

Care Abounds in Communities®

Through this program, Thrivent Financial members receive financial support and other resources for volunteer projects and/or fund-raising activities that benefit individuals, families, local communities or organizations that are exempt from federal income tax under section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, **excluding congregations**. Members submit activity/funding requests to their local Thrivent chapter leadership board.

Program Highlights

- ☑ Care Abounds in Communities® is an annual program (January-December). In early January of each year, program dollars are made available to each chapter for that year. (To receive funding, the chapter must have the required leadership positions filled and on record with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.)
- ☑ The dollars are used to supplement money raised by a community service team at a fund-raiser, or to pay for the materials needed by a community service team to perform a hands-on service activity.
- ☑ 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.
- ☑ 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.

7 Easy Steps For a Successful Activity

- 1. Member(s) identifies need:** A Thrivent Financial member(s) identifies a need and the type of activity—fund-raiser or hands-on service activity—that will best help meet the need and has the greatest impact for using Care Abounds in Communities program funds to help an individual, family or qualified not-for-profit organization.
- 2. Member(s) form community service team:** To receive funding, a service team must consist of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members (benefit, associate and/or youth members) from at least six different households . After the six-member-household requirement is met, nonmembers are also encouraged to be part of the team.
- 3. Community service team requests funding from the chapter:** Before the activity occurs, and preferably early in the planning stages, a Thrivent Financial member on the team contacts the chapter leadership board to request funds to support the activity. The funding request is evaluated by the chapter leadership board for approval at a board meeting. If approved, a chapter leader enters the request online. The chapter informs the community service team leader (contact person) of the amount of funding available for the activity.
- 4. Community service team publicizes and conducts activity:** It is **important** that the activity is promoted as being hosted by Thrivent Financial (e.g., hosted by members of the Juneau Country Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; additional funding provided by the Juneau Country Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans). Promotional materials are available online and/or from the chapter leadership board.
- 5. Community service team reports results to chapter:** After the activity is completed, the community service team leader provides the chapter with: 1)The results of the activity (Thrivent Financial members participating, volunteer hours, local funds raised, etc.), 2)The net funds raised so the chapter can deposit the money into the chapter checking account, and 3) Any receipts from the activity.
- 6. Chapter enters the activity results online:** Chapter enters the activity results online as soon as possible after receiving the above information and before Dec. 31 of the current year. This reporting triggers the release of Care Abounds in Communities funds from Thrivent Financial to the chapter's checking account for a fund-raising activity, or to the chapter's checking account or an identified person or organization for a hands-on service activity.
- 7. Chapter financial director distributes funds:** Funds approved by the chapter and the net funds raised by the service team (which were deposited into the chapter checking account) are paid out in the manner agreed upon by the chapter, service team and recipient.

