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“I have the opportunity to work with LDS Philanthropies. What a great blessing it is for me to witness on a daily basis how freewill gifts from individuals, couples, families, and organizations are benefiting the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted. Indeed, as the LDS Philanthropies motto says, these donations truly are ‘changing and saving lives’ throughout the world by funding our extensive humanitarian efforts and by contributing to help thousands of people gain an education at our four Church schools.

“. . . As you become aware of the great good that is being done around the world through LDS Philanthropies, I hope that you, too, will be prompted to help God bless His children. And please know that 100 percent of every dollar you give will benefit those you intend to help.”

Bishop Gary E. Stevenson
Presiding Bishop
How Donors Bless Lives through LDS Philanthropies

LDS Philanthropies helps individuals and families participate in and accelerate building the kingdom of God. To do this, LDS Philanthropies seeks and invites voluntary philanthropic funding (beyond tithes and fast offerings) for programs and projects approved by the First Presidency.

LDS Philanthropies correlates, encourages, invites, facilitates, and acknowledges voluntary philanthropic contributions to the Church and its affiliated charities. LDS Philanthropies provides shared donor and philanthropic support to all Church-affiliated entities.

Church Educational Institutions
- Brigham Young University
- Brigham Young University–Idaho
- Brigham Young University–Hawaii
- LDS Business College

Church Entities
- LDS Charities (Humanitarian Services)
- General Missionary Fund
- Perpetual Education Fund
- Temple Patron Assistance Fund
- Church History Department
Recognized among the finest universities in the world, Brigham Young University fulfills a unique role in advancing the educational standards promoted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

BYU students enjoy a rigorous and comprehensive secular education magnified through the lens of gospel truths. This unique environment enlightens minds and hearts and enhances learning in all areas of life.

The knowledge and skills developed through appropriately combining secular and sacred knowledge prepares BYU graduates to succeed at home, in their church and civic responsibilities, and in the workplace. The positive impact of BYU is evident as its graduates strengthen and unite diverse religious, political, and social cultures to lift humanity and expand the influence of the Church throughout the world.

Current fundraising priorities include:

- Scholarships for needy, disadvantaged, and other deserving students.
- Mentored student learning and research opportunities.
- Trustees and President’s Fund.
- Enhanced learning environments.
- A new engineering and technology building.

2014 Goal

$80 MILLION

Approved by the Office of the First Presidency and the Office of the Presiding Bishopric.
Committed to innovative teaching and learning, students at Brigham Young University–Idaho become spiritually focused and ready for leadership in their families, the workplace, and the community.

When BYU–Idaho became a four-year university, three imperatives were crafted to guide its growth: (1) serve more students, (2) lower overall cost, and (3) improve the quality of education. Several unique approaches are used to achieve these imperatives:

LEARNING MODEL—Students take charge of their education and become fully involved in their own learning. The key steps of Prepare, Teach One Another, and Ponder and Prove provide a pattern for continual learning and personal growth long after graduation.

YEAR-ROUND CALENDAR—Three equal semesters help BYU–Idaho better utilize its campus facilities and offer admission to many more students.

FOUNDATIONS—General education courses have been completely redesigned to raise the quality of every student’s experience. Known as Foundations, this approach allows students to cover more advanced topics not typically included in introductory courses.

PATHWAY—Pathway combines online learning with a weekly gathering at a local institute of religion to collaborate on educational activities. This leads students to official BYU–Idaho admission—on campus or online—to earn certificates or two- and four-year degrees.

Current fundraising priorities include:
- Pathway and other online learning programs.
- Scholarships and financial aid.
- Trustees and President’s Fund.

2014 Goal
$10 MILLION
Approved by the Office of the First Presidency and the Office of the Presiding Bishopric.
Located in Laie on the island of Oahu, Brigham Young University–Hawaii is a respected undergraduate institution currently serving 2,700 students from more than 70 countries. These young men and women come with a variety of academic backgrounds and language skills.

This multicultural university, operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, exists to integrate both spiritual and secular learning and to prepare students with character and integrity to provide leadership in their families, communities, and chosen fields and in building the kingdom of God.

BYU–Hawaii has strong business, science, education, and culture programs, and it actively recruits throughout the greater Pacific Rim with an emphasis on attracting qualified students from Asia and Oceania.

