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**National Benevolent Association Mission and Ministry Grand Program:  
22 Projects Funded to Support Older Adults and At-Risk Children and Youth 2019**  
December 2019

For the third year of the Mission and Ministry Grants Program, the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is granting a total of \$166,200 to 22 Disciples projects and ministries working with older adults and at-risk children and youth.

In June 2017, the NBA announced the launch of this new grant program, making purpose-restricted funds available for distribution through grants to Disciples congregations and health and social service ministries. In 2019, the NBA Grants Committee accepted and evaluated applications through the fall, and grant funds have now been distributed to selected projects.

This year's grantees are located across 13 Disciples regions. Of the 22 selected projects, thirteen are focused on at-risk children and youth; seven are focused on older adults; and two are intergenerational, serving both communities. Five of these grantees also received Mission and Ministry Grant funds from NBA last year.

“One of the great joys of reading the grant applications is experiencing the passion for ministries of care that exists throughout the church,” says Executive Vice President Rebecca Hale. “That deep care is coupled with innovative approaches to the work which is so heartening and paints a hopeful picture of Disciples’ engagement within their communities. NBA is grateful to be a part of investing in ministries of compassion and care.”

Read about the third cohort of grantees and their projects below! We look forward to sharing a spotlight on each ministry with more project details starting in January, with updates to come from grantees throughout the year.

Find frequently asked questions and more information about the NBA Mission and Ministry Grant Program at [nbacares.org/grants](https://nbacares.org/grants). The 2020 application will be available in the summer of 2020. For additional questions, please email [grants@nbacares.org](mailto:grants@nbacares.org).

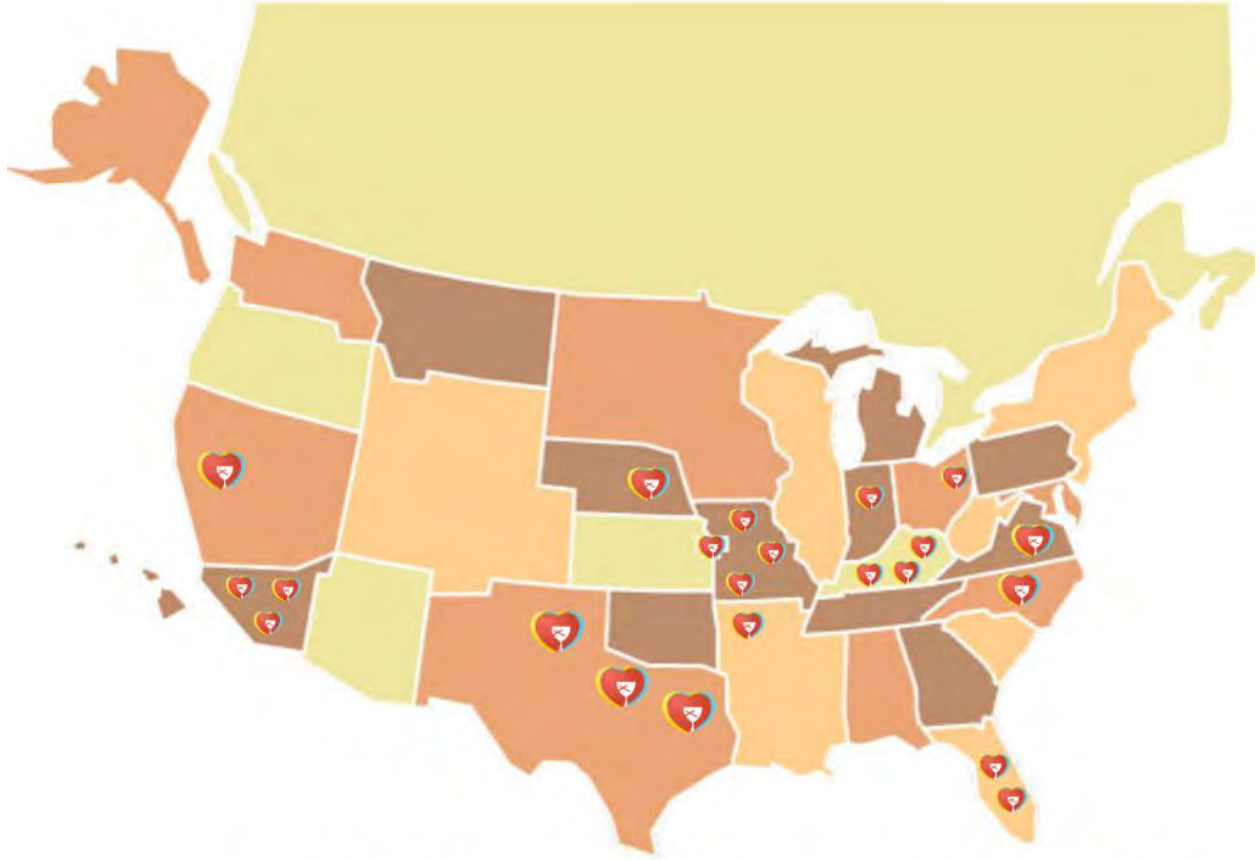
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***About the National Benevolent Association***

