

# The Dan and Betsy Brittigan Committee

**Lexington Presbyterian Church**

**120 S. Main Street**

**Lexington, Virginia 24450**

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Dan and Betsy Brittigan Committee. Our mission is to aid at-risk children in the cities of Lexington and Buena Vista and Rockbridge County. We provide funding to alleviate needs not otherwise met by the government or other organizations. To that end we solicit applications to fund activities or programs that have a direct beneficial impact on at-risk youth. Given the extensive needs of at-risk children in our community, this year we are prioritizing requests for assistance with food, healthcare, clothing and educational opportunities. We will gladly consider other needs as funds permit. We fund both *organizational* and *individual* requests.

## Funding for Your Organization

Organizations involved with at-risk youth may apply for funds to further their goals, projects, and programs. When applying please feel free to request funds for existing or future activities. Our committee does not fund requests for merchandising and promotional items such as tee shirts, caps, or attendance inducements such as snacks or drinks. You know best what is needed in our community, and we look forward to your requests.

## Funding Individuals in Need of Help

We offer individual assistance that **may be requested by anyone at any time**. Please apply if you identify a child at-risk and determine that we can be helpful. We rely on you to identify children in need and how to best help them. If you say a family needs toothbrushes and soap for three children, we don't need to know who

that family is. Our goal is not to know who we are helping but rather that we are helping. In the past we have funded individual requests for diverse purposes including shoes and clothing, prosthetic devices, activities for mental and emotional growth or other urgent needs.

## Applying is Easy

To apply you need only inform us of the need, the amount of money for which you are applying and provide your contact information. If we need more information, we'll ask you for it. Our funds are given without passion or prejudice toward religious affiliation and distributed as funds are available to us. Applications are received and approved by the Brittigan Committee established by the Lexington Presbyterian Church.

If you have questions, feel free to contact us by emailing to:

[brittiganfund@gmail.com](mailto:brittiganfund@gmail.com).

The 2026 application forms are attached for your use and are also available either by request or on the Lexington Presbyterian Church website:

<https://www.lexpres.org/serve> (scroll down the very last entry regarding service.)

We look forward to your application and wish you the very best as you continue to help at-risk youth in our community.

For the Brittigan Committee with our warm regards,

Mary Beth Baker, Chair

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