Mission Grant #11 **\$100,000** 

Pray that single, at-risk mothers will choose life for their unborn children through the Redeeming Life Maternity Home in the Chicago area.

### Prayer #1

Dear heavenly Father, Creator of life, we ask You to guide Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries to show Your love and forgiveness to single mothers in the Chicago, Illinois area. Guide each mother to choose life for her unborn child. In Your compassion, bless those who work with these women to teach necessary life skills and model Your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Prayer #2

Dear Jesus, Savior, Brother, Shepherd, and Friend, You asked that children come to You. Please bless the expansion of Redeeming Life Ministries into the northern Illinois area. Guide the deaconess and all who work with single, at-risk mothers to show Your love and forgiveness, by teaching and mentoring them with the life skills necessary for them to choose life for their unborn children. In Your name we pray, Amen.

## Prayer #3

Holy Spirit, Light Divine, thank you for the opportunity to expand Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries into the northern Illinois area. Please guide all those involved with this mission grant to share Your love and forgiveness so that single, atrisk mothers will choose life for their children. You give life, and we pray that this maternity home will provide healing, love, and peace for all who live there. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

# Prayer #4

Heavenly Father, You care for all Your children, especially those who cannot speak for themselves. Please bless this mission grant, that a worker from the field may be called to share Your love and forgiveness to hurting women in the Chicago, Illinois area. Grant that they will choose life for their unborn children, and that both will be brought to You through the healing waters of baptism. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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# Helping Single, At-Risk Moms Choose Life Through the Love of Jesus.

# Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries Grant Entity — \$100,000

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries operates maternity and transitional homes for single, at-risk mothers in Florida. The opportunity has arisen to use their successful model to expand into the northern Illinois area. Illinois has some of the most liberal abortion laws in the country. In 2018, 42,441 babies were killed by abortion in this state, an increase of seven percent from the previous year (Illinois Department of Health).

Expanding Redeeming Life's reach to the Chicago area will save women and babies by offering single, pregnant women in crisis an option to choose life for their unborn children.

The success of Redeeming Life maternity homes is dependent on the nurture, mentorship, and life skills learning offered to the residents by a caring deaconess, devoted to their spiritual care. Residents learn to cook, parent, run a household, create and live within a budget, finish their education, and find a way to become self-sufficient. Most importantly, residents are shown the unconditional love of our Heavenly Father with ample opportunities to grow in love, security, and faith in Jesus, many for the first time.

Essential to the success of the women is the nurturing and mentoring by a professional church worker who guides the residents on a daily basis. While teaching life skills and supporting residents in furthering their education and/or job skills is a vital part of what Redeeming Life does, the heart of the ministry is Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. As an organization with RSO status in The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, Redeeming Life may call rostered workers.

This mission grant will help Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries support a called deaconess to serve in the Chicago area. With the loving ministry of a deaconess, the needs of the residents, especially in the area of critical spiritual care, will be met. In addition to providing funding for diaconal service, the grant will help offset costs during the first two years, offering a safe and stable home (rent, utilities, food) and will provide program services for the women living there.

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