

2021

MIPC FOUNDATION

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Committee



Mexico Women's Trip (2017). The MIPC Foundation supports Doxa, one of our global partners that works with communities in east and west Tijuana to build homes and provide educational opportunities.

ABOUT THE MIPC FOUNDATION



Each year, MIPC provides over 200 backpacks for school-bound kids, in partnership with the Friends of the Children organization, an effort supported in part by the MIPC Foundation.

Origin & Purpose

The MIPC Foundation is the endowment arm of Mercer Island Presbyterian Church (MIPC).

It was established in 1991 to expand and enrich mission partnerships and the congregation's endeavors to further the Church's calling to live out God's love in the world in tangible ways and to help the poor and the down trodden.

The Foundation's purpose is to encourage, receive, and manage gifts to the endowment.



The MIPC Foundation helps provide financial support to Youth Care, one of our local partner organizations that is working hard to eliminate teen homelessness.

FOUNDATION ASSETS

Thanks to the generous support of members and friends, the Foundation's endowment exceeds \$1 million. The Foundation's investment strategy reflects a balanced approach consistent with endowment funds of this nature, with an allocation of about 50% stock and 50% bond investments. Comprised of both undesignated and designated funds, the undesignated fund represents approximately 88% of the total Foundation assets, while the designated fund represents approximately 12%.

The Foundation cares about this world. Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG) funds make up almost half of the investments. These funds focus on sustainability and social impact of a company or business.

OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE FOUNDATION'S GIFTS

HOW FOUNDATION GIVING WORKS

The Foundation makes distributions to the Local/Global Partnerships Committee (Missions) equal to about 3.5% of the investments' value annually or .875% quarterly. The funding is used to enhance MIPC's work in the world, in fulfillment of Christ's calling to serve others.

The distributions have allowed for impactful and ongoing support of our local and global partnerships that otherwise would not have been possible, including the following in 2020:

- Provided Leschi Elementary School with a substantial gift that went toward helping children experiencing homelessness receive educational help, food and rent assistance, clothing and other necessities.
- Helped purchase and fill over 250 backpacks for Friends of the Children, an organization that provides mentorship to kids experiencing poverty and/or who are in the foster care system.
- Provided scholarships and after school tutoring to children in Tijuana and Vietnam.
- Contributed to a catered Thanksgiving dinner to help lift the spirits of the residents of Plymouth on Stewart during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Provided Youth Care with additional financial support as they serve Seattle's homeless youth.

Through the generosity, care, and commitment of MIPC and the MIPC Foundation, we are able to support and serve these incredible partners and participate in God's love for the world.



IT'S ALL ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS

MIPC aims to partner with local and global organizations that help educate, feed, shelter, and support God's ministry here on earth. The following organizations currently receive support from the MIPC Foundation:

- **Leschi Elementary School** has a high population of families who have or are experiencing homelessness. The staff at Leschi Elementary School work incredibly hard to help all their children have equal access to education and nutrition. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they have gone above and beyond to make sure families have food, rent assistance, internet access for online learning, and more. MIPC supports Leschi in these efforts through financial support, food, and gift drives.
- **Youth Care** works through a combination of individualized services tailored to young people's needs and a trusting relationship with a caring adult to ensure that young people experiencing homelessness achieve long-term stability. MIPC supports Youth Care through financial support and by providing meals.

IT'S ALL ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS (CONT.)

- **Friends of the Children** is a nonprofit organization that selects and invites youth – all of whom have unique talents, interests and dreams, and face multiple systemic obstacles – to be paired with a paid, professional mentor called a Friend who supports that child from as early as age 4 through high school graduation – 12+ years, no matter what. MIPC supports Friends of the Children through financial support, supplying backpacks at the beginning of the school year, and gift drives. After the COVID-19 pandemic, MIPC plans to resume volunteer support through tutors and mentorship.
- **Plymouth Housing** works to eliminate homelessness and address its causes by preserving, developing and operating safe, quality, supportive housing, and by providing adults experiencing homelessness with opportunities to stabilize and improve their lives. MIPC supports Plymouth Housing through financial support and by providing meals.
- **Doxa** creates opportunities for people to serve Tijuana through house building, education, and long-term community. MIPC supports Doxa through volunteer house-building teams, and through financial support for education. In 2020, when the MIPC youth trip was not able to take place, our youth department – with the help of many generous families – raised over \$18,000 to support local labor in building three new homes.



Backpack supplies for the 200 backpacks distributed through Friends of the Children.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

GIVING TO THE FOUNDATION

There is so much need and so many ways the Foundation funds are being used to bless the world. Additional contributions will help to extend the reach and increase the impact.

For more information on the Foundation or if you have interest in donating, email: MIPCfoundation@MIPC.org or call (206) 232-5595.

Thank you to all current and past donors and supporters of the MIPC Foundation. Your contributions continue to make a difference.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Foundation Committee is composed of MIPC members along with representation from pastoral leadership. Members are selected by the nominating committee annually as vacancies occur. Current members can be found on our website. Learn more at mipc.org/foundation.



The MIPC Foundation matches our yearly Gifts of the Heart donation that is collected during advent and goes toward helping one of our partner organizations.

“Christian life is an offering of one’s self to God. As people who have received God’s grace, we respond with gratitude, offering our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods. The gifts we offer express our stewardship of creation, demonstrate our care for one another, support the ministries of the church, and provide for the needs of the poor.”

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