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***The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia Announces 2015 Fall Grant Awards***

ATLANTA—According to Nancy Coveny, executive director, The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia issued 36 grants totaling \$85,500 for the 2015 Fall cycle. These grants will support the Catholic Community through a variety of causes within the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

General Fall Grant Awards

*The Catholic Foundation's Board of Directors awarded and approved 36 General Grants from several funds as shown below:*

**A Beacon of Hope, Johns Creek: \$2,000** from the Community Services Fund to provide training and certification for two nurses in adverse diagnosis, grief and recovery through the program Resolve Through Sharing.

**Bright Futures, Atlanta: \$2,000** from the Goizueta Fund to help with the overall operating funds to educate, mentor, and prepare at-risk youth for success in college, career, and life.

**Caring House, Griffin: \$1,500** from the General Fund to help supplement the operational budget and salary of the public relations position.

**Catholic Charities Atlanta, Smyrna: \$2,500** from the Community Services Fund to support the mental health counseling services, in both English and Spanish, for children, teens, adults and families.

**Christ Child Society of Atlanta, Atlanta: \$2,000** from the General Fund to help fund the layette distribution of newborn clothing and essentials in the Atlanta community

**Christ the Redeemer Conference St. Vincent de Paul, Dawsonville: \$1,000** from the Goizueta Fund to provide food, and help supplement rental and utility bills to those in Dawson County waiting for government assistance.

**Community Friendship, Atlanta: \$2,000** from the Community Services Fund to help with overall funding of Homeless Not Hopeless program which provides support services and permanent, affordable housing for homeless individuals with mental illnesses.

**Cool Girls, Atlanta: \$3,000** from the Goizueta Fund to keep girls who participate in the program in elementary school connected to Cool Girls services when attending a middle school without the program.

**Divine Playtime, Atlanta: \$2,000** from the Community Services Fund to install an enclosed outdoor play area for Divine Playtime, a ministry of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church providing childcare to children six months to five years.

**El Refugio, Clarkston: \$3,000** from the Goizueta Fund to fund the expenses of the hospitality house that assists families in crisis visiting their loved one at the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, GA.

**Elaine Clark Center, Chamblee: \$2,500** from the Goizueta Fund to support the scholarship program, providing assistance to families that demonstrate financial need.

**Family Promise of Bartow County, Cartersville: \$3,000** from the Community Services Fund to hire a part-time case manager to work with homeless families in Bartow County.

**Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett, Lawrenceville: \$2,500** from the Community Services Fund to help start a new, full-time charitable dental clinic at the Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett's new facility in Norcross.

**Holy Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta: \$1,000** from the General Fund to purchase video and camera equipment to be used in the Adult Faith Formation sessions.

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Peachtree City: \$3,000** from the General Fund to help fund the costs to initiate a new widowed ministry called Almana(h) which will be coordinated between three parishes and includes St. Philip Benizi and St. Matthew in Tyrone.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Atlanta: \$3,000** from the General Fund to purchase equipment and materials to enhance the science standards and STEM program in grades 2-8.

**Interfaith Outreach Home, Doraville: \$2,000** from the Community Services Fund to help offset the cost of support services and operating expenses to help working homeless families strive for sustained self-sufficiency.

**Living Room, Atlanta: \$2,000** from the Community Services Fund to support the overall project funding of the Emergency Financial Assistance Program for those with HIV/AIDS to help avoid homelessness.

**Mercy Housing, Atlanta: \$3,000** from the Goizueta Fund to support family and youth programs at two low-income multi-family properties in Lithonia, which include financial literacy, ESL, GED, SAT prep, wellness, after school courses, and food pantries.

**Moving in the Spirit, Atlanta: \$2,000** from the Community Services Fund to help pay teachers, purchase supplies, and support operations for children in the program.

**No Longer Bound, Cumming: \$2,000** from the Community Services Fund for the general operating costs of the Regeneration Program, providing vocational training, relational responsibility and servant-leadership opportunities to adult men battling addiction in metro Atlanta.

**Open Hand Atlanta, Atlanta: \$2,500** from the Care for Elderly Fund to contribute to the Comprehensive Nutrition Care program, providing nutrition education, meal preparation and delivery costs for meals to those with chronic and critical illnesses.

