



Oakwood Terrace Task Force Awarded Grant from Presbytery of West Virginia

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Charleston, W.Va.- The Presbytery of West Virginia’s Outreach Committee met the last week of May and awarded a hunger grant to the Oakwood Terrace Task Force. With a volunteer base of more than 30 individuals, a broad majority of those attend Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, Kanawha United Presbyterian Church and Rock Lake Presbyterian Church.

The \$2,500 award will cover the expense of purchasing all children at Oakwood Terrace under 19-years-old an age-appropriate gift and each family a \$25 grocery gift card. There are 152 low-income families with more than 220 children with partially subsidized permanent housing.

Oakwood Terrace Task Force works under the mission to enhance the lives of children and families living in the Oakwood Terrace apartments, located in Charleston, West Virginia. The apartments were founded in the 1970s by Presbyterians and loosely affiliated with both the Presbytery of West Virginia and many local congregations. The task force was later established in 1992 by the Rev. Jerry Harrah, who envisioned an annual Christmas food distribution to support the residents.

The Rev. Kathryn Willoughby Weed who serves on the task force said that, while the activities have changed over the years, the mission remains the same.

“The Christmas project and emergency food pantry remain core to the mission. We are grateful for the support of the Presbytery of West Virginia to support us,” Willoughby Weed said.

Lead Presbytery and Stated Clerk, Maureen Wright, celebrates the opportunity to partner with four of our congregations in this important ministry.

“It is a privilege to join the Bream Memorial, First, Kanawha, and Rock Lake churches as they work together to support the families of the Oakwood Terrace community,” Wright said.

The Presbytery of West Virginia has three grants for which churches can apply to seek funding. Details about the Hunger Grant, Mission Grant and New Life Grant may be found at www.wvpresbytery.org.

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