

# Faith Promise Sunday 2023 Annual Report

The information and numbers listed below highlight a wonderful mission year at Tucker First. Your donations and faithfulness to Faith Promise ensure we can represent the love of Christ through our various mission areas.

## Tucker First Missions

American Red Cross Blood Drives  
Benton House Assisted Living  
City of Tucker Parks & Recreation  
Cold Weather Refuge  
Corners Outreach  
DeKalb County Fire Department  
DeKalb County Police Department  
English for Speakers of  
Other Languages (ESOL)  
Friends of Disabled Adults & Children  
(FODAC)

Honduras Outreach International  
Idlewood Elementary School  
Lunch Buddys at Tucker Mobile Home  
Missionaries in Germany and the  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
NETWorks Cooperative Ministries  
Trinity House & Trinity Table  
Tucker Middle School  
Tucker Mission Garden  
Veritas  
Wellroot Family Services

## Special Annual Offerings

Bishop's Appeal	\$250
Housing & Homeless Council	\$425
Human Relations Sunday	\$300
Native American Awareness	\$300
Peace with Justice Sunday	\$400
UMC Student Day	\$150
UMCOR Sunday	\$1,250
Wesley Woods	\$2,000
World Communion Sunday	\$350
Wellroot Family Services	\$1,250

### Additional UMCOR Donations

In addition to the annual **UMCOR** Giving Sunday, Tucker First donated an extra \$1,500 for relief due to flooding in West Virginia and hurricane damage in Florida.

**50**

People volunteered for **Children First** missions including but not limited to **Wellroot Family Services**, **Corners Outreach** (Early Learning Program and After School Homework Academy), and **Lunch Buddys**. The annual budget for the **Children First** ministries is \$1,800.

**50**

Villas de Solana Apartment residents were treated to an informational fair sponsored by **Veritas** and Tucker First Missions. The fair focused on providing information on free medical, educational, and language (ESOL) opportunities in the community.

**4**

Large boxes filled with school supplies were provided to **Idlewood Elementary**, **Tucker Middle School**, and **Wellroot Family Services** by the **Christian Women's Fellowship**.

**15**

Men from the **Trinity House** rehabilitation program were provided with Christmas gifts from donors to give to their children. The donations came from the **Discovery Sunday School** class and other Sunday School classes.

Tucker First Missions also funded a scholarship program for graduates of **Trinity House**. This year the scholarship recipients needed computers to get a leg up in the world. The annual mission budget for **Trinity House** and **Trinity Table** is \$2,500.

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**TUCKERFIRST**

## Missions Highlights

**2,500**

Lunches passed out to children at **Tucker Mobile Homes** for **Lunch Buddys**.

**75**

New & returning students taught by our **ESOL** teachers both in-person and online via Zoom. The annual budget for the **ESOL** program is \$3,700.

**427**

Pints of blood collected from our monthly **American Red Cross** blood drives.

**363**

Pounds of vegetables were donated to **NETWorks Cooperative** and fifty pounds of vegetables were donated to the **Weekday Preschool** and guests of the **Cold Weather Refuge**.

**250**

To-go bags assembled for **Trinity Table** by ten volunteers and three deliverers.

**420**

Individual meals were provided to **Trinity House** (12 monthly meals x 35 attendees) with 10 Tucker First volunteers each month.

**40**

Volunteer hours were provided for the **Salvation Army** Red Kettle Campaign. The ten volunteers rang for ten, two-hour shifts over a period of two days.

**90**

Breast cancer pillows and thirty seat belt protectors were made by our **Christian Women's Fellowship**.

## Great Day of Service Wrap - Up

**135**

Number of volunteers for the **2022 Great Day of Service**

**8**

Community organizations participated

**60**

Hygiene kits were assembled for **DeKalb Police** to distribute to the homeless population in Tucker

**101**

Fire hydrants painted for **DeKalb Fire**

**13**

Bags of trash cleared out of the **City of Tucker's Henderson Park**

**125**

Reward bags filled for **Corners Outreach**

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Four offices, one reception area, and two bathrooms were painted at the new location for **NETWorks** by volunteers and eight pallets of food were packed and transported.

**12**

**Benton House Assisted Living**

residents were visited by volunteers who provided singing and dancing fellowship.

At **Tucker First**, multiple windows were cleaned, pews vacuumed and polished, sidewalks pressure washed, flower beds manicured, branches pruned, and eight dozen seedlings planted.

At **FODAC**, numerous wheelchairs were cleaned, parts were sorted, hospital mattresses washed and tested, and items sorted in the thrift store.

Dead trees, branches, and ivy were cleared and removed from the historic **Old Fellowship Cemetery** in Tucker.

## The Tucker Mission Gardening News

Tucker Mission Garden's hydroponic greenhouse was built in 2022 using mostly recycled materials thanks to a generous monetary donation from Tucker Missions and many enthusiastic gardeners in the congregation. There were six workdays during the year to prep, weed, plant, harvest, and then repeat. Dozens of folks of all ages joined to help when needed. The goal for 2023 is to increase that output and become financially self-sufficient. To kick things off, the Mission Garden team will have their first annual veggie plant sale on April 1, no fooling!

## Cold Weather Refuge 5 Years & Counting!

**12**

Nights the **Cold Weather Refuge** was open this winter. Other statistics include:

**42**

Homeless neighbors served - 11 women and 31 men

**142**

Guest nights lodging - 27 nights for women and 125 for men

**26**

Men and women were overnight host volunteers including 12 people from the community

## A Brief History

**2021-22**

20 nights | 7 women | 17 men  
150 guest nights

**2020-21**

19 nights | 4 women | 18 men  
71 guest nights

**2019-20**

10 nights | 20 men | 4 women  
78 guest nights

**2018-19**

15 nights | 22 men  
57 guest nights

**2017-18**

17 nights | 13 men  
70 guest nights

## Did You Know?

In addition to helping **NETWorks** with painting their new building and providing vegetables from the Tucker Mission Garden, through Faith Promise you also contributed \$9,500 to their programs which included distributing 225,930 pounds of food and providing assistance to 2,310 individuals.

## Ends of the Earth Missions

*Tucker First sponsors the following international missionaries and participated in or provided support for the following world mission programs*

**Tyler & Shalynn Crawford** | Germany  
\$2,000

**Florence Kaying** | Mozambique  
Global Ministries of the UMC | \$2,000  
She is also sponsored by our Christian Women's Fellowship.

Florence is serving as a nurse practitioner in maternity and child health at the Cambine Hospital/ Clinic in the Mozambique South Conference.

**Katanga Methodist University** | \$3,500  
Provided scholarships in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for ministerial students.

**Honduras Mission Trip** | Eight volunteers traveled to Honduras as Tucker First missionaries. One hundred and fifty people were impacted during this mission trip through a Thanksgiving style meal, Vacation Bible School, construction projects, and a medical clinic.

The **Tucker First Christian Women's Fellowship** financially support a young girl in Kenya with her educational needs.

## Wellroot Family Services News

**15**

Custom Easter baskets created and included with handmade cards from the Tucker First Preschool.

**100**

Children's books collected for Wellroot's Lunch and Learning Summer Program for foster families.

**65**

Meals fed thirteen children in seven foster families. Donations helped the volunteers purchase the supplies for the meals.

**\$300**

Raised by a Tucker First team of walkers & runners participating in the annual Wellroot Founders Day 5K.