

Dear Friends,

Due to the visiting missionaries at BLC, I won't be speaking to you in church again in April...the 2nd month of A Place of Refuge Ministries as your Locally Supported Mission. So I'm excited to give you the rest of our ministry update here.

For the last 25 years, volunteers have been the heart of our ministry. We are so grateful for the many ways BLCers have partnered with us. From baby showers, to transportation, to Christmas gifts, to donating and working at Blessed Again Resale...you have been there for us.

As many of our long term volunteers and staff approach retirement age, we are in need of folks who would be willing to become even more deeply involved with us. For example, our current property manager has recently had to step down due to illness. Her job was simply to help our housemanager when property issues came up at Refuge House...finding a contractor, whether paid or volunteer, to tackle the issue and following through to its resolution.

We are also looking for volunteers in other areas as well, such as helping plan future fundraisers, assisting with clerical work or serving on our Board of Directors.

We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us in our mission to moms and children in need. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support of us as a Locally Supported Mission here at BLC. As a BLC member, I am especially grateful for all of the personal support I have received over the last 13 years that I have been Development Director at A Place of Refuge. For those 13 years I have been blessed to share our story all over our state and at various venues across the country. This blessing has also come with very long work weeks and traveling and being away from my family most weekends. While I will, of course, continue to be deeply involved at A Place of Refuge, as of September 1st, I will be stepping down from full time fundraising.

I am confident that you will all continue your amazing support of our ministry! I am especially excited that this year's LifeWalk will be so close to BLC...June 2nd at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. I would LOVE to see my goal of 200 walkers reached for my final LifeWalk! Information will be arriving at BLC soon, so watch for posters and sign-up sheets...or check out our social media sites and website, aplaceofrefuge.org, for additional information, downloads, and registration! Hope to see our "regulars" and LOTS of new BLCers there!

Thank you again for all of your support! I have REALLY enjoyed sharing our story with all of you!

God's Blessings,

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