

## **ADVANCE SPECIALS DESCRIPTIO ALPHA ORDER FOR 2020/2021**

**1) Agape Community Outreach Mission, Kankakee – IGRC FUND 6647**

Gives tangibles for those in need including food, clothing, furniture, household items, bus tokens, help with utilities, etc. Also, helps people with contacts of other services that are available. This ministry is supported by a number of UMC's in the area. For more information please contact Deborah Dodt at [executivedirector@acom-inc.org](mailto:executivedirector@acom-inc.org).

**2) Alain Rocourt Endowment Fund – IGRC FUND 6700**

Exists to support Methodist schools in Haiti, training and pay for teachers, funding for children's tuition and feeding students who would otherwise go hungry. For more information please contact Jame Hahs at [jamehahs@gmail.com](mailto:jamehahs@gmail.com)

**3) Asbury's Children's Supper Hour, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6460**

Services children with nutritious meals, distributes clothes & shoes, distributes school supplies, assist with homework and provides a safe environment in the midst of the neighborhood violence. Most importantly, teaches the children about God's transforming love. This is a ministry supported by several United Methodist churches in the area. For more information contact Joe Hardwick at [info@asburycsh.org](mailto:info@asburycsh.org).

**4) Austin's Place Emergency Overnight Shelter for Women, Champaign – IGRC FUND TBA FOR 2021**

Austin's Place is the only emergency shelter for single women in Champaign County. It operates only on volunteer effort – from volunteers who stay overnight, transport guests, do laundry, make phone calls, advertise, collect donations, etc. Austin's Place is a ministry of Champaign First UMC. For more information go to their website at [www.shelter-austinsplace.weekly.com](http://www.shelter-austinsplace.weekly.com) or contact Ruth Moore at [ruth@champaignfumc.org](mailto:ruth@champaignfumc.org).

**5) Bridges East St. Louis – IGRC FUND 6515**

Provides lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays and supports a food pantry. Also, provides door to door lunch delivery to elderly who need assistance. This is a ministry of Trinity UMC. For more information contact Elizabeth Tolson at [owluvya@aol.com](mailto:owluvya@aol.com).

**6) CASA of Franklin County, Benton – IGRC FUND 6053**

CASA advocates focus on the best interest of foster children to ensure educational, medical, spiritual, emotional, basic and safety needs. Advocates serve as liaison, voice and overall advocate of child in and out of court while in transition of foster care. United Methodists in this area serve as advocates, board members and support CASA financially. For more information go to their website at [www.casafranklincounty.org](http://www.casafranklincounty.org) or contact Mariah Hayes at [mariah@casssfranklincounty.org](mailto:mariah@casssfranklincounty.org).

**7) CASA of Southwestern Illinois, Belleville – IGRC FUND 6045**

Advocates for abused and neglected children through collaboration with various community agencies, public and private funds, local businesses and judicial officials in order to end systemic cycles of abuse for the future generation. This agency is supported by O'Fallon First

UMC. For more information go their website at [www.casaofswil.org](http://www.casaofswil.org) or contact Mechiko White at [Mechiko.casa@gmail.org](mailto:Mechiko.casa@gmail.org).

**8) Central Illinois Foodbank, Inc., Springfield – IGRC FUND 6370**

Central Illinois Foodbank gives food assistance throughout central and southern Illinois. Each year the foodbank and partner agencies serve nearly 100,000 individuals including over 30,000 children. Several United Methodist churches financially support this ministry. For more information go to their website at [www.centralilfoodbank.org](http://www.centralilfoodbank.org) or Pam Molitoris at [pmolitoris@centralilfoodbank.org](mailto:pmolitoris@centralilfoodbank.org).

**9) Choisser Kitchen, Eldorado – IGRC FUND 6455**

Ministry feeds hungry adults and children of Eldorado and the county. Without this ministry several members of the community would not have a hot meal three days a week. Several United Methodist Churches in the area help by volunteering and with finances. For more information contact Chris Wise at [cwisestl@gmail.com](mailto:cwisestl@gmail.com)

**10) Club Compass, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6500**

Serves low-income kids from Dubois Elementary with a high-quality program where the kids receive love, mentoring, social-emotional and academic support, healthy meals and find a place where they belong. Founded as a ministry of Douglass Avenue UMC and has now grown to be an independent not-for-profit organization, Compass for Kids. For more information go to the website at [www.compass4kids.org](http://www.compass4kids.org) or contact Molly Berendt at [molly@compass4kids.org](mailto:molly@compass4kids.org).

