



Life Builders

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Life Builders, a faith-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization, acquires a 7,882 square foot facility to provide health and human services for hundreds of community members in South Park, PA and surrounding communities.

Grace Lutheran Church located at 6810 Hilldale Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 members voted to gift the property and its contents to Life Builders in support of the organization's work in the community. "The people of Grace are blessed that the work they began in God's name will continue in new ways under the faithful leadership and service of Life Builders."

South Park, PA (Monday, December 18) – On Sunday, December 10, 2023, Grace Lutheran Church located at 6810 Hilldale Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 members voted to donate the property and its contents to Life Builders in support of the organization's work in the community. Kelly Gilliam, Life Builders CEO, said "We are so thankful for this generous donation to help us as we continue to grow!"

Life Builders, established in 2021 by Shiloh Church (Pastor Javan and Pastor Kelly Gilliam) in South Park, PA. Life Builders mission is transforming lives; building families and strengthening communities demonstrated through Christian principles.

Life Builders is impacting the lives of hundreds of children and families in their community by addressing food insecurities and health education, residency requirements, financial literacy, clothing needs and warm weather apparel, student school supplies, and holiday gifts:

- **Shiloh Foodbank; Community Garden and Beyond Food:** provides educational programming and nutritional assistance to families in need, helping with the food crisis so many are facing daily. We also provide diapers/wipes, hygiene items, cleaning supplies and household items.
- **KIN-nect:** brings families and communities together with events such as Easter Egg Hunts, Kids Christmas Party, and family outings. These create an environment that fosters socialization, a spirit of friendship and community within the neighborhoods. These events also allow for opportunities to enhance communication and interpersonal skills, while aligning with our vision to strengthen families and communities.



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- **Coats, Gloves and Love:** ensures that every child birth through high school has warm weather apparel during the most challenging time of the year with adverse weather conditions.
- **Loads of Love:** builds esteem and dignity by providing all the necessary supplies and funds to help families launder their clothes: soap powder, dryer sheets, and quarters.
- **Building Blocks to Success:** provides community empowerment workshops including nutritional workshops; healthy lifestyles workshops; home-buying; credit repair; personal money management; health care options; life insurance; career building skills and job readiness programs; and criminal record expungement clinics.
- **CommUNITY Day and CommUNITY Christmas Blessings:** equips families to build success in school and life by removing barriers that distract children from focusing on learning and increase their self-esteem and confidence. We distribute free backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, and new shoes to all school aged children during our CommUNITY Day. CommUNITY Christmas Blessings provides families presents, gift wrapping, clothing, books, and hygiene items for children.
- **Kicks 4 Kids in Our CommUNITY:** provides new shoes (tennis shoes, casual shoes, sandals, and boots) to youth in our communities.

Gilliam stated, "Life Builders looks forward to broadening its impact in the community by fighting against food insecurities, educating children and families through high quality enrichment programs, financial literacy courses, home buying information, and other services. Supporting children and families is at the core of what we're committed to do."

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About Life Builders: Life Builders has organically grown at an accelerated pace based on the needs and concerns of the members of the community over the last few years. Prior to 2021, many of the services Life Builders is doing were all under the leadership of Shiloh Church since the early 1970's.

About Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Park Township: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Park Township has been a pillar of the community since 1906 and have been at the Hilldale Drive location since 1969.

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