



## **IDW Mission Grant Evaluation Report Form**

Grant recipients are to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort. If this is a continuing ministry, please submit a report by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year, in which the grant is received. Include pictures/videos that help share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their own ministry. Final grant funds will be sent upon receipt of this evaluation.

### **Contact Person, Congregation, and email address:**

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1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort: The grant had 2 parts: sponsoring a local NASCR race; and creation and distribution of “Care and Comfort” kits to new residents of the Nursing Home, and new Hospice patients and their families.
2. What goals were established for this effort and what did you hope to accomplish? The goal of the race sponsorship was to recruit volunteers and donations for the Circuit LERT trailer, and introduce the trailer to the community. The goals of the “Care and Comfort” kits were to offer physical and spiritual care and comfort to those entering nursing home or hospice care. It was to express the love of Christ in a tangible way, and offer spiritual care when requested.
3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors? We received some donations for the LERT trailer, and several were interested in receiving certification for serving on the LERT team. The “care and Comfort” kits are still being assembled, however several have been distributed, received with deep gratitude, from patient and family alike. It is our plan to pursue this effort with greater intensity in January.
4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again? We would probably maintain closer contact with the Nursing Home and Hospice Administrations, to receive on-going input about the needs and helpful things we could provide for new patients. We need to be a bit more flexible.
5. What lessons were learned through this effort? Small expressions of care and concern mean a great deal to those experiencing dramatic life changes, and their families. As we all know, but may need to be reminded of: people are really open to the Word in times of crisis, and entering a nursing home or hospice care is a time of crises.
6. Will this outreach effort continue and be sustaining? Did a new outreach opportunity present itself? We hope to continue the “Care and Comfort” kits effort into the future. We are considering ways and means to use this as a springboard into some sort of interaction with the administration and staff. It appears that this is a ripe field.
7. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort? Establish and maintain open and on-going communication with administrators. They are very helpful in assessing those things that would be of most benefit and most appreciated by the patients.