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MISSION GRANT STORY

CHRIST-CENTERED TUTORING THROUGH REBECCA'S GARDEN OF HOPE \$100,000

Rebecca's Garden of Hope (RGOH) is a faith-based after-school tutoring and mentoring outreach program. It became a non-profit 501 c-3 organization in January 2011, and is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. They are located in Orlando, Florida.

Springtime is here; plants and flowers are popping up out of the ground. Everything is turning green and fresh after the cold of winter. RGOH is reaching out to at-risk children living in unstable high-risk environments that are not conducive to their spiritual growth and success in school and life. Children without direction and support will in many cases, fail. The concept of Rebecca's Garden of Hope, Inc., is to give children opportunities for great success. Mentoring and Tutoring Outreach Program seeks to nurture each child with love and encourage them to build on a foundation on Christ. RGOH is equipping congregations free of charge by providing a tutoring and mentoring model that reaches out to these at-risk children, provides a safe environment for their spiritual growth, and enhances their life skills.

This grant will be used for:

- developing and providing educational materials and Christ-centered support for congregations, students, and their families;
- updating used computers and labs for these children in LCMS congregations;
- providing travel expenses and training manuals for congregations using the RGOH tutoring and mentoring template;
- providing travel expenses to bring this mentoring model to other congregations across the United States; and
- purchasing needed office equipment to print training manuals and mass produce CD's for congregational tutoring and mentoring outreach.

Through the efforts of Rebecca's Garden of Hope and the LWML, many congregations and thousands of children are given the opportunity for Christian tutoring and mentoring that can spiritually change these children's lives forever as they learn about the Good News of salvation in Christ.