

November Newsletter

A warm hello to all the Founding Members of THEE Alliance-Forgiving Medical Debt.

Our plans are to start sending out a monthly email/newsletter to everyone as a means of providing updates to you and to share stories and news releases as well as testimonials and letters from families that are the recipients of the many donations to RIP.

MEMBERSHIP

Recently, we have welcomed four new faith-based organizations as THEE Alliance Founding members. They are: Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hopkins

St Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie

Advent Lutheran Church in Maple Grove

Christ Lutheran Church in Preston

This means that we now have 14 Minnesota faith-based organizations that have made the commitment to give so generously to RIP during this past year. Together, we are well on our way of bringing communities of faith together in Minnesota to forgive \$100,000,000 in medical debt for 50,000 families over the next 3 years. A heartfelt thank you to our organizations and their members for helping to make this possible.

METRICS

Included in our monthly newsletter will be an update on total gifts given to date, total dollars forgiven, and number of families impacted. As of 12/05/2021 there has been over \$135,000 raised toward our \$1,000,000 goal, medical debt forgiven is over \$19 million, and you have made an impact on over 9400 families. We know that this figure will grow significantly before year end. You will also be able to view more timely news and information by accessing our website at THEEAlliance.org and by clicking on the "donate" tab, scroll down to Local Campaigns - "Minnesota & Upper Midwest," Campaign Name: THEE Alliance Forgiving Medical Debt.

UPDATES

RIP has been working diligently with key hospital organizations in Minnesota and with the Minnesota Hospital Association over the past several months. RIP is confident that they will be accessing debt directly from several Minnesota hospitals soon after the new year.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Our most recent member, Christ Lutheran Church, found out about RIP and THEE Alliance through their relationship with the Winona churches and made the commitment to be part of this meaningful mission. We encourage you to visit our website often and share your stories with other organizations and friends. In addition, feel free to send this information to <u>THEEAllianceFMD@gmail.com</u>. We will make sure your stories are shared with all members of THEE Alliance. If you know of other organizations that would like to be part of this wonderful effort, have them contact us through the website or our email address.

With immense gratitude and warmest thanks to all of you. In Faith, THEE Alliance Advisory Team

P.S. See below for a note from an individual who was directly impacted by your support through RIP.

"Opening your letter yesterday gave me hope for humanity. Here I am, a perfect stranger that someone had enough compassion for to donate their hardearned dollars for my benefit. I want you to know that it's not thankless. It means the world to me. It's proof that benevolence still exists. We need more people like you in this world. Please know that your kind acts are a life raft in a sea of struggles. You are appreciated more than you know."

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