



And so let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love, and once we begin to love each other naturally we want to do something. So you pray for our Sisters and for me and for our Brothers, and for our Co-Workers that are around the world. That we may remain faithful to the gift of God, to love Him and serve Him in the poor together with you. What we have done we should not have been able to do if you did not share with your prayers, with your gifts, this continual giving. But I don't want you to give me from your abundance, I want that you give me until it hurts.

- St. Mother Teresa, Nobel Peace Prize Lecture

Dear Love Begins Here Supporters,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the mission of Love Begins Here. We are an apostolate of the Catholic Diocese of Madison's Office of Evangelization and Catechesis that provides the youth with an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a life changing way through weeklong, local Mission Trips while living in Catholic community and continuing His work on earth. The Love Begins Here program is inspired by the work and life of Saint Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity. When St. Mother Teresa accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, she spoke boldly of the need to first look to our own homes and neighborhoods to find the poor - materially and spiritually - we are supposed to serve, before traveling around the world to help those in poverty.

Having begun this effort in 2009, in nine summers we have worked with over 3,000 missionaries in the Madison Diocese and together have spent over 79,000 hours serving the poor in our backyards. With immense gratitude, we would like to thank those who have supported Love Begins Here financially, as well as with prayer and encouragement, over the past nine years. Please continue doing so, as we firmly believe that only by God's grace are we able to bring this work to fulfillment.

As St. Mother Teresa also emphasized in her famous Nobel Lecture, the good work of serving the poor would not be possible without your continual giving, and sometimes we are asked to not just give of our abundance. With that, we invite you to consider buying stock in LBH2018 and the future of Love Begins Here. Much like buying stock in a company, we hope your giving would be born out of support for our mission and a desire to become a partner in it. In becoming a shareholder, the Love Begins Here staff will commit to keeping you up to date and sharing the fruits of the Mission Field with you.

It is one of the greatest blessings in my life to watch young hearts learn to appreciate this mission and grow into young adults committed to serving others. With your generous partnership, we will concretely be working together to build a bright future and instill hope in the seven communities we call home this summer and beyond.

With deep gratitude,

Lindsay Finn

Love Begins Here Founder and Mission Director

# LBH SHAREHOLDER STOCK SALE

I would like to support the work of LBH and help those in need within the Madison Diocese by purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Shares for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

You are welcome to buy LBH stock in \$10 increments, but please note the benefits of the following partnership levels!

**ST. THERESE** | Ten Dollars | Saint Therese of Lisieux was both an inspiration of St. Mother Teresa's and is an LBH Patron. She often wrote of the need to do all things - big and small - for love. All of your contributions to LBH - big and small - are greatly appreciated and will do much to help the poor in the Diocese of Madison. At this level, you will receive a Shareholder's Certificate, a postcard from the Mission Field and an invitation to the Celebration Dinner.

**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES** | Fifty Dollars | Saint Martin de Porres was often called Martin of Charity by the poor who he worked with. Known for his fundraising skills, he gave generously to anyone in need. By your contribution of \$50 or more, you will greatly assist the youth in engaging in the works of mercy like St. Martin did. At this level, you will receive recognition on the Official LBH2018 T-shirt\*, as well as the benefits of the St. Therese level.

**ST. MOTHER TERESA** | Two Hundred Fifty Dollars | Saint Mother Teresa worked tirelessly to serve the poor in India with the Missionaries of Charity. Your contributions at this level will allow us to work tirelessly for the poor in the Madison Diocese, which often includes pulling weeds and doing yard work. A contribution at this level could provide us the opportunity to replenish and update our stock of yard tools. At this level, you will receive the benefits of the St. Therese and St. Martin levels, as well as an Official LBH2018 T-shirt.

**HOLY SPIRIT** | Two Thousand Dollars | The Core Team of Love Begins Here often remarks that truly our work would not be possible without the Holy Spirit - from watching over our safety, keeping the weather in check and providing us with work to do. This coming summer, we are looking for folks to sponsor an LBH2018 Core Team Member at the cost of \$2,000. To recognize contributions at this level, you will be outfitted with all the LBH2018 merchandise you can handle. Holy Spirit sponsors will also receive the benefits of the previous three levels.

\* \$50 and greater donations must be received by May 25th to be acknowledged on the official LBH2018 Shirt

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM FILLED OUT WITH YOUR DONATION TO:**

**Diocese of Madison - LBH**  
**702 S. High Point Rd. #225**  
**Madison, WI 53719**

**ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

You will receive documentation to this end from the Catholic Diocese of Madison.

**Make checks payable to Diocese of Madison - LBH.**

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**LET US TAKE A FURTHER LOOK AT THE WAYS IN WHICH YOUR DONATIONS WILL BE USED.**

**MORE HANDS AT THE SERVICE OF THE POOR.**

With your donation, we will be able to keep the cost of a Love Begins Here Mission Trip affordable for families. LBH Mission Trips offer scholarships to families cannot afford the full cost of a Mission Trip. This summer, we will give over \$6,000 in aid to families in need. Across our eight mission trips this summer, we will be blessed to work with 700 young missionaries on the mission field. While we live simply, there are some unique bills we have to pay, like pool fees in many communities we call home, providing our missionaries a chance to shower each day. Your donations help keep us refreshed and ready to work!

**MORE TOOLS TO GET THE WORK DONE.**

Inside of the Love Begins Here trailer is a wide variety of gardening tools, rakes, painting supplies and cleaning agents that make it possible to tackle any job. Each year, as our work sites grow, we need to restock and replenish this trailer. Also, as summers come and go, some special projects present themselves and through the generosity of our shareholders, we are able to purchase the needed supplies to transform the homes and communities that we are invited into.

**MORE HEARTS OPEN TO SERVING THE YOUTH.**

This summer, we project completing over 18,000 hours of work in the Madison Diocese, serving the poor and those in need of love. To this end, we are in need of more hands on deck to arrange and coordinate our 500+ work sites. To help, we have hire some of our Core Team to help during the early summer season. When we take the time to organize our work well before the summer begins, the Core Team's time is able to be given more freely to the work of developing relationships with our young missionaries and focusing on those we are called to serve.