

METRO LUTHERAN MINISTRY

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BASKET BEGINNINGS

Metro Lutheran Ministry

(MLM) is a Lutheran social service agency that helps disadvantaged people of all races, religions and nationalities in the Kansas City metro area.

Homeless Families

MLM's mission with homeless people in our community is to find them housing and also a job that allows them to afford their housing.

MLM's homeless program doubled in size recently. MLM is now serving homeless families as well as homeless individuals. MLM added a new "kid-friendly" waiting area for these families when they visit MLM.



**New Waiting Area for our
homeless families**

Basket Beginnings for our Homeless Families

MLM's mission is to place homeless families in housing and find them jobs. As such, we need many household supplies to set up new homes for our homeless families

"Basket Beginnings" is a new program that fulfills that need. These are plastic laundry baskets full of household items that our homeless families need.

To organize a "Basket Beginnings" packing:

- 1) Advertise in your church bulletin for items needed to fill the plastic laundry baskets. Have a bin set up in the church for collection.
- 2) Advertise the time and place of the "packing" in the church bulletin
- 3) Any of the following items could be included in each laundry basket:
Laundry Detergent, Ajax, Dish Soap, Toilet Brushes, Toilet Cleaning Products, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Dish Towels, Pot scrubbers, Lysol

Any other household cleaning supplies.

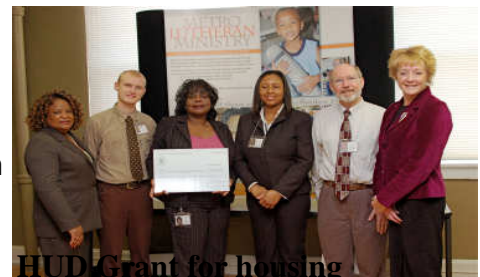
4) Gather the donations and determine how many laundry baskets you will be able to pack

5) Bring the donations to the "packing party". Call Suzanne Bartling at 816-931-0027 or suzannebartling@mlmkc.org with any questions.

Supportive Housing for Individuals with Chronic Mental Illness

MLM recently received a grant from the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development to operate a permanent, supportive housing unit for people with chronic mental illness.

This housing program will be located in Wyandotte County beginning in Fall 2008. This program will include nine apartment units with a full time professional staff person for support.



**HUD Grant for housing
program for homeless persons
with mental illness**