



LINKED Update

End of Year 2019

Dear LINKED Partners,

Thank you for your continued generosity to the LINKED campaign. Because of your support, we have been able to partner with members of our community to make a difference and continue planning for growing our ministry.

Current Financial Status

LINKED Goal: \$2,000,000.00

Totals for LINKED (as of 9/30/19)

Amount Pledged: \$946,951.39

Amount Received: \$231,267.00

Total Disbursed (1/1/19-9/30/19): \$6,276.26

Matching Gifts

Just a reminder: For every dollar pledged, 50 cents (up to \$600,000) is being matched by two generous Victory member families.

Details about Disbursements

Victory Scholarship

There is \$372.20 remaining in this scholarship fund, which will be used when the school year begins. These scholarships have not only assisted families with paying tuition for child care, but they have fully subsidized child care costs for families in which parents must work to make ends meet.

Innovative Health & Fitness Boot Camps

Innovative Health and Fitness held a free Boot Camp for the community in our lobby on July 17. In addition to providing use of our facilities, we purchased healthy snacks for the participants of the camp.

Soccer Camp

During the first week of July, Victory hosted their annual Soccer Camp at Polonia Soccer Club. Thanks to LINKED funds, we were able to cover registration fees for 12 children

from our community, including eight children who attend Christ/St. Peter School in Milwaukee.

Country Dale Elementary

Victory also utilized LINKED funds to continue our partnership with Country Dale Elementary. We provided Starbucks gift cards for all staff members at Country Dale at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Habitat for Humanity

On September 12, Victory utilized LINKED funds to purchase lunch for builders at the Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity site. Volunteers had the opportunity to eat with the builders, meet and get to know the family for whom the house is being built, and tour the building site.

Blood Drive

For each blood drive hosted at Victory, Versiti send almost a dozen staff members and volunteers to work with blood donors. As a thank you for their dedication and care, we purchased small gifts for each Versiti volunteer and staff member present at the blood drive on September 25.

Staff Additions

At the end of September, we hired an Office Manager (Kari Nimmer) and Financial Manager (Laura Bulanek). The new position of Office Manager ensures that other staff members and ministries have the support they need to grow as our congregation grows. Additionally, this would allow staff members and volunteers to utilize their time more effectively to share the Gospel and serve joyfully. The position of Financial Manager is intended to ensure that Victory is fiscally responsible and properly managing church finances.

Future Plans for LINKED

Staffing (15%)

Funds in the LINKED campaign will be utilized to pay the salaries of the Office Manager and Financial Manager, as well as cover additional costs for supplies and furnishings needed in order for these new staff members to effectively fulfill their positions.

Community Involvement (15%)

Victory has begun partnerships with **Love Thy Neighbor**, a community group that supports senior citizens, will start using our facilities in October for monthly learning opportunities for area seniors.

We also continue to work with the **City of Franklin, Franklin Public Schools** (particularly Country Dale Elementary), and **Franklin Community Education and Recreation Department** to determine how we can best support our community. We also have plans

to participate in community events sponsored by these organizations, such as a Trunk-or-Treat at the end of October.

The LINKED committee is investigating various ways to get more involved in the Franklin community and beyond. The goal is to gather input from the congregation and formulate a strategy for outreach during Q1 of 2020.

Ministry Expansion (70%)

We are still investigating options for area partnerships to develop a second ministry site for Victory. We also plan to utilize funds designated for the campaign to make payments towards the principal on the mortgage in November 2019 and January 2020.

How You Can Get Involved

Pray

We ask that you thank God for the generous hearts He has given to members of our Victory community and for the opportunities He has already presented to Victory. Please also pray for His wisdom and guidance with how Victory can utilize funds to best spread the Gospel in our local and broader communities.

Support the Campaign

It's never too late to get involved with the LINKED campaign. You can submit your pledges with a LINKED card or online ([click here](#)). You can submit financial contributions by using your LINKED offering envelopes, placing a check in the offering basket with LINKED in the memo, mailing a check to Victory of the Lamb, or donating securely online ([click here](#)).

Make an End-of-Year Donation

Making an end-of-year donation by December 31 allows you to claim donations on your 2019 taxes. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your ability to make a one-time gift in December towards the LINKED campaign.

Thank You!

We look forward to seeing how God will use LINKED to help Victory of the Lamb share the Gospel and lead others to Him. Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

In His Service,

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