



Enlighten Me!

Winter 2023

Take a few minutes to become enlightened about the King of Glory Lutheran Church Foundation's recent efforts to support our mission: *To be and to make followers of Christ who boldly share the grace of God with the world.* The Foundation is an independent, non-profit corporation whose purpose is to receive gifts through planned giving, hold the principal, and give the value increase of those gifts to expand King of Glory's ministries. If you have given to the church throughout your life, wouldn't you want to continue your stewardship by including a planned gift at the end of your life through your will or estate plan? Visit kingofgloryfoundation.com.



Kenny
Dickson
Senior Pastor

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness, prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (Isaiah 40:3)

Throughout Advent and Christmas I have talked about the tension inherent in these Church seasons. We looked back to celebrate the Incarnation—God coming to us and living among us, as us, in Christ Jesus. We also heard calls for us as the Church to be the Body of Christ in ministry now, and to continue to prepare the Way of Christ and the Kingdom of God. As children of God and disciples of Jesus, we have no greater privilege than the service we have offered and will offer to Christ.

We also have the privilege to return a portion of the financial gifts and blessing God has bestowed on us. As with our ministry of time, service, and worship to our church, our gifts to the King of Glory Foundation build on the gifts offered by ourselves and others in the past, enable current ministries, and endow the ministry of King of Glory Lutheran Church into the future.

For over 15 years the King of Glory Foundation has faithfully worked to grow an endowment that enables King of Glory Lutheran Church to serve in ministry with the community in which we reside, as well as the family we are as a congregation. Whether these gifts assist with securing housing, food, and health, or providing for ministries that deepen and strengthen individual faith and relationships with God, the King of Glory Foundation has served in the Lutheran tradition of extending and sharing God's bold grace with all the world.

There are a variety of ways we can give to the King of Glory Foundation. These include income from investments, insurance, savings, as well as through estates and wills. As we begin a new and exciting year of ministry in the Church, I invite everyone to prayerfully consider supporting the Foundation through these or other avenues, as together we strive to love and serve those loved by God, and continue to prepare the Way for our Lord and Savior.

*Blessings of Peace to all this new year,
Pastor Kenny*

Thank You!



I am writing to extend my sincere appreciation for your support over the past year to help me continue my graduate theological studies. It is due to the generosity of organizations like yours that I've been able to pursue ordination.

I took two classes this fall and will be taking one during the January term. I plan to take two classes this Spring and two courses this summer. One of my Spring courses will be an immersion course where I will learn about historic places of worship in Paris, France. Thanks to your Foundation and other Lutheran organizations, I am able to have the robust academic career at Perkins School of Theology that I dreamed about.

Thank you for showing me what it means to have the support of the Church and the Lutheran community.

Many prayers for your future endeavors and may God continue to bless you all.

Thanks,
Lakeesha V. Browne

Grant Recipient: Destination KOG

Dear King of Glory Foundation Board and Members,

Having food on Wednesday nights for Destination KOG has been such a blessing! There is no doubt that great things can occur during a meal, and being able to provide our young people with a meal as part of our Wednesday evening activities has helped to prove this statement to be true.

As I've watched and been a part of the activities on Wednesdays, I have witnessed firsthand how great it has been for the church to be able to provide this meal... especially for those who would not have had time to eat before coming to church. Sometimes during the week, schedules for kids and their parents can get hectic. I have heard from more than just a few, how much of a blessing it is that at least for one evening, they know dinner is handled. It also should be noted that Sandra Morris has provided AMAZING meals that the kids love and look forward to each week. And as we all know, a meal together provides an opportunity for fellowship. It is in that fellowship that we are able to deepen our relationships with one another through conversation.

We are trying to build Christ centered relationships with, and among our youth, and being able to dine together gives us a great chance to do that. There is also something quite biblical about Jesus and meals.

In short, a big shout out and thank you to the Foundation for helping to make this happen! The meal has served as a ministry to families, an opportunity for the development of Christ centered relationships, and it is much easier for kids to put up with listening to me when they aren't hungry...which hopefully makes Confirmation and High School Youth even better!

Thank you again.
Harold Huddleston

Foundation asset and grant update

Since its formation in 2008, the Foundation assets grew to \$884,064 through December 31, 2021. This growth was a combination of contributions and positive market growth of invested assets, less distributions. In 2022 through September 30, the Foundation's assets have declined to \$678,877 primarily due to increased distributions and declines in market values. Since 2016 contributions have totaled \$413,312 and distributions, primarily grants, have been \$174,997. The Foundation assets are managed by the Investment Committee composed of six KOG members with financial experience. The Committee strives to maintain a diverse investment balance with a focus on long-term growth.

KOG Foundation and The Refugee Resettlement Ministry – a team working together to improve our neighborhood, one family at a time

The KOG Refugee Resettlement Ministry was established in 2007 and has operated continuously and grown since its inception. The primary purpose of the ministry is to welcome refugee families arriving in the United States (and North Texas in particular). These families have been forced from their home countries due to war, violence or lethal persecution. They typically flee their home country carrying only basic items that they can hand carry. They are housed in United Nations camps until they are approved to relocate to an accepting country. Their stay in these camps can be lengthy, sometimes twenty to thirty years. Conditions in the camps are difficult and often unhealthy.

