CREATING A LEGACY

OUR MISSION: With abiding faith in the intrinsic value of all God's children, Metro Lutheran Ministry connects those in need with food, housing, health care, education, employment services, and other resources in order to nurture greater hope, health, opportunity, and peace.

OUR VISION: To be a community that acts justly, loves mercy, and walks humbly with God. (Inspired by Micah 6:8)

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit social service agency, Metro Lutheran Ministry helps disadvantaged people of all races, religions, and nationalities in the urban areas of Jackson, Clay and Platte Counties in Missouri and Wyandotte County in Kansas.
We welcome the opportunity to visit with you and help you design a legacy gift that brings joy to you and your family. Heritage Society gifts may be given with or without restrictions to the ongoing daily operations of MLM or invested for future use through the MLM Foundation. Restricted gifts are used in accordance with the stipulations made by the donor. Gifts to MLM without restriction support the essential functions of the agency, allowing MLM to provide the services the people of our community desperately need.

A gift to the MLM Foundation provides ongoing, permanent support to Metro Lutheran Ministry. Permanent gifts are held in a fund at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation separate from assets held by MLM. This fund is overseen by the Foundation board to ensure the assets are invested according to the Foundation investment policy.

Your gift plan may include:

- **CASH AND SECURITIES**
  Gifts of cash and appreciated securities provide immediate benefit to MLM and, in many cases, are tax deductions for the donor.

- **REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY**
  Real property is simply real estate—a home, farm, or other land. Gifts of tangible personal property, such as art, antiques, jewelry or other objects, offer another way of giving.

- **CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS**
  A charitable lead trust transfers the income from assets to the owner of a personal residence or farm to provide the property to MLM while still retaining a “life estate” in the property that is the right to continue to use and enjoy it.

- **TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT PLAN**
  Name MLM as a beneficiary to a tax-deferred retirement plan such as an IRA, Keough, 401(k) and 403(b) plans. The distribution from any of these plans would take place after your death.

- **LIFE INSURANCE**
  Policies that are no longer needed for family protection or business purposes make excellent charitable gifts, regardless of whether or not all of the premiums have been paid. Another option is to establish a new life insurance policy specifically for MLM.

- **LIFE INCOME GIFTS**
  Charitable remainder unitrusts or annuity trusts are irrevocable trusts with charitable components.

- **BEQUESTS**
  Gifts through your will or trust may be made for a specific dollar amount or as a percentage of your total estate or the residuum remaining after all debts, taxes, expenses, and other bequests have been paid. Naming MLM as a beneficiary can be accomplished with a simple statement similar to the following: “I bequeath $______ or ____% of my/our estate to The Kansas City Metro Lutheran Ministry—3031 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64109.”

- **REMAINDER INTEREST IN A RESIDENCE OR FARM**
  A special agreement can be devised that permits the owner of a personal residence or farm to give the property to MLM while still retaining a “life estate” in the property that is the right to continue to use and enjoy it.

Please consult your tax advisor regarding the implications of any of these options.

**DESIGNING YOUR GIFT PLAN**

“I want to leave something to the community, to people. This is another way I can make a difference.”

John Martin, Heritage Society Member