



Mission in Action

Deaconess Foundation helps people take positive steps in their lives. Some examples of the Foundation's "dollars at work" include the following:

- **Steve and Christopher**, brothers growing up in East St. Louis, find a gym with real basketball hoops, healthy snacks, and coaches that make sure they master homework as well as jump shots.
- **Josephine**, a first-time mom, gets compassionate instruction on how to care for her fragile newborn's chronic cough.
- **TaNesha**, a vivacious nine-year-old, is matched with a "forever family" and a permanent home that will mark the end of her time in the foster care system.
- **John**, a seven-year-old with a horrible toothache, visits the dentist for the first time.
- **Carol**, a mom earning minimum wage, finds high-quality day care that is affordable and caring.
- Six-year-old **Denise and her sister** have a safe place to stay, a crisis nursery, while their mother looks for an affordable apartment—one that is not peeling with lead paint like their former home.

How Can Your Congregation Get Involved?

Deaconess Foundation welcomes the energy and commitment of the UCC community. If any of the following opportunities interest you, contact Deaconess Foundation.

Volunteer. Many of the agencies with which Deaconess partners need volunteers to do everything from hands-on work with children to serving on boards.

Educate/Advocate. The plight of children growing up in poverty in St. Louis is invisible to many. Call Deaconess Foundation for educational material and guidance on how you can raise awareness.

Donate. Your congregation could organize a book or clothing drive, host a benefit for one of the ministries Deaconess supports, or make a gift of money.

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In the spirit of our faith heritage, the mission of Deaconess Foundation is the improved health of the St. Louis metropolitan community and its people.



