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Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

MATCHING GRANT REMINDER FOR AFRICAN ORPHANS IN ZIMBABWE

The Ishe Anesu Project in Sakubva, Mutare, Zimbabwe is in need of funding for operational support for the next year. Over the years Holston has invested in the project having built a building to daily care for 90 children with HIV as well as helped with educational needs.

Due to a loss of income for the retiring staff on the ground, mission leaders in the Holston Conference are stepping forward to fund the shortfall in this transitional year as new leaders are found and trained in the coming months. Without this stop-gap support the future of Ishe Anesu is in jeopardy.

\$50,000 in emergency aid is being raised. The Holston Conference Foundation and Change for Children have approved grants, but \$15,000-\$20,000 is still needed.

The Holston Conference Foundation is offering a \$10,000 challenge grant to match the gift of donors who step forward in faith to continue this vital ministry. (This grant will match every gift dollar given up to \$10,000.)

DEADLINE FOR THE MATCHING GRANT IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2015.

For questions about the Ishe Anesu Project please contact Rev. Mike Sluder at mikesluder@holston.org or **865-690-4080**. For questions about the challenge grant please contact the Holston Conference Foundation at **865-690-8124**

Your support is greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to (with Ishe Anesu in the memo line):

The Holston Conference Foundation PO Box 900 Alcoa, TN 37701 Or you can contribute online by clicking <u>here.</u>

Does your church have a ministry to seniors? Do you have seniors who are active volunteers in a ministry to others? Do you have a project that you wish to start but need funds to do so?

THEN WE HAVE A GRANT FOR YOU!

The Margaret Grizzell Loving Trust grant application deadline is **October 15, 2015.**

THE PARTICULARS: Senior grants are to be geared toward Holston Conference associated churches and to provide educational, recreational, and spiritual programming for older adults. The Trust's guidelines state that no part of the grant funds should be used for the maintenance, operation, or





construction of physical facilities. Seed money for new projects is encouraged. Matching funds/challenge grants are also encouraged. Ongoing support and general operating support for existing programs are discouraged. The committee also frowns on travel that is focused on membership entertainment. Remember the focus on "seniors" can mean they are the recipients or the providers of the service. (Hint: Be inclusive to others outside of your regular seniors meeting, group, membership, etc....grants range from \$500-\$2,500 depending on project scope.)

THE APPLICATION: click here.

Please print and return to:

Holston Conference Foundation P.O. Box 900 Alcoa, TN 37701

The majority of the Foundation grants furthering United Methodist ministries were established through estate planning by thoughtful individuals who wished to leave a positive legacy. Should you wish to discuss establishing a fund through a testamentary gift from your estate please contact Paul Bowman or Roger Redding at 865-690-8124 or click <u>here</u>.



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