



## Focus on God's Children: the 2007 Lutheran Social Ministry Appeal

“People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them” (Mark 10:13-16).

Jesus continues to bless the children through us. Last year your gifts to the “Focus on the Children: the 2006 Lutheran Social Ministry Appeal” made possible Witness and Service Ministry Team grants to congregations as they found creative and effective ways to touch the lives the children and families in their communities. A few of the programs you supported are:

- The “Love for Children” day camp of the West Berks Mission District
- Cooperative Summer Day Camp – San Martin de Porres and Christ Lutheran Churches, Allentown

- The “Dove’s Nest,” an after-school program of Holy Spirit, Reading, that feeds and provides constructive activities for city youth
- Bear Creek Summer Day Camp for the inner-city children of Wilkes-Barre

Jesus continues to bless the children through the ministries of his church. Generous gifts to the “Focus on the Children: the 2007 Lutheran Social Ministry Appeal” will allow that work of blessing to grow throughout our synod.

- † Focus on our children, God’s children.
- † Pray for our young people.
- † Get involved with children at your church or in your community.
- † Make a generous contribution to the “Focus on the Children” appeal. Your gift will be a blessing to you and to the children it helps.

### A thank you note from a participant in the Dove’s Nest:

*“This church is awesome. When I started going to this church, I learned lots of things. Before, I didn’t like to read, but now I started to read. I learned how to do art. The art teacher said I’m doing very, very good. I like this church because it’s fun. Thanks.”*

- Carmen