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PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for I CAN — Serving At-Risk Children with Learning Needs

PRAYER #1

Dear Father I raise up in prayer today Your children. There are many facing difficulties and challenges during these growing years. There is such cultural and economic diversity in the school systems of today. I pray for the Christian instructors and volunteers of I CAN who serve as role models and mentors that they may establish a time to teach of God's saving grace through Jesus with Scripture reading, song, and prayer. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

PRAYER #2

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the willing workers in the Lutheran Special Education Ministries. They encourage and support spiritual growth among at-risk youth, leading them to a personal relationship with Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Open my eyes to see and reach out to youth around my community. Use each of us to further Your Kingdom. In Jesus' Name! Amen.

PRAYER #3

Dear Lord, as I place my mites into the Mite Box, may I be ever mindful of the power they have as You bless them and their use. Use these mites to support the Lutheran Special Education Ministries Mission Grant, I CAN — Serving At-Risk Children with Learning Needs, enabling these dear children to attain literacy and mathematic skill that they need in this world. Bless the efforts of this organization as they see the need and reach out. In the name of our Risen Savior, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER #4

Once again I come to You with prayers that the students in the I CAN program will be able to identify their personal strengths and interests in the areas of art and/or music, through "hands on" experiences to develop individual talents. May these art and/or musical talents be celebrated and showcased at community events so that the community will see the importance of this project and support and recognize the work that is being done for these children. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

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MISSION GRANT STORY

I CAN — SERVING AT-RISK CHILDREN WITH LEARNING NEEDS \$99,000

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has successfully served children with learning needs and their families in a Christ-centered educational setting since 1873 when it opened as a residential school for deaf children. In 1976 LSEM also began serving hearing children with learning needs as well and has since expanded programs and services to include a presence in nine states.

Organizations professing their faith within the context of academic instruction are not eligible to receive financial support from federally funded programs. LSEM shares the Gospel message while serving children who have learning needs or are at-risk of failure. Student tuition for this three-hour after-school program prevents many from attending. Establishing a scholarship fund to cover program expense is a means of reaching out to neighborhood youth; serving them by providing supplemental instruction in reading, mathematics, study skills, and fine arts within a Christ-centered setting; and enabling them by promoting and encouraging spiritual growth and academic progress, as well as enrichment through fine arts programming. This \$99,000 Scholarship Fund will provide tuition for a minimum of 55 students.

During their time at the center, students rotate through and participate in each of the activity areas including literacy and/or mathematics instruction, study skill/homework completion, and fine arts. University students needing fieldwork experience hours are used as tutors for study skill (homework) sessions, along with volunteers from the church community.

While this after-school/summer program is structured to address academic deficits and enhance brain development, it also provides an outreach opportunity for sharing God's saving grace through Jesus Christ among community families in need of spiritual healing.