**11) Common Place Family Learning Center, Peoria – IGRC FUND 6210**

Human service literacy organization with a mission to embrace diversity and improve lives through education and family support. Literacy programs for all ages plus provision of basic needs, strengthening the well-being of individuals, families and community. Several UMC churches provide financial and volunteer assistance to this organization. For more information please contact Pamela Rumba at [Pamela.rumba@comonplacepeoria.org](mailto:Pamela.rumba@comonplacepeoria.org).

**12) Community Table, Sandoval—IGRC FUND 6130**

The primary purpose of this ministry is to reach out to the community in God's Love and to feed all that attend a hot meal once a week. The Village of Sandoval has 1/3 of its population living below the Federal poverty level. Ministry is an outreach of the Sandoval UMC. For more information contact Alli/Carole Jourdan at [Jour1961@frontiernet.net](mailto:Jour1961@frontiernet.net).

**13) Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana – IGRC FUND 6030**

Serves the need of children with emotional, behavioral and special educational needs. Provides comprehensive services including residential treatment, special education and community-based services, Cunningham transforms lives by helping youth and families reach their potential. Cunningham is supported by numerous UMC's throughout the conference. For more information go to their website at [www.cunninghamhome.org](http://www.cunninghamhome.org) or contact Marlin Livingston at [mlivingston@cunninghamhome.org](mailto:mlivingston@cunninghamhome.org).

**14) Disciple Bible Outreach – IGRC FUND 6165**

Develops and strengthens DISCIPLE Bible study ministries in local churches and in outreach settings – especially prisons – which will transform lives, make disciples and empower Christians

for outreach ministry. Prison ministry is a long-term need of every prison community. This ministry is supported by local UMC congregations. For more information please contact Beth Fender at [bfender@igrc.org](mailto:bfender@igrc.org).

**15) Dove Inc., Decatur – IGRC FUND 6290**

Coalition of religious organizations that seeks to coordinate efforts to address unmet human needs and social injustices. Provides clothing, food pantry, domestic violence shelter, homelessness services, prevention programs and neighborhood unity. This ministry is supported by several United Methodist Churches. For more information please check the website at [www.doveinc.org](http://www.doveinc.org) or contact Tamara Wilcox at [twilcox@doveinc.org](mailto:twilcox@doveinc.org).

**16) Eagle House Ministries, Buncombe – IGRC FUND 6020**

Serves the communities, physical, spiritual and emotional needs throughout the year. Gives help to low income individuals, families and elderly with services and physical needs. Also provides spiritual needs through the weekly Sold Out Youth Services, weekly Juvenile Detention Ministry, yearly Discipleship Footsteps Conference, Rekindling the Spirit Youth Rallies and Live Nativity at the City Park. United Methodist churches in the area are financial partners, prayer partners and volunteers. For more information go to their website at [www.eaglehouseministries.com](http://www.eaglehouseministries.com) or contact Daniel Money at [daniel@eaglehouseministries.com](mailto:daniel@eaglehouseministries.com).

**17) empty tomb, inc., Champaign – IGRC FUND 6160**

This ministry is a Christian service and research organization by serving the church providing both a financial discipleship strategy and information about church giving patterns on a national level. Provides opportunities for volunteers to become involved in meeting various needs in Jesus' name. United Methodist Church's support this ministry both in volunteerism and financially. For more information go to their website at [www.emptytomb.org](http://www.emptytomb.org) or contact Shannon Cook at [coor@emptytomb.org](mailto:coor@emptytomb.org).