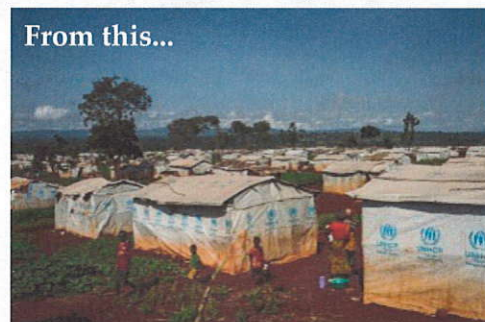
When approved for relocation to a country like the U.S., they arrive with few earthly goods or resources. They are normally allowed to bring one

hand carried bag per person. The mission of our ministry is to make this transition into a new (and strange, to them) land as comfortable and hassle-free as possible. We set up an apartment for the family with furniture and food donated by KOG congregants. We often help them learn how to use modern appliances, get children enrolled in school, use public transportation, and more. We do whatever we can to make the transition as efficient and anxiety-free as possible.

The KOG Foundation has been an active partner with this ministry over time. As noted above, all furniture used in our resettlement activities is donated and the constant inflow of items has outgrown the space in the church to store them. We have been forced to utilize an offsite storage facility to handle the overflow. The cost of this storage is quite

expensive and eats into our allocated funds from the church for normal operating activities (like U-Haul rentals, grocery purchases, etc.) Grants from the Foundation have generously provided funds to help with this outside storage expense, and the Foundation has been proactive in their willingness to help. Working together, the world is made better, one family at a time. The result of our efforts?

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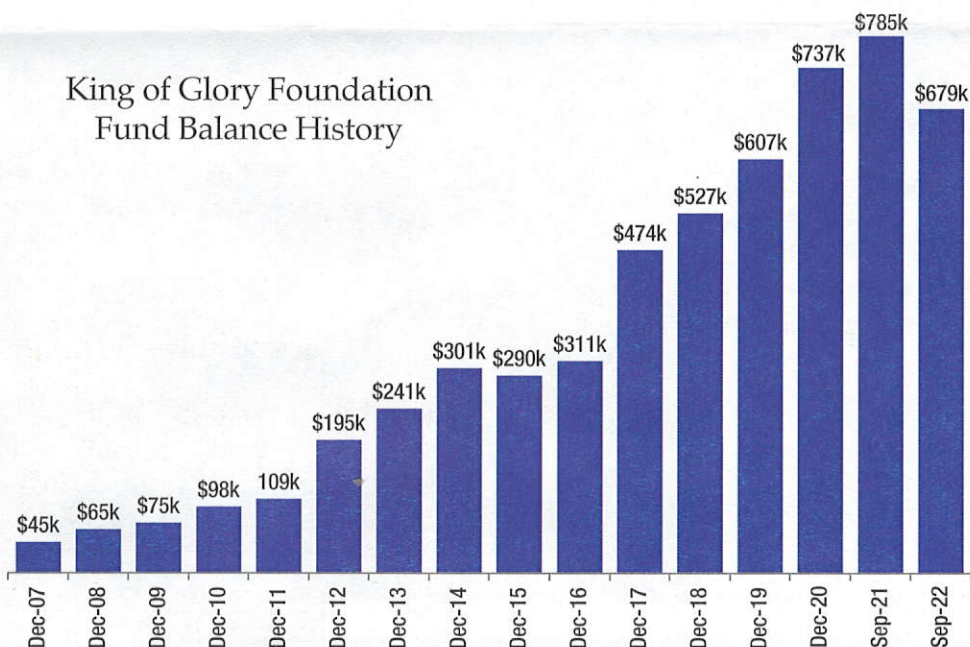
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King of Glory Foundation
Fund Balance History



COPE: Cost of Poverty Experience

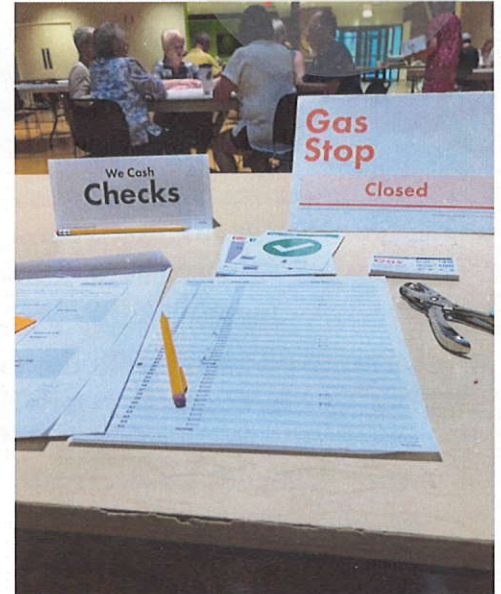
The King of Glory Foundation helped to underwrite the Cost of Poverty Experience which was held on October 15th at King of Glory. The event was a 2-hour interactive experience that offered a glimpse into the lives of low-income individuals and families. The Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) offers a snapshot of the obstacles that are faced, the decisions that are made, and the consequences that impact

families every day. COPE also reveals how the policies and systems within our community help or hinder the progress of these families. COPE represents the lives of real people who live in poverty and who have shared their stories so that people across the country can be exposed to the real situations and the real barriers that exist.



Did You Know?

...that if you die without a Will, the State of Texas will decide how your remaining estate will be distributed. Time and costs automatically increase and may override a person's true wishes. If you need a referral or answers to questions regarding a Will, call the church office. The King of Glory Foundation can help you find answers to your questions.



You can set-up a donation to the Foundation that will pay YOU an annual interest amount while you are living AND will someday be available to the Foundation for use in future ministries. Learn more about Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts at kingofglory.com/Foundation.

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