

Care Abounds in Communities[®]

This grass roots program supports activities conducted by member leaders, and others on behalf of their Thrivent chapter, to help individuals, families, local communities and nonprofit organizations. Activity/ funding requests may be submitted to the local Thrivent chapter leadership board.

Program Highlights

- ☑ Care Abounds in Communities is an annual program (January to December). Each year, program dollars are made available to chapters for that year.
- ☑ The dollars are used to add money to funds raised by a community service team at a fundraiser or to pay for the materials needed by a service team to perform a hands-on service, educational or member social activity. The predominant use of Care Abounds in Communities program funds are used to support charitable activities (fundraisers and service projects).
- ☑ A Community Service Team Director is an **optional** leader serving on the chapter leadership board. If this position is filled, this person typically supports the service teams requesting Care Abounds in Communities funds.

Steps for a Successful Activity

- 1. Identify a need:** A need is identified by a Thrivent member or other individual and the type of activity that will best help meet the need and has the greatest impact for using Care Abounds in Communities program funds.
- 2. Form a service team:** To receive Care Abounds in Communities funding, a community service team must come together to plan, prepare for and/or conduct the activity. Thrivent members should be involved, nonmembers are always encouraged!
- 3. Service team requests funding from the chapter:** Before the activity occurs, and preferably early in the planning stages, an individual on the service team contacts the chapter leadership board to request funds to support the activity. The funding request is evaluated by the chapter board for approval at a board meeting. If approved, the chapter informs the community service team leader (contact person) of the amount of funding available for the activity.
- 4. Service team publicizes and conducts activity:** The activity needs to be promoted as being hosted by the Thrivent chapter (e.g., hosted by members and community of the ABC County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, additional funding provided by the ABC County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, etc.). Promotional materials such as signs, posters, bulletin inserts and news releases are available online or from Chapter Supplies.
- 5. Service team reports results to chapter:** After the activity is completed, the service team leader provides the chapter with: 1) the results of the activity, remembering to report only the service team's fair share (Thrivent Financial members participating, volunteer hours, local funds raised, etc.); 2) any donor checks made payable to the chapter that the chapter will deposit into the chapter checking account; and 3) any receipts from the activity, if applicable.
- 6. Chapter enters the activity results online:** A chapter leader enters the activity results online as soon as possible after receiving the above information and before Dec. 31 of the current year. This reporting triggers the release of Care Abounds in Communities funds from Thrivent Financial to the chapter's checking account or an identified person or organization for a hands-on service, educational or member social activity.
- 7. Chapter financial director distributes funds:** Chapter funds approved by the chapter and the net funds raised by the service team, if they were deposited into the chapter checking account, are paid in the manner agreed on by the chapter, service team and recipient.

Publicity is a very important piece of conducting chapter activities. For ideas on publicizing your activities, go to the Visibility Toolkit at www.thrivent.com/visibility or visit CHIP at www.thrivent.com/chip and search on 'publicity'.



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Care Abounds in Communities At-a-Glance—Activity Requirements

Eligible recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals/families. • Charitable, educational, religious (including congregations) and other organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
Ineligible activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities conducted in foreign countries. • Fund-raisers or hands-on service activities supporting Thrivent Builds. • Activities that have a substantial purpose of promoting sales of products or services, including Thrivent Financial products and services. • Member social activities that are open to the broader community (i.e., only Thrivent Financial members and their personal guests may be invited to member social activities). • Member social activities that involve collecting fees from participants (must be funded with operating funds). See CHIP for more details.
Service team requirements to receive funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be actively involved in the activity (i.e., provide the labor). • Must promote the activity as a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans chapter-hosted activity (e.g., hosted by members/community of the ABC Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, hosted by the ABC Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans).
Important dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep in mind there are end of year requesting and reporting dates. See the chapter leadership board for details.
Funding requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive funding, requests must be approved and entered by a chapter leader online before an activity occurs. • Care Abounds in Communities funds are available annually, and do not carry over to the next year. • Care Abounds in Communities program funds for an activity cannot exceed the remaining funds available for the chapter. • \$100 minimum per service team, per activity (all activity types).

If you have questions about the **Care Abounds in Communities** program, please contact a representative from the Member Connection Center at 800-**THRIVENT** (800-847-4836) and say “fraternal” or email fraternal@thrivent.com.