**18) Fair Hope Children's Ministry, Danville – IGRC FUND 6085**

Provides clothing, school supplies, baby needs such as blankets, layettes, Pack-N-Plays, car seats, etc. The ministry has been far reaching and continues to grow as the needs of the Danville community call for the love of God to be manifest in the mercy and compassion show through the Fair Hope Ministry. This is a ministry of the seven UMC churches in the Popcorn Cluster. For more information go to their website at [www.fairhopedanville.org](http://www.fairhopedanville.org) or contact Karel Volpert at [karelvolpert@gmail.com](mailto:karelvolpert@gmail.com).

**19) Faith & Finances – IGRC FUND TBA for 2021**

Teaches those in poverty on how to manage their finances while building relationships, sharing testimony and hopefully leads to accepting Christ. Those who are materially poor will gain access to resources that have otherwise been cut off from them. This is a ministry of the Riverside UMC in Moline. For more information please contact Jozett McCoy at [serverumc@mediacombb.net](mailto:serverumc@mediacombb.net)

**20) Family Life Shelter, Mount Vernon – IGRC FUND TBA for 2021**

Ministry operates a warming center from November – March providing a warm place to stay, three meals a day, shower access and clean laundry. Ministry is supported by West Salem Trinity, Epworth and Mount Vernon First United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Kent Jackson at [thejaxon03@gmail.com](mailto:thejaxon03@gmail.com).

**21) Family Mission Fund, Manito – IGRC FUND 6090**

Financial assistance with housing, utilities, transportation and financial counseling. Gives financial support to area programs, school supplies, children's ministry and gospel outreach. The Family Mission Fund is a ministry of the Manito UMC. For more information go to their website at [www.manitoumc.com](http://www.manitoumc.com) or contact Margery Howard at [stmplady44@gmail.com](mailto:stmplady44@gmail.com).

**22) Feeding God's People, Peoria – IGRC FUND 6050**

Provides food, clothes, limited emergency living assistance and other much needed special projects. Also, provides a place of comfort and care through the ministry of the church. Program operates out of Peoria Bethel UMC. For more information contact Linda John at [Ljohn03@comcast.net](mailto:Ljohn03@comcast.net).

**23) Friends of Jesus Food Pantry, Equality – IGRC FUND 6140**

Serves those who need food assistance in the Gallatin/Saline County area. Both counties have a higher than average poverty rate. Food pantry is based at the Equality UMC and is supported by Eldorado First, Ridgeway and Wesley Chapel UMC. For more information, please contact Donna Lane at [donna.a.lane@gmail.com](mailto:donna.a.lane@gmail.com).

**24) FROG'n'DAWG, Sumner – IGRC FUND 6195**

Once a week program on Thursday evenings that meets physical, social and emotional needs of children in the area. Also, provides breakfast on Sunday mornings. This is a ministry of the Sumner UMC. For more information contact Brad & Jennifer Schilt at [jschilt@cusd10.org](mailto:jschilt@cusd10.org).

**25) Good Samaritan Inn, Decatur – IGRC FUND 6170**

Creates opportunities with the support of the community toward improving the lives of the economically disadvantaged neighbors through daily nourishment, life skills education and job training programs. Offers a nutritious noon meal in a safe environment 365 days a year and is an entry point for the job skills training programs. Financially supported monthly by local UMC congregations and by individual UMC members throughout the Covenant Partners program. For more information go to their website at [www.goodsamaritaninn.org](http://www.goodsamaritaninn.org) or contact Cindy Jackson at [director@goodsamaritaninn.org](mailto:director@goodsamaritaninn.org).

**26) Good Samaritan Ministries, Carbondale – IGRC FUND 6410**

Provides shelter, food and advocacy for homeless, near homeless and transient individuals and families. Offers an emergency shelter, referral service and counseling, a transitional housing program, a food pantry, a soup kitchen and an emergency assistance program. Financially supported by Grace UMC UMW, Carbondale First, Stritz UMC and Marion First UMC. For more information go their website at [www.goodsamcarbondale.org](http://www.goodsamcarbondale.org) or contact Patty Mullen at [goodsam@mchsi.com](mailto:goodsam@mchsi.com).

