The Mission Endowment Fund of All Saints Lutheran Church

All Saints Lutheran Church (ASLC) Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Grant Application

It is a blessing and honor to be able to offer this opportunity to your organization. God has graciously provided this congregation with this opportunity to serve others.

In 2025, grant requests should range between $500 and $2000. Only legally registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible for these grants.

If your organization qualifies, please complete the answers to each question in the application.

The 2025 application deadline is August 1. The MEF Trustees will contact you to confirm they received your completed form. Applications will be contacted by the Trustees by November 1 with a decision, and funds will be distributed by check by November 30, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the chair of our trustees, Diane Hoffman, at MEF.chair@gmail.com.

For your convenience, the sections of this online form will be:

- Name and Tax Status Eligibility
- Information Pertaining to the Organization
- The Request
- Program/Project Details (if applicable)
- Final Questions

Section 1 of 4 Name and Tax Status Eligibility

Item 1: Legal Name of the Organization: Windwood Farm Home for Children, Inc.

Description:

Windwood Family Services provides help, hope and healing to children and families in South Carolina affected by abuse, neglect or trauma through residential programs and community services. Windwood Farm Home for Children is a 110-acre residential treatment facility located in Awendaw, South Carolina. In addition to residential treatment, Windwood Family Services provides community-based programming for families in the Charleston tri-county area through its Family Resource Connection and Preservation Services (FRCPS). The FRCPS program is committed to providing short-term, family-centric services that protect children, promote safe and stable families, and enhance parent functioning.. Windwood Farm is an opportunity for at-risk families and abused, neglected, and traumatized boys in the lowcountry to find help, hope, and healing.

Item 2: Tax Status Eligibility

Description by IRS: 501(c)(3) public charity

Item 3: IRS EIN: 57-0807424

Section 2 of 4 Information Pertaining to the Organization

Item 1: Organization's Contact Points

Please provide the Organization's Primary Contact Person's mailing address, telephone number, and email address. If there is a separate street address please share that as well.

Executive Director: Deborah D. McKelvey

Phone number: 843.991.0681

Email address: mckelvey@windwoodfarm.org

Mailing address: Windwood Family Services
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Awendaw, SC 29429

Item: 2: Organization Website URL: https://windwoodfarm.org/

Description

Short text answer: Windwood Farm Home for Children is a 110-acre residential treatment facility located in Awendaw, South Carolina. In addition to residential treatment, Windwood Family Services provides community-based programming for families in the Charleston tri-county area through its Family Resource Connection and Preservation Services (FRCPS).

Item 3: Organization's Mission and/or Vision Statement:

Our mission is to provide help, hope, and healing through behavioral, educational, and therapeutic interventions that enhance social functioning and well-being, ensure safety, and support long-term stability for children and families in our community.

Long answer on purpose of the Organization as well as the statements of mission and vision.

Windwood Farm Home for Children is a 110-acre residential treatment facility located in Awendaw, South Carolina. Started with 8 kids and Each year, 45 - 50 kids a year in variable lengths of time approximately 60 boys reside on campus through one of two programs: the Qualified Residential Treatment Program or the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF). These children are referred to Windwood after other community-based interventions have been exhausted. Many come from unstable or unsafe homes, while others require specialized treatment for mental health challenges that their families are unable to manage. Approximately 75% of the boys we serve—ages 6 to 16—are in state protective custody due to abuse or neglect.

In addition to residential treatment, Windwood Family Services offers community-based programming in the Charleston tri-county area through its Family Resource Connection and Preservation Services (FRCPS). This program delivers short-term, family-centric services aimed at protecting children, promoting safe and stable families, and enhancing parental functioning. Families eligible for FRCPS have documented cases of maltreatment and face imminent risk of separation. They often require support managing children's behaviors or addressing fundamental needs identified through the Family Advocacy and Support Tool (FAST), developed by the Praed Foundation to improve communication about family strengths and needs. Specialists conduct initial assessments to determine the length and intensity of services required. Windwood's Family Resource Specialists work with up to eight families simultaneously, meeting in the home or another agreed upon location up to four times weekly for two to six months. Services include parenting education, behavior management, substance use disorder support, employment assistance, motivational interviewing, and help with tangible needs such as rent, transportation, food, and childcare resources.

