

Care Abounds in Communities®

The **Care Abounds in Communities®** program will provide funds to help Thrivent Financial members meet the needs of individuals, families or qualified nonprofit organizations in their communities. Through this program members may receive financial support for hands-on service activities and/or fund-raising activities.


Program Highlights

- ☑ **Care Abounds in Communities®** is an annual program (January-December). All activity requests must be submitted by Dec. 20, 2007. Final reporting should be completed by Dec. 31, 2007.
- ☑ To have funds available, the chapter must be active with the five required leaders in place and an active account at Thrivent Financial Bank.
- ☑ Funds available are based upon a base plus an amount for the number of Thrivent Financial members within the chapter geographical boundary, plus an amount based on the number of Lutheran congregations within the Chapter.
- ☑ Funds available letters are sent at the beginning of the year to all chapter leaders that are entered onto the online system.
- ☑ Multiple activities can be completed throughout the year.
- ☑ A Community Service Team Director is an **optional** elected leader serving on the chapter leadership board. If this position is filled, this person will support the community service teams.
- ☑ Lutheran congregations are not eligible recipients for funding in the Care Abounds in Communities® program.
- ☑ The recipient can be from any chapter, a non-member or a qualified nonprofit organization.

Community Service Team Highlights

- ☑ To receive funding for an activity(ies), Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members from six or more different households must form a community service team and participate in the activity.
- ☑ Reporting of activities comes from the service team to the chapter leadership board. The person making the request should be a Thrivent Financial member. Reporting should be completed by Dec. 31, 2007.
- ☑ One of the members forming the activity submits a request to the Chapter Leadership board via phone, letter, e-mail or in person. The Funding Request form can be found online at www.thrivent.com, Members/Chapters, Volunteer Resources, Forms.
- ☑ Once an activity is completed, the service team must submit to the chapter leadership board:
 - Proof of cost for hands on service activity materials.
 - Check for net dollars raised documenting any expenses subtracted from gross dollars raised for a fund-raiser.
 - All receipts for expenses incurred with the activity.





Publicity is a very important piece of conducting volunteer activities. For ideas on publicizing your activities, go to www.thrivent.com, Members/Chapters, Volunteer Resources, Ask CHIP - and search on 'publicity'.

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Funding:

- To receive funding for an activity(ies), Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members from six or more different member households must participate in the activity. These can be financial or associate members.
- Dollars must be requested and approved by the chapter leadership board prior to beginning the activity and is subject to funds available.
- Funding is at the discretion of the chapter leadership board which will have guidelines to use in making decisions.
- Minimum \$100 request for an activity to be eligible for funding.
- Community service teams will be able to make multiple activity requests per year.
- \$1,600 maximum funding limit for **each** hands-on service activity.
- The maximum funding to benefit an individual or family is \$5,000 per service team, per fund-raising activity. The same family can be assisted multiple times throughout the year, if there are unmet needs, through the Care Abounds in Communities® program.
- Each chapter will have a \$1,600 maximum per fund-raising activity per community service team for qualified nonprofit organizations.

Note: Remember, funding requests for **any** Care Abounds in Communities® activity (fund-raising or service activity) may not exceed the remaining annual funds available.

- For hands-on service activities, service teams may request up to **50-percent up-front funding** for the immediate purchase of necessary materials required to do the work (service).
- For a service activity, reimbursement can go from fraternal operations to the chapter checking account or to the designated payee.
- For fund-raiser activities, the chapter financial director or another chapter leadership board member, will be responsible for disbursing funds according to the original activity request. The chapter can disburse funds to recipient, payees, those incurring expenses, etc.
- Activity reporting should be completed by Dec. 31, 2007.

Contact the Fraternal Service Center

The Fraternal Service Center staff is available to answer your chapter-related questions. You can contact the staff in several ways:

- To speak with a staff member, call 800-236-3736 at the following times:
 - Mon. and Tues. 7 a.m.— 9 p.m. Central time
 - Wed. — Fri. 7 a.m.— 6 p.m. Central time
- Call 800-236-3736 and leave a message any time of the day.
- Send an e-mail to fraternal@thrivent.com