

Removing medical debt

“And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’” -Matthew 25:40

Last November, John Knox Presbytery invited its churches to participate in a GivingTuesday ministry. The funds we raised would be sent to a mission partner, RIP Medical Debt, to purchase the medical debt for as many families as possible...and forgive it. This ministry was chosen to show what was possible when the churches in the Presbytery worked for a common purpose. And, since the objective of this ministry was to address systemic poverty issues, John Knox would also be able to live into its commitment as a Matthew 25 Presbytery. The impact we had in 2022 surprised everyone. (Our church contributed \$715.00.) All together, the Presbytery sent off a total of \$14,245.25 and RIP Medical Debt turned it into a whopping \$1,925,734.76. That’s close to two million dollars of medical debt gone...for a total of 2,594 families.

So...we’re going to do it again! God will once again multiply our generosity to change the lives of many, many people. The gifts we are able to share will bring a renewed sense of hope to those struggling with medical debt. The target date is September 21, the International Day of Peace, but contributions to this ministry may be made at any time. You may contribute through your regular Sunday offering. Make the check out to our church and mark it “RIP Medical Debt”. You may also contribute online through the Presbytery’s website, jknox.org. Together, we can unleash the power of hope!