

# NORTHERN PLAINS CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MISSION AND OUTREACH GRANT REPORT

The Mission & Outreach Committee prayerfully and thoughtfully review each and every request for grants and scholarships it receives. The funds expended for approved requests are from the Mission & Outreach line item of the Northern Plains Conference budget. Your follow-up reports allow us to make the Conference aware of how these funds have been utilized and to publicly celebrate the outreach your congregation has done. Please do your best to make clear the impact of your work in bettering the wider-community. Meaningful responses will help magnify your work and perpetuate the cycle of future grant availability.

Grant reporting is required of all awardees within 12 months after the award date. Congregations cannot have any overdue follow-up reports to receive new grants.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## PROJECT

Project Title: Highland Acres Block Party

Project Date(s): August 17, 2022 Grant Dollars Received: \$1,600

Project Status:

Completed. Date completed: August 17, 2022

Ongoing. Please explain:

Discontinued. Please explain:

Fund usage:

All grant money was used as described in the grant application.

All grant money was used, but not as described in the grant application.

Not all grant money was used. Remaining amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of how funds were used.

*Please also include explanations for any expenditure deviations from grant application.*

Costco Food Purchase - \$160.72  
Hotdogs - \$315  
Invite Flyers - \$90.42  
Outdoor Games - \$267.48  
Equipment & Advertising - \$429.23  
Cashwise & Walmart Food Purchase - \$22.57  
UCC Sunglasses - \$314.58

### Summary Statement & Impact

*Tell us how your project went. What went as expected and what did not? What impact did your project have on the local church AND wider community? Include stories, written feedback from participants, and/or other information that illustrates the impact of this grant.*

Our event was a resounding success! It was very well attended by our Highland Acres community and neighboring church, Lutheran Church of the Cross, who partnered with us to host this event. We were able to introduce the Afterschool Place, which is a program utilizing our church basement for programming for children after school. This year's Block Party coincided with their open house and was a great opportunity for the parents and children to meet the members of our church communities and the Highland Acres community families.

We had great feedback from those in attendance from the neighborhood, our church family and from the Church of the Cross family. Comments such as, "I was so excited the Block Party was back!"; "This is a great event you have to do this every year!"; "This is a wonderful gathering to help our neighborhood get back to normal after COVID", "Great way to meet new neighbors", "Can't wait until next year's party!"

The impact our project had for our church community and wider community strengthened our neighborhood connections, making everyone feel welcome and loved. We have a number of new families in our neighborhood who attended and were very grateful for the opportunity to comfortably meet their new neighbors.

### Attachments

*If appropriate, include 3-4 photos, a powerpoint, or edited video of your project to be shared online and in Northern Plains Conference materials. Please do not include any copyrighted items.*

Signature Rev. Gretchen Deeg

Date January 31, 2023

Printed Name Rev. Gretchen Deeg