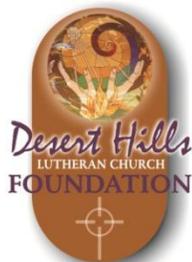


# Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation

## Fall 2017



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Make Disciples  
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### Charitable Gift Annuity Received



The Foundation greatly appreciates **Audrey Campbell**, a Desert Hills Lutheran Church member, for creating a generous \$20,000 Charitable Gift Annuity with the Foundation as beneficiary, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson. At her age, the Charitable Gift Annuity vehicle will pay Audrey an interest rate of **8.4%**, received quarterly. If you are interested in the Charitable Gift Annuity program, please contact one of the board members and we will be glad to work with you and your investment advisor.

### Hurricane Relief Contribution



Credit InsideClimateNews.org

The Foundation is joining hands with the members of Desert Hills Lutheran Church by donating **\$1,000** to the ELCA Disaster Response Fund.

### Recipients of the Overson Christian Leadership Fund

The Overson Leadership Fund was created in 2015 as a tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Overson's Christian leadership. Since then, we have distributed this year over \$5,000 to students.

Recipients include:

**Berkley Harris**, currently serving in Senegal through Young Adults in Global Mission;

**Lutheran Campus Ministry at UA**, assisting with funding their Reformation Banquet to be held Sunday October 29. This ministry helps students connect with fellow Christians and strengthens their faith journey during their busy college years;

**Grant Overson**, served on a mission trip working with youth in Guatemala. Here is part of his story:



Grant's team, and the baptism

*My church, Redemption Flagstaff, took a total of 21 volunteers to Guatemala this past July. We teamed up with an organization called Champions in Action who, through soccer and mentorship, aim to alter the lives of Guatemalan boys and girls. We spent a week at the girls camp (ages 12-16) playing soccer, building relationships and learning more about what life is like when God is accepted into it. I was on a team with ten girls, two mentors and a couple of other volunteers. My goal at the camp was to show the girls what positive male role models look like, because unfortunately many of the girls had bad relationships or*  
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*simply no relationships with their dads, brothers, uncles and friends.*

*Our days usually lasted from 6am-11pm, fitting as much as we could do within that time. There were morning workouts and trainings, morning devotionals, meals, soccer games, beach time and we closed the day with chapel. Chapel was a powerful time and its goal was to open the hearts and eyes of these girls and allow them to accept Christ into their lives. On the morning of the final day, there was an opportunity for girls to be baptized. Each team took turns getting into the ocean to officially begin a new chapter in their life. I had 7 out of my 10 girls get baptized.*

*I cannot thank the Foundation enough for providing me with this amazing opportunity! That week in Guatemala was one of the best weeks of my life and it provided me with new relationships, amazing memories and strengthened my love for God.*

### Our Easy Rider Returns To The Fold



We have him back! Here's what Pastor Martin had to say about his sabbatical:

*"I would like to give a very heartfelt thank you to the Desert Hills Lutheran Foundation for gifting me some support for my sabbatical. The sabbatical was one of the great gifts I've ever been given in ministry by any congregation. It helped me find deep rest and new energy and excitement for these next many years of ministry. The picture was taken by my brother in our stop in Valier, Montana at my first call to Valier Lutheran Church from 1979-1982. I had not been back until this summer. Thank you for your kindness."*

### Desert Hills Lutheran Church Chapel renovation project



The Foundation is pleased to have contributed \$3,500 of the \$9,000 budget to join with other groups in Desert Hills Lutheran Church in the development of the chapel.

### Balance of estate gift received

The Foundation recently received the balance of the Nancy Yeager bequest. The total of the gift was over \$158,000, which was split between our general fund and our Overson Leadership fund.

### Emeritus member celebrated



Don Duensing with Neal Engbloom, board president

Don Duensing, on the Foundation Board at its beginning, joined the board for a celebratory cake. The Foundation appreciates his organizational skills.

### Grants to Luther Seminary

The Foundation has sent \$16,000 to Luther Seminary in support of Erin Coutts, whom you have met already, and another student, whom we hope to have you meet some time this year.