**27) Grace UMC Community Ministries, Decatur – IGRC FUND 6190**

Serves children in first through fifth grade and their families in the church & neighborhood. Ministry gives a weekly opportunity to express the love of Jesus to our hurting neighbors. This is a ministry of Decatur Grace UMC. For more information contact Judy Madding at [maddingju@gmail.com](mailto:maddingju@gmail.com).

**28) Harvest Ministry, Troy – IGRC FUND 6340**

The mission of Harvest is to help the church make disciples by inviting young adults to partner in teams leading worship, concerts, special events, camps & retreats. Ministry is closely connected to Troy UMC. For more information go to their website at [www.harvestministryteams.com](http://www.harvestministryteams.com) or contact Tim Price at [tim@troyumc.org](mailto:tim@troyumc.org).

**29) Home Sweet Home Ministries, Inc., Bloomington – IGRC FUND 0092**

Provides case management and other supportive services to the homeless such as shelter, hot meals, access to clothing, toiletries and job training. Helps people find independence, restore their hope and share the love of Jesus Christ with them. Numerous UMCs in the area support this ministry both financially and by volunteering. For more information go to the website at [www.hahministries.org](http://www.hahministries.org) or contact Mary Ann Pullin at [mpullin@hshministries.org](mailto:mpullin@hshministries.org).

**31) IGRC Intern Program – IGRC FUND 6950**

Conference ministry that develops a culture of call and develops the leadership skills of those who believe themselves to be called to ministry. Not only impacts the interns but host churches report new energy for ministry and new enthusiasm as a result of the leadership provided by IGRC interns. Ministry is supported by both the conference and host churches. For more information please contact Beth Fender at [bfender@igrc.org](mailto:bfender@igrc.org).

**32) ILCAAAP/Illinois Churches in Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems, Springfield – IGRC FUND 0076**

Programming includes help for prevention, education, training, tools and support for youth through senior citizens to fight addiction. Provides educational materials, resource information and assistance to churches, grassroots groups and individuals who are opposing casinos, video gambling and marijuana business in their communities. Many United Methodist Churches in the conference support this ministry. For more information go to the website at [www.ilcaaap.org](http://www.ilcaaap.org) or contact Anita Bedell at [ilcaaap@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ilcaaap@sbcglobal.net).

**33) Kids Club & Youth Group, Mt. Vernon – IGRC FUND 6155**

Provides a safe environment for children and youth to have a meal, enjoy fellowship and be introduced to a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is a ministry of the West Salem Trinity UMC. For more information go to their website at [www.wstumc.com](http://www.wstumc.com) or contact Jacqueline Withrow at [jacque@wstumc.com](mailto:jacque@wstumc.com).

**34) Kids'Quest, Bluford – IGRC FUND TBA FOR 2021**

Is the only Christian outreach ministry geared toward the children & youth of the Bluford community. Meets every Thursday after school for Bible lesson, craft, game and light supper. This is a ministry of Otterbein in Bluford and Mount Vernon First UMC. For more information contact Gina Ellis at [gina@mountvernon.org](mailto:gina@mountvernon.org).

**35) Kumler UMC Outreach Ministries, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6270**

Ministry includes food pantry, clothing closet, weekly community meal and prescription assistance. Resource that connects people with other services/programs in the community. This is a ministry of Kumler UMC and is supported by several churches throughout the area. For more information go to the website at [www.kumlerministries.net](http://www.kumlerministries.net) or contact Sharon Brown at [kumlerumc@hotmail.com](mailto:kumlerumc@hotmail.com).

**36) Living the Adventure Ministry, Albion – IGRC FUND 6365**

Works for the transformation of the world through the awakening of the Church, evangelistic preaching and Christian people putting their faith into action through mission experiences around the world. Ministries include mission trips, revivals, retreats, camps, conferences and youth events. This ministry is supported by several United Methodist Churches throughout the conference. For more information go to their website [www.livingtheadventure.net](http://www.livingtheadventure.net) or contact Matt Henson at [matt@livingtheadventure.net](mailto:matt@livingtheadventure.net).