In the lives of its students and alumni, BYU–Hawaii demonstrates the eternal benefits of education. Donations from alumni and friends of the university enable it to improve and expand its educational offerings and provide more opportunities to more deserving and able students.
Students at LDS Business College are nurtured in an environment that promotes intellectual excellence, spiritual enlightenment, and moral integrity. Through an ongoing focus on the worth of souls, many students realize their true potential for the first time.

As students progress quickly from classroom to career, they gain a vision of their potential and become lights in an ever-darkening world. Armed with practical skills, these men and women of integrity inject new hope in a business arena plagued by increasingly unethical practices.

Alumni of LDS Business College stand out as capable individuals who assume responsible roles in their family, place of employment, church, and community.

Current fundraising priorities include:

- Scholarships or grants-in-aid for half of the student body.
- Student employment opportunities and internships.
- Trustees and President’s Fund.

2014 Goal
$1 MILLION
Approved by the Office of the First Presidency and the Office of the Presiding Bishopric.
For millions of people in need, Humanitarian Services of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offers hope and potential for a life that transcends disease, poverty, and despair. The Church’s work of assisting those who are suffering is provided through both short- and long-term solutions by Humanitarian Services.

From 1985 through 2013, Humanitarian Services has provided assistance to 33 million people in 179 countries. This is accomplished through major initiatives focused on providing clean water, wheelchairs, neonatal resuscitation training, vision care, immunizations, food production training, and a variety of local area initiatives. Wherever possible, Humanitarian Services uses local solutions and resources to respond to local needs. This ensures speedy delivery of aid at a lower cost. It also provides opportunities for those affected to help themselves and ensure longer-term sustainability.

One hundred percent of every dollar donated is used to help individuals and families in need.

**Humanitarian Initiatives**

- Emergency Response: 103 projects in 54 countries
- Benson Food: 35,000 people in 20 countries
- Clean Water: 563,000 people in 37 countries
- Immunization: 18 campaigns in 12 countries
- Vision Care: 89,000 people in 34 countries
- Wheelchairs: 66,000 people in 55 countries
- Neonatal Resuscitation Training: 28,000 people in 37 countries

**2014 Goal**

$15 MILLION

Approved by the Office of the First Presidency and the Office of the Presiding Bishopric.
While many missionaries have adequate financial resources, others are willing to serve but are unable to provide for their own support. The General Missionary Fund allows worthy prospective missionaries to serve full-time missions without regard to their economic condition. The fund provides more than just financial aid for a mission: missionaries also learn how to plan, serve, and make meaningful sacrifices—skills that will provide dividends throughout their lives.

Last year, missionaries from 109 countries received support. They join the ranks of tens of thousands previously blessed since the fund was established. Many come from families with incomes of less than $1,000 annually. The Church asks families to provide what they can. Local units are then asked to assist, and the fund makes up the difference.

Worthy missionaries qualify for assistance by providing the following from their own resources: scriptures and missionary clothing, care for unresolved medical and dental needs, and a minimum financial commitment set by their Area Presidency and local leaders. All additional needs are provided from funds donated to the General Missionary Fund.

**27,500**
Average number of missionaries assisted annually

**100+**
Number of countries where missionaries receive some support

**2014 Goal**
$25 MILLION
Approved by the Office of the First Presidency and the Office of the Presiding Bishopric.

“Because many of our missionaries come from modest circumstances, we invite you, as you are able, to contribute generously to the General Missionary Fund of the Church.”

President Thomas S. Monson
(“Welcome to Conference,” Ensign or Liahona, May 2013, 5)
Over 1.5 million international adult Church members struggle to provide for the necessities of life. For these members, making ends meet is such an ever-present challenge that furthering their education can seem impossible. President Thomas S. Monson said, “Today’s world is competitive, more than it’s ever been. I believe men and women need to get a type of education which will enable them to meet the exigencies [urgent needs] of life. . . . Men and women need to be prepared for a vastly broader scope than we’ve ever had before. . . . [The Perpetual Education Fund] is a fund that will go far into the future” (“16th President Fields Questions from Media,” Church News, Feb. 9, 2008; ldschurchnews.com).

The scope of the Perpetual Education Fund has expanded to become part of the self-reliance initiative. This unique program has three areas of focus: educational planning and loans, job search services, and self-employment training.

Educational loans help worthy Church members receive the technical and vocational training needed for employment success. In addition, the self-reliance initiative works with local non-governmental and microfinance organizations to help self-employed members find the resources, training, and mentoring to increase their incomes.

