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United Way's tax coalition partners include Metropolitan St. Louis Community Tax Coalition, Gateway EITC Community Coalition, National Association of Black Accountants, and St. Louis Tax Assistance Program. In 2018, 877 volunteers worked through the coalitions to provide services for the region, helping local households save about \$5 million in tax preparation services.

Library now offer passport services

All Scenic Regional Library branches are now passport application facilities. The service was launched Feb. 1.

All library staff members at the branches are trained passport agents. However, passport services are by appointment only. People should call their local branch to schedule an appointment.

In some of the library's communities, the library is the only place offering passport services. While post offices offer passport services in some cities in the area, the library is the only entity doing so in the evenings and all day on Saturdays.

The library's Union branch has offered passport services since January 2017 and the Warrenton branch since October 2017.

Many public libraries across the country also serve as passport facilities, including the Washington library.

A new passport for an adult costs \$110, plus a \$35 application fee. These fees are set by the U.S. Department of State.

The application process normally takes about 25 minutes.

Once an application is submitted, it takes approximately four to six weeks to receive a passport. However, there are options to receive it sooner.

For more information about fees, photograph requirements, acceptable payment methods, and identification requirements, visit www.scenicregional.org/passportservices.

The library does not offer passport photographs at this time.

Foundation gives \$6,000 to

The Wright City Church of the Nazarene received \$6,000 from the Dave Heiliger Foundation to help the Wednesday night program that serves low-income children and teens.

The Wednesday night program has been specifically serving low-income families for about seven years. The program provides transportation to and from the program, a hot meal, worship and a Bible lesson as well as aerobic activity time. The kids go home with food for their families.

"We celebrate that the Dave Heiliger Foundation has recognized the work here and chosen to partner with us in such a significant way," said the Rev. Joseph Purl. "What has been given for this use God will bless and multiply to meet the ongoing needs."

Wright City Church of the Nazarene was established in Wright City in 1937. Presently the Revs. Purl and his wife Kimberly Purl are its pastors. It is a protestant church in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition.

Purl said the Wednesday program has grown from a few students to 60-80 children and teens each week. As time and attendance has increased, the need for financial support has too.

Michelle Heiliger is a leader with the Dave Heiliger Foundation.

"The foundation was set up in my husband's name to continue his heartbeat in the city he loved. Dave believed in taking care of his people and working hard to ensure that no child is left hungry," she said.

The foundation strives to offer Wright City families support that otherwise cannot be found. Priority is given to children, teens and their families, she said.

"We are very fortunate to live in a community that will give so freely to

support those in need. We work very hard to make sure each dollar donated makes a significant impact in someone's life," Heiliger said.

Purl said Wright City is stronger when people work together to help others meet their basic needs.

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FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRO

The Wright City Church of the Nazarene received the Dave Heiliger Foundation to help with the church's Wednesday night program for children. Michelle Heiliger, foundation board treasurer for Memorial Foundation, gives Pastor Joseph Purl of the Nazarene the designated gift. Submitted

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