As FRCPS aims to prevent children from entering state custody, improve family functioning, and maintain family unity, we measure success by the extent to which families remain living together in the home. According to our 2023 Impact Report, FRCPS provided 1,200 therapy sessions in residential care and conducted 2,800 annual home visits by caseworkers to support at-risk families. In 2024, we assisted 125 families—approximately 600 individuals—through this program, which has helped over 5,000 children remain with their families rather than enter protective custody over the past decade.

Windwood's serene campus includes a secure Level 3 Group Home—a residential facility that provides intensive 24-hour supervision and support for individuals with significant behavioral or medical needs—a fully licensed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, an on-campus school, and a wide range of outdoor therapeutic and recreational amenities such as bike paths, fishing ponds, gardens, basketball courts, and a baseball field. This peaceful, structured environment fosters healing, stability, and growth. Our holistic model combines comprehensive clinical care, academic support, and recreational therapy. Supported by a compassionate team of trained caregivers, therapists, and healthcare professionals, each boy receives individualized treatment tailored to his emotional, behavioral, and educational needs. Boys who receive residential treatment at Windwood Farm Home for Children also receive visits in their home setting upon discharge. Windwood's master-level Transition Coordinators provide resources and therapeutic services to ensure the child's successful transition into their home.

This year, we also began the Transition Program for Youth. This program financially supports a foster family to not only hold a bed during a child's treatment at Windwood, but to actively engage in the child's therapeutic treatment eight to ten weeks prior to the child's discharge. Foster families will provide conversations, visits, and transitional support to enable the child to apply their treatment-acquired skills to build meaningful, lasting relationships with their new family. We will also be starting a new Family Visitation Program this fall on Windwood Farm's campus. Sibling connections help children be resilient and maintain family bonds. For children in out-of-home care such as Windwood Farm residents, separation from siblings can lead to profound feelings of grief and loss, behavior problems, depression, and other mental health issues. Siblings who are separated are more likely to experience difficulties adapting to foster care, more likely to experience foster care placement changes, and experience longer lengths of stay in out-of-home care. The Sibling Program will provide an atmosphere where Windwood residents can spend the day together with their siblings and/or parents in a non-sterile location. The program will occur twice a month on Windwood's campus at

the Brian M. Carmody Family Pavilion; the pavilion is 72'x72' with three individual bathrooms and a catering kitchen. Windwood staff will provide transportation to and from Windwood's campus, or fuel gift cards to siblings and/or parents. Families will also have access to games, fishing ponds, bike riding trails, and athletic equipment to use on Windwood's 110-acre property during their visits. By creating meaningful, consistent opportunities for connection in a safe, welcoming environment, the Family Visitation Program will strengthen family ties, promote emotional healing, and support more successful long-term outcomes for the children in our care. Our positive permanency rate is reported at 95%, reflecting high success in achieving stable and supportive family outcomes for children in our care.

Community volunteers are essential to Windwood's success. Their generous support allows us to expand educational and enrichment programming. Partnerships with organizations such as the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Coastal Expeditions provide transformative outdoor activities that build independence, emotional resilience, and meaningful connections to the natural world. Educational programs offered through the Charleston County School District curriculum—such as YoArt—introduce boys to reading, digital literacy, and creative expression, enriching their development further. Throughout the year, groups like the Kiwanis Club host special activity days on campus, where boys can run, play, enjoy cookouts, and experience the simple joys of childhood. Volunteers also organize off-campus excursions to places like the South Carolina Aquarium and other local cultural or recreational destinations, creating lasting memories beyond the farm's boundaries. At the end of each boy's stay, he receives a handcrafted scrapbook filled with photos, reflections, and mementos of his journey. These treasured keepsakes—lovingly assembled by volunteers—celebrate each child's growth, accomplishments, and meaningful relationships formed during their time at Windwood. According to our 2023 Impact Report, we logged over 2,037 volunteer hours, engaged more than 350 volunteers, and partnered with 40 volunteer groups, and these numbers continue to grow.