**37) Macon County CASA, Decatur – IGRC FUND 6055**

Supports and promotes court-appointed advocates for abused or neglected children in order to provide children with a safe and healthy environment in permanent homes. Relies on community volunteers to act as a voices in court for abused and neglected children to safeguard the children's best interests and ensure that they are placed in safe homes as quickly as possible. This ministry is supported by several United Methodist Churches throughout the area. For more information go to the website at [www.maconcountycasa.org](http://www.maconcountycasa.org) or contact Julia Roundtree Livingston at [jlivingston@maconcountycasa.org](mailto:jlivingston@maconcountycasa.org).

**38) Midwest Mission Distribution Center, Pawnee – IGRC FUND 6620**

Shows God's Love in practical ways through the distribution of education, health, micro-business and disaster relief supplies meeting basic human needs around the world and around the corner. A "hands-on" mission experience is provided to those who serve at Midwest Mission which brings hope to those receiving supplies. This ministry is supported by numerous United Methodist Churches throughout the conference. For more information go to their website at [www.midwestmission.org](http://www.midwestmission.org) or contact Chantel Corrie at [chantel@midwestmission.org](mailto:chantel@midwestmission.org).

**39) Midwest Sight Foundation, NFP, Decatur – IGRC FUND 6540**

Mission is to educate and screen the public to determine those at risk for glaucoma and other potentially building diseases. Reaches out to community members that do not seek eye care in order to educate and screen glaucoma. Ministry takes place at Decatur First UMC. For more information go to the website at [www.midwestsightfoundationnfp.org](http://www.midwestsightfoundationnfp.org) or contact John C. Lee, M.D. at [midwestsightfoundationnfp@gmail.com](mailto:midwestsightfoundationnfp@gmail.com).

**40) Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6080**

Mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing emergency, temporary care, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Provides emergency child care, crisis counseling, developmental & medical screenings, advocacy, follow up home visits and much more. Ministry is supported by several United Methodist Churches of the area. For more information go to the website at [www.miniobeirne.org](http://www.miniobeirne.org) or contact Tamara Doyle at [tamara@miniobeirne.org](mailto:tamara@miniobeirne.org).

**41) New Directions Warming & Cooling Center, Jacksonville – IGRC FUND 6570**

Assists displaced homeless persons in Jacksonville and the surrounding area with their emergency shelter related needs so they can become stable, functioning members of society. This is a ministry of Jacksonville Grace UMC. For more information contact Sarah Robinson at [Newdirections62650@gmail.com](mailto:Newdirections62650@gmail.com).

**42) NOW (Nutrition on Wheels) Program, Robinson – IGRC FUND 6025**

Services students in the Robinson School district and preschool students in Head Start through the food ministry. Plans are set to expand the summer lunch program to also include the communities of Hutsonville and Oblong. For more information contact Kirbie Ackman at [fristumcrob@gmail.com](mailto:fristumcrob@gmail.com).

**43) Sandoval Shalom Community Summer Lunch Program, Sandoval – IGRC FUND 6130**

Provides summer lunches for the children residing in the school district as well as the parents and non-school aged siblings if they desire. This is a ministry of the Sandoval UMC. For more information contact Adam Steinkamp at [Jour1961@frontiernet.net](mailto:Jour1961@frontiernet.net).

**44) Springfield Grace Community Ministries, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6240**

Designed to offer charitable, benevolent, educational civic and spiritual enrichment opportunities to all persons Helps to improve educational outcomes of youth participants by providing them with a forum where they can do their school work and get one-on-one help in subject areas that will lead them one step closer to success. This is a ministry of Springfield Grace UMC and is supported by many UM Churches. For more information contact Tilma Hubbard at [thubb57@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thubb57@sbcglobal.net).

**45) SPY (Savior Praising Youth), Patoka – IGRC FUND 6065**

Youth program that reaches out to the entire community. The goals of this ministry is to reach, teach and serve God's love to all. This is a ministry of the Patoka UMC. For more information contact Susan Landreth or Theresa Landreth at [landrethbs@yahoo.com](mailto:landrethbs@yahoo.com).

