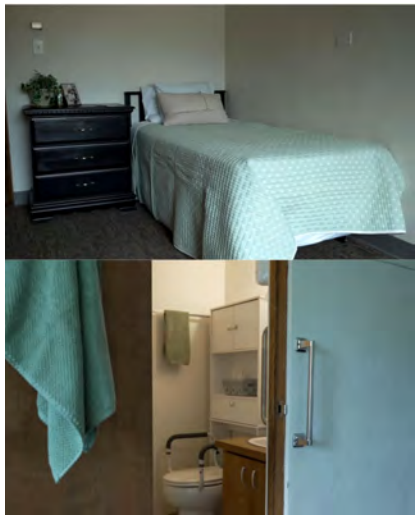
Holland, Michigan

https://resthaven.org

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Founded in 1945 by seventeen local churches, Resthaven was created to provide older adults with a place to call home when living independently was no longer possible. Today, as Holland's only faith-based, not-for-profit senior living organization, Resthaven continues its mission of serving older adults with the love, compassion, and care of Jesus Christ.

Resthaven is expanding Maple Woods Cottages by adding 24 new assisted living rooms. This expansion addresses limitations in the original campus, where smaller rooms and bathrooms, along with narrow doorways, can make everyday life challenging for residents who use walkers or wheelchairs. The new rooms will be larger, fully accessible, and thoughtfully designed to provide greater safety, comfort, and independence.



Left: A current small room and bathroom at Maplewoods.

Below: New room and bathroom



Escape Ministries

Holland, Michigan

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PREPARING A STAFFED GROUP HOME

$30,000

TGO funding will help create a half bathroom upstairs and update the home's existing bathroom, making the space more functional for its residents. More importantly, this home will provide young people with the time, guidance, and support they need to launch into thriving adulthood, surrounded by a community of belonging, faith, and transformation.







Top Left: The home that will be renovated.
Top Right: Upstairs closet to be converted into a half bathroom.
Left: Main-floor bathroom to be updated.



Gateway Mission

Holland, Michigan

https://hopefoundhere.org

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Since 1907, Gateway Mission has served Ottawa and Allegan counties by demonstrating the love of Christ to individuals and families facing homelessness, addiction, and poverty. Its mission goes far beyond providing a meal or a place to sleep. Through shelter, supportive programs, and practical assistance, Gateway offers hope, encouragement, and opportunities for individuals to begin rebuilding their lives.

Over the past three-plus years, Gateway has seen record numbers of people coming through its Women's and Children's Center and Men's Shelter. As the need continues to grow, so does the demand on its facilities and resources.









Women, children, staff, and volunteers at Gateway Mission's Women's and Children's Center, sharing hope, encouragement, and the love of Christ.

Gateway Mission

Holland, Michigan

https://hopefoundhere.org

LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT

$33,000

TGO funding will help purchase a much-needed commercial washer and dryer for the Women's and Children's Center. Having clean clothing and fresh bedding is essential to the health, dignity, and well-being of the women and children staying there. These everyday necessities provide comfort, promote stability, and help create a welcoming environment for families during a difficult season of life.

CMC will help Gateway meet an important daily need while sharing the love, care, and hope of Christ with those who walk through its doors.