Beginning in 2013, the Perpetual Education Fund started sponsoring self-reliance centers in many international locations. These centers will become the gathering place for members seeking to improve their lives by learning and living the principles of self-reliance.

Perpetual Education Fund Facts

- Educational and training loans are available to temple-worthy adults over 18 years old who are in need.
- Over 57,000 members in 58 countries have received educational loans.
- Funding for loans comes through the contributions from Church members and others.
- Recent self-reliance efforts have assisted more than 17,000 people to find jobs and 3,700 people to become self-employed.

2014 Goal
$5 MILLION
Approved by the Office of the First Presidency and the Office of the Presiding Bishopric.
SPECIAL CHURCH PROJECTS

There are other significant opportunities for members and friends to help build up the Church and sustain its members throughout the world. They include the widely acclaimed Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the genealog-tracking FamilySearch Department, the Church History Department, and temples.

Special Church projects

- Mormon Tabernacle Choir.
- FamilySearch Department.
- Church History Department.
- Temple Patron Assistance Fund.
- Temple Construction Fund.
- Other Church projects (as appropriate and as circumstances require).

Mormon Tabernacle Choir

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir traces its beginnings to a small chorus that sang three weeks after the pioneers first entered the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. That small band of singers in the sagebrush has now become a choir of 360 members that has sung for kings and presidents as it has shared a musical message of hope and inspiration.

2014 Goal
$13.4 MILLION
Approved by the Office of the First Presidency and the Office of the Presiding Bishopric.
Church History Department

When The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized on April 6, 1830, the Lord told Joseph Smith, “Behold, there shall be a record kept among you” (D&C 21:1). Since that time, the Church has gathered and preserved Church records and artifacts, staged exhibitions, researched and documented historic buildings, assisted in building monuments, and written and contributed to Church histories and manuals. They have also helped untold numbers of patrons to research and write personal, family, ward, stake, and community histories as well as nationally significant historical works.

These accomplishments have touched millions of lives and will yet awaken the interest of millions more.

Remembering the past gives us needed perspective to have faith in our future and thus live more faithfully in the present. Contributions from members help the Church History Department to manage its historic sites, publish Church history on the Internet, prepare physical and web-based historical exhibitions, acquire historical documents, and undertake the global task of gathering and preserving new historical materials that are continually generated around the world.

FamilySearch

For over 100 years, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide. They offer many services for free to the world, including image capture, digital conversion, preservation, online indexing, and online access to records and documents.
Temples

In the April 2011 General Conference, President Thomas S. Monson admonished members of the Church to “make whatever sacrifices are necessary to attend the temple and to have the spirit of the temple in our hearts and in our homes” (“The Holy Temple—a Beacon to the World,” Ensign or Liahona, May 2011, 94). As more temples are built, it is becoming easier for more members to enjoy the blessings of the temple. But many faithful Saints who live in remote and impoverished locales lack the means to attend a temple even once in their lifetimes. Most live off the land and have little outside income. Two funds—the Temple Patron Assistance Fund and the Temple Construction Fund—make this possible.

The Temple Patron Assistance Fund brings members to the temple for their own ordinances. It provides assistance to those who otherwise could not afford to attend a temple and participate in the sacred blessings available in the house of the Lord. Last year 5,640 Church members from countries on four continents received significant aid from the fund. Even with such assistance, members are asked to pay a portion of their expenses. Donations to the fund help those who can least afford to go on one of the most important journeys in their lifetimes.

The Temple Building Fund brings temples closer to the people. Although there are more than 170 temples in operation or under construction, faithful Saints in many countries still must travel long distances to receive the sacred blessings of temple worship. It accelerates the construction of temples to make temple access for both first-time and frequent visitors more affordable.

Temples by continent

- Africa – 5 temples
- Asia – 9 temples
- Europe – 14 temples
- North America – 110 temples
- Oceania – 10 temples
- South America – 22 temples
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“To find real happiness, we must seek for it in a focus outside ourselves. No one has learned the meaning of living until he has surrendered his ego to the service of his fellow man. Service to others is akin to duty—the fulfillment of which brings true joy.”

President Thomas S. Monson

“Guideposts for Life’s Journey”
(Brigham Young University devotional, Nov. 13, 2007), 4; speeches.byu.edu