**Our House, Decatur: \$2,000** from the Community Services Fund to provide homeless and low-income parents whose children are in the daycare program with additional support and job training.

**Our Lady of Mercy High School, Fayetteville: \$5,000** from the Goizueta Fund to help provide wireless technology upgrades and assist with new Smart Board and laptop purchases.

**Our Lady of the Mountains, Jasper: \$2,000** from the Goizueta Fund to help subsidize the Living in the Light youth group pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. and Maryland in June 2016.

**PATH, Atlanta: \$3,000** from the Community Services Fund to provide a phone line and attendant along with brochures in Spanish to those in the Hispanic community in need of post abortion treatment and healing.

**Pinecrest Academy, Cumming: \$2,500** from the Goizueta Fund to support the extension of the STEM program in the middle school and assist in funding medical detective modules, digital microscopes, and teacher training.

**Project Healthy Grandparents, Atlanta: \$3,000** from the Care for Elderly Fund to support the operating costs to help provide medical care and other social services for grandparents raising grandchildren.

**Rachel's Gift, McDonough: \$1,500** from the General Fund to help cover costs associated with group counseling and training staff in hospitals to help patients deal with infant loss and grief.

**St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church, Cumming: \$2,000** from the Goizueta Fund to help Hispanic parishioners participate in live and online classes by funding "electronic seats" as General Educational Development (GED) students.

**St. Joseph Catholic School, Marietta: \$4,000** from the Goizueta Fund to assist in providing laptops, a cart, equipment, and training for the middle school.

**St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Dahlonega: \$1,000** from the General Fund to cover expenses associated with the campus ministry retreat for the University of North Georgia students in spring semester of 2016.

**St. Pius X Catholic Church, Conyers: \$2,000** from the Goizueta Fund to acquire audio/visual equipment and installation hardware for the religious education program.

**St. Pius X Catholic High School, Atlanta: \$3,000** from the Goizueta Fund to fund the start-up costs of a robotics team for the students.

**Step By Step, Lawrenceville: \$3,000** from the Community Services Fund to assist with monthly rent for a drug and alcohol recovery program for the homeless.

**YouthSpark, Atlanta: \$2,000** from the Goizueta Fund for general support to help end child sex trafficking in Atlanta and provide education and intervention services for high-risk girls.

#### Parish Enrichment Grant Awards

*The Catholic Foundation's Pastors Advisory Council awarded and approved 10 Parish Enrichment Grants from the General Fund:*

**Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta: \$1,000** to help set up a Podcast which will enable on-demand faith formation to parishioners who travel and cannot attend meetings.

**Christ Our King and Savior Catholic Church, Greensboro: \$1,000** to provide a kiosk with faith formation materials in both English and Spanish at the church.

**Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Stone Mountain: \$1,000** to help supplement the youth trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

**Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, Jasper: \$1,000** to help subsidize the Living in the Light youth trip to Washington, D.C. and Maryland in June 2016.

**St. Andrew Catholic Church, Roswell: \$1,000** to purchase an on-site heart defibrillator to assist adults and children in case of an emergency.

**St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Cedartown: \$1,000** to purchase a TV and DVD player for religious education, with remaining funding used for altar robes.

**St. Helena Catholic Church, Clayton: \$1,000** to purchase a new computer and printer to replace previously donated used equipment.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington: \$1,000** to build a new and more visible parish sign.

**St. Peter the Rock Catholic Church, The Rock: \$1,000** to purchase music and materials for the Latino ministry.

**St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, Jonesboro: \$1,000** to continue the church's ESL and Citizenship Preparation classes for non-English and limited English speaking immigrants.

### **Spring Grant Deadline**

**The next deadline of the General and Parish Enrichment grant programs is 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 31, 2016. To receive the current application, please email the Foundation at [grants@cfnga.org](mailto:grants@cfnga.org). One application per organization or archdiocesan department may be submitted via email, fax or mail.**

### **About The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia**

The Catholic Foundation attracts, professionally manages, and invests gifts to support the current and long term financial needs of parishes, schools, charities and other ministries to help them achieve their missions. The Foundation accepts grant applications and makes grant awards twice yearly.