**46) The Lighthouse Shelter, Marion – IGRC FUND 6525**

Provides a referral facility for local pastors to aid homeless persons where they receive not only food and shelter but also case management services with a focus on permanent housing. A weekly Bible study is held at the shelter and pastoral counseling is provided as well. For more information go to [www.thelighthouseshelter.com](http://www.thelighthouseshelter.com) or contact Teresa Morris at [admin@thelighthouseshelter.com](mailto:admin@thelighthouseshelter.com).

**47) Trinity Outreach Center, East St. Louis – IGRC FUND 6060**

Outreach of Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and serves as the location of the agency's food pantry. The pantry is the only one in the area and is conveniently located on the local bus route making it easily accessible to those in need. Many United Methodist Churches support this ministry through volunteerism and financial giving. For more information go to their website at [www.lessiebatesdavis.org](http://www.lessiebatesdavis.org) or contact Gary Gaston at [lbdnhgaston@yahoo.com](mailto:lbdnhgaston@yahoo.com).

**48) True Vine Café, Vienna – IGRC FUND 6185**

Free meal offered twice a month to anyone in the community. Provides a needed meal at the Vienna UMC to low income community members and provides spiritual encouragement to any who attend. Meals are delivered to those that are shut-in and carry-outs to neighbors or friends that cannot attend. For more information go to [www.viennafumc.com](http://www.viennafumc.com) or contact Mary Harris at [Redpanda61@gmail.com](mailto:Redpanda61@gmail.com).

**49) Twelve Baskets Full, Inc (TBF), Springfield – IGRC FUND 6215**

Accepts medications from institutions such as correctional facilities, long-term care institutions and other institutional or licensed sources. Medications that are in date are used for medical missions throughout the world and medications that are not in date are disposed of properly. The vision for this ministry came from a member of the Chatham UMC. For more information go to the website at [www.12basketsfull.org](http://www.12basketsfull.org) or contact Roderick Matticks, MD at [matticks@12basketsfull.org](mailto:matticks@12basketsfull.org).

**50) UCount2, Beecher City – IGRC FUND 6035**

Grows the common good of the Beecher City/Shumway area through positive spiritual, psychological and physical initiatives. Designed to connect with those misusing or abusing substances with particular attention to children and youth; to bring about productive/useful lives and transform hearts. This is a ministry of Evangel UMC in Beecher City. For more information contact Paul Bauer at [pbauer@frontiernet.net](mailto:pbauer@frontiernet.net).

**51) Vermillion Teaching Ministry, Pontiac – IGRC FUND TBA for 2021**

Focused on helping churches attain the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ. Focused on teaching and equipping UMC's to be missional in their communities, to engage in evangelism, to create opportunities for vibrant worship and discipleship and to grow as the Body of Christ. For more information please contact Jim Barnett at [Vermillionriver@igrc.org](mailto:Vermillionriver@igrc.org).

**52) Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois, Belleville – IGRC FUND 6043**

Offers shelter, advocacy and counseling for those who have experienced domestic violence. These services can change the future of the survivor and their children. For more information go to their website at [www.vpcswi.org](http://www.vpcswi.org) or contact Darlene Jones at [Darlene.jones@vpcswi.org](mailto:Darlene.jones@vpcswi.org).

**53) Winnies Place Domestic Violence Shelter: A Ministry of Churches United of the Quad-Cities Area – IGRC FUND TBA for 2021**

Provides safe and secure temporary housing for women and children who are fleeing domestic violence. Assists women and children find empowerment through this ministry. The ministry is supported by UMC churches in the area. For more information go to their website at [www.cuqca.org](http://www.cuqca.org) or contact [mgrimes@cuqca.org](mailto:mgrimes@cuqca.org).

**54) Wooden It Be Lovely, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6245**

Offers hope and employment to women healing from lives of poverty, addiction and abuse; providing transitional employment, mentoring, recovery tools, education, community networking, childcare and a safe community. Women are employed to refurbish and sell donated wooden furniture alongside community volunteers while their young children are cared for onsite. This is a ministry of Douglas Ave. UMC. For more information go to the website at [www.woodenitbelovelydaumc](http://www.woodenitbelovelydaumc) or contact Margaret Ann Jessup at [majessup@msn.com](mailto:majessup@msn.com).