Over the past 40 years, started with 8 boys Windwood Farm Home for Children and Family Services has served more than 800 boys, providing far more than care by creating a nurturing space for healing, skill-building, and lasting transformation. By combining intensive residential treatment, community-based preventive services, innovative transitional programs, and robust family support, Windwood has demonstrated sustained achievement in promoting safety, permanency, and well-being for children facing trauma and complex behavioral needs throughout South Carolina.

If selected for this grant the funds would be used for general operating support for Windwood programs that work to achieve positive permanency for children and families in our community.

Item 4: Geographic area served by the Organization:

Short answer describing the geographic area in which the Organization exists and conducts the mission to which the funds will be used.

Windwood Farm Home for Children accepts residents from South Carolina, with priority given to boys from the Charleston tri-county area. Community-based services focusing on family preservation and support are provided in Charleston and Dorchester counties. Approximately 50% of Windwood's Family Resource Connection and Preservation Services serve residents of Charleston County.

Section 3 of 4 The Request

Item 1: The Grant Amount Requested: 2,000

Please provide the grant amount being requested and

Item 2: Usage of Funds

Will this grant be used for project support or for operating support? YES

Item 3: Project Support complete the section below, Operating Support need not complete the section below:

- What is the Program/Project title?
- Is this a new or ongoing Program/Project? Identify the actual or projected start-up date
- If this request only covers a part of a larger project how much the total project costs and how this grant amount will be used within that project. Please provide details
- Please provide a description with objectives of the Program/Project
- What is the timeline for completion of the Program/Project
- How will the impacts/success of the Program/Project be measured? Please identify the measuring methods as well as the specific goals or points of success.

Section 4 of 4 Final Questions and Agreements

Item 1: Previous Support

If you or your Organization has previously received funding from All Saints Lutheran Church (ASLC) and/or the Mission Endowment Fund, please describe that funding/support.

Members of All Saints Lutheran Church have been serving monthly dinners at Windwood for many years. The boys cherish these dinners and the time they spend playing games and socializing with the All Saints volunteers. These gatherings provide valuable opportunities for the boys to practice social skills, communication, and emotional regulation. The relationships they build with the volunteers are deeply meaningful. Many of the boys have experienced inconsistency in their adult relationships, so they eagerly anticipate the monthly dinners, knowing they can rely on their friends from All Saints to show up and spend intentional, supportive time with them.

Item 2: Reporting Requirements

If ASLC MEF funds are awarded to your organization, you will be required to submit a status report every six (6) months throughout the utilization and receipt of the funds, as well as an updated status report at the conclusion of the utilization and receipt of the funds.

Please include a statement of agreement to this requirement.

Windwood Family Services agrees to submit a status report every 6 months throughout the utilization and receipt of the funds, as well as an updated status report at the conclusion of the utilization and receipt of the funds.

Item 3: Who Competed this Form

The name and position/affiliation of the person completing this form (i.e. applicant). The information you provide is effectively your signature for this online form.

Nina Magnesson
Events + Communications Manager
Windwood Farm

Item 4: Contacts for the Applicant
Applicant's email and telephone and or cell phone number.
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Thank you. We appreciate you taking the time to complete our application. Your answers will help the trustees of the Mission Endowment Fund make informed decisions regarding grants we will offer. We look forward to working with you, and if you have any questions, please email Daine Hoffman, the chair of the trustees at, MEF.chair@gmail.com.