

WELCOMING ALL INTO ENGAGING SERVICE TO OTHERS

Have you seen tadpoles, monkeys, frogs and turtles? You'll find them at our School of Grace. Since 1995, over 200 children and their families have grown in our loving, welcoming school. You cannot put a price on the impact provided Monday through Friday, September through May. Through the School of Grace, children experience socialization, skill development, acceptance, wonder, joy, togetherness, love...and Christ...overflowing.



The School of Grace turns no one away. Talk about welcoming! That translates into scholarships nearing \$13,000. Our annual art auction only covers a portion of that amount. We want to ensure that future families have a place through this wonderful school. What a wonderful welcome!

Have you heard the sound of hammers and saws? Yes, so much new building construction is going on around us. And we can be part of that in 2018 as the Lutheran Coalition builds a new home through Habitat for Humanity. Through our efforts, a stable new home will be made available to a qualifying Habitat family. They will have a home, and we will know the inexpressible joy of helping them build that new home. Our combined efforts are like opening the door and saying welcome!

We are in Midtown, a burgeoning hub of commerce, homes, and entertainment. Still growing! Nearby are untold numbers of young adults who come/go in Midtown. Let's welcome them into Christ. To do so will require us to stretch—to understand them better, to engage them where they are, to make sure they know our welcome and, through us, the presence of Christ. Let's add one of them in a very part time position- a Millennial on our staff- devoted to teaching us to reach and welcome them. This will demand much of us. With Christ leading us we can meet the challenge of being a welcoming home for young adults.

Investing in the School of Grace, a Habitat Home, and a Young Adult focus is included in our *Welcoming All 2018 Stewardship Appeal*. Our goal is to increase offerings by \$80,000, some of which will go to these outreach ministries.

Pray for a generous response to this appeal. Pray about your own response. Consider increasing your giving as Christ leads you. Be ready to make your commitment known on Stewardship Sunday, October 22, 2017. By our giving we will be thanking the Lord and reaching out to welcome others.