

	<h2>LiGHT Grant Application 2024</h2>
<h3>2024 LiGHT Grant Cover Form and Guidelines</h3>	

Name of individual, group or organization: Community Care of Northeast Indiana

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Name of the program as it would appear on the grant award: Grace & Mercy Transitional Housing-Furniture Needs

Describe who the grant award will serve and approximate number affected: This grant will serve women and women with children residing in our transitional housing for up to a 1 year program. So far 2024 current year we have taken in 26 women and 56 children.

Dollar amount requested: \$2,023.00

Would the program be offered if only a *partial* grant from LiGHT is made? Yes

Summary paragraph of the grant award requested: May be utilized for part of the presentation.

Requesting needed dining room table and chairs for seating 10 plus replacement of 6 chairs for other dining room table.

Complete all requested items below:

1. 1) This Cover Form
2. 2) Project Narrative, 1-5 pages typed, including:
 - What need in the Community will this program address? Give evidence to substantiate your request. (i.e., data, letters of recommendation, etc.)
 - What do you want to do?
 - What is your timeline?
 - What results do you expect?
 - If partnering with other organizations, please list.
 - Describe the program and tell how the funds from the grant will be used based on your budget
 - Signature page: To include endorsement of the project or program by the requesting agency's Board of

Directors. This page must include a signature of the Board president.

3. 3) Detailed budget



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What need in the Community will this program address?

Grace & Mercy Transitional Housing offers women and women with children the opportunity to change their life path with personal, emotional, professional & spiritual growth while obtaining financial security through job preparedness and training. The community benefit is numerous from reducing homelessness, overcoming substance abuse all while preparing these women for lives of positive impact. This transformation is experienced in their homes, their jobs, their interaction in the community. For those women with children, getting the tools to parent their children in a positive environment while creating a life full of promise and hope is seen in our local schools and community involvement. We know this is the core of a successful family and community.

Give evidence to substantiate your request. (i.e., data, letters of recommendation, etc.)

Studies show that sharing meals together creates a supportive environment where family members feel safe to express their emotions and seek comfort. Mealtimes provide an opportunity for family members to practice and improve their communication skills. It encourages active listening, sharing thoughts, and expressing feelings.

The dining table can also serve as a neutral ground for discussing and resolving conflicts. In summary, eating at the dining room table is more than just a meal; it is an essential practice that nurtures relationships, promotes healthy habits, and fosters a sense of community within the family units. For many of our residents, a dining room environment never existed.

What do you want to do?

Currently, we have 2 tables in our dining area. This however is not enough space, and we are looking to add a needed 3rd table with 16 chairs to create seating for everyone as needed. We will replace several old worn chairs with new ones.

What is your timeline?

We would like to have these items in place as soon as they can be approved.

What results do you expect?

When all residents, children and staff can sit together for meals we believe it is part of a positive example of what works in families. As our residents create their mealtimes it will lead to better communication, healthier eating habits and a stronger sense of community.

If partnering with other organizations, please list.

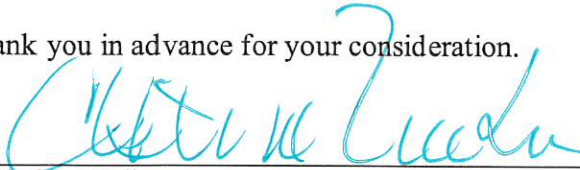
None currently.

Describe the program and tell how the funds from the grant will be used based on your budget:

We have attached estimates for both tables and chairs. The total cost is

The total project cost is \$2,023.00.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Christine Walker Executive Director

Date: 8-22-24



Janelle Stronczek Board President

Date: 08-27-2024

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