*As the health and social services general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the National Benevolent Association partners with congregations, regions, general ministries, and a variety of Disciples-related health and social service providers to create communities of compassion and care. Founded in 1887 by six women responding to the needs of the day and on their doorsteps, for more than 130 years the NBA has continued to serve “the least of these.” For more information, visit [nbacares.org](https://nbacares.org).*

## 2019 NBA Mission and Ministry Grantees

Grantee Community	Grantee Organization/Project	City/State	Region	Grant Amount
<b>Older Adults</b>	United Congregational Christian Church	Lodi, CA	Nothern California-Nevada	\$ 5,700
	Florida Christian Center	Jacksonville, FL	Florida	\$ 6,000
	United Disciples of Christ Church	South Charleston, WV	West Virginia	\$ 9,500
	First Christian Church Maryville	Maryville, MO	Mid-America	\$ 10,000
	Juliette Fowler Communities*	Dallas, TX	Southwest	\$ 10,000
	Blue Valley Christian Church	Overland Park, KS	Greater Kansas City	\$ 10,000
	Christian Care Communities*	Louisville, KY	Kentucky	\$ 10,000
				<b>\$ 61,200</b>
<b>Children/Youth</b>	Rebuilding Broken Places Community Development Corportion	Goldsboro, NC	North Carolina	\$ 4,500
	Child Saving Institute*	Omaha, NE	Nebraska	\$ 5,000
	First Christian Church- Princeton	Princeton, KY	Kentucky	\$ 5,000
	Park Place Christian Church	Wichita Falls, TX	Southwest	\$ 5,000
	West Street Christian Church	Tipton, IN	Indiana	\$ 5,000
	Woodhaven	Columbia, MO	Mid-America	\$ 5,000
	Century Christian Church	Owensboro, KY	Kentucky	\$ 6,000
	Centennial Christian Church	St. Louis, MO	Mid-America	\$ 7,000
	Iglesia Nueva Vida	Riverside, CA	Pacific Southwest	\$ 7,500
	All People's Community Center	Los Angeles, CA	Pacific Southwest	\$ 10,000
	Christian Church of Pacific Grove*	Pacific Grove, CA	Pacific Southwest	\$ 10,000
	Community of Just Love*	Houston, TX	Southwest	\$ 10,000
	Cleveland Christian Home, Inc	Cleveland, OH	Ohio	\$ 15,000
<b>Intergenerational</b>	First Christian Church- Rogers	Rogers, AR	Great River	\$ 5,000
	The United Church UCC/DQC, Inc	St. Augustine, FL	Florida	\$ 5,000
				<b>\$ 10,000</b>
	<i>*Repeat Grantee</i>			
<b>TOTALS</b>				
<b>Older Adults</b>				\$ 61,200
<b>Children/Youth</b>				\$ 95,000
<b>Intergenerational</b>				\$ 10,000
<b>Total Grants</b>				<b>\$ 166,200</b>



**2019-20 Mission and Ministry Grantees** 