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**Atlanta: Catholic Foundation of North Georgia announces fall 2018 grant awards**

The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia issued 45 grants totaling \$105,700 for the 2018 competitive fall grant cycle. These grants will support the Catholic community through a variety of causes within the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

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.

Catholic Community fall grant awards

The Catholic Foundation's board of directors awarded and approved the 45 Catholic Community grants shown below.

A Beacon of Hope, Johns Creek: \$2,000 to provide Bridge Long-term Care to women who are seriously considering abortion in order to rescue pre-born babies from abortion.

Advocacy for Foster Children, Inc., Dallas: \$1,500 to help, recruit, train, and support new foster parents and increase the continuity of care for foster children currently in state custody.

Archdiocese of Atlanta – Disabilities Ministries, Smyrna: \$1,000 to purchase Assistive Listening Devices (ALD's) to be used for ease of presentation to Hispanic speaking families and for use in Deaf Ministry.

Archdiocese of Atlanta - Office of Formation and Discipleship, Smyrna: \$1,000 to host an educational webinar event for clergy, religious education directors, and lay leaders entitled, "Meeting the Spiritual Needs of Senior Adults."

Archdiocese of Atlanta - Office of Stewardship, Smyrna: \$5,000 to sponsor the Eucharistic Congress.

Assistance League of Atlanta, Peachtree Corners: \$2,000 to provide new clothing for elementary and middle school students through the Operation School Bell program.

Buckhead Christian Ministry, Atlanta: \$2,500 to support the Emergency Assistance Program, which helps more than 5,000 needy individuals annually.

Cancer Navigators, Inc., Rome: \$2,500 to provide liquid nutrition to cancer patients in need and to provide gas cards or bus vouchers for transportation to treatments.

Catholic Charities Atlanta, Inc., Smyrna: \$5,000 to help prevent child abuse/neglect and improve family safety and well being through parental education, counseling, and other supportive services.

Community Helping Place, Dahlonega: \$2,500 to help purchase additional food that will be distributed through the Food Pantry and Summer Food program.

Covenant House Georgia, Atlanta: \$2,500 for the Lifelong Learning Initiative supporting youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking, helping to build a new life through educational and vocational programs.

Decatur Cooperative Ministry, Decatur: \$2,000 to help provide resources in achieving long-term housing stability.

El Refugio, Lumpkin: \$2,500 for its hospitality and visitation program to welcome families of those detained at Stewart Detention Center, and to help build relationships that emphasize love over fear.

Faith In Serving Humanity, Monroe: \$2,900 to increase assistance to the Seniors in Crisis program helping seniors with food, medical expenses, and extreme utility bills.

Ferst Readers, Inc., Madison: \$1,500 to help cover program expansion and volunteer training in the North Georgia area and related travel expenses.

Gold Shield Foundation of Metro Atlanta, Inc., Atlanta: \$5,000 to provide financial assistance to first responders and their families.

Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County, Inc., Dawsonville: \$3,000 to help provide services for Good Shepherd Clinic patients such as medications, laboratory testing for diagnosis, monitoring, and devices for patients to perform monitoring at home.

Kidz2leaders, Marietta: \$2,500 to support operating costs for the year-round programs that assist children of inmates.

Mercy Housing Southeast, Lithonia: \$2,500 to support economic mobility and youth academic enrichment programs at two housing communities serving 496 low-income families.

Midtown Assistance Center, Atlanta: \$2,500 to help with rent and prevent families facing eviction from losing their housing.

Mision Catolica de Cristo Rey, Brookhaven: \$2,000 to update the Mision campus with LED lighting. Currently, many lights are not working and need replacing.

Next Generation Focus, Cumming: \$2,000 to provide SmarterMe® afterschool, weekend, and summer programs of extended academic instruction and enrichment activities to help make a positive impact on the lives of at-risk students.

Our House, Atlanta: \$1,400 to empower parents with the skills they need to be successful in the workplace.

Our Lady of Mercy High School, Fayetteville: \$3,000 to help fund USB headsets and a class set of probes for data collecting to continue the STREAM initiative.

Pebble Tossers Inc, Atlanta: \$2,000 to help equip the youth in Metro Atlanta with the opportunities and tools to engage in Corporal Works of Mercy.

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation-GA Chapter, Atlanta: \$1,400 to help support a special bereavement program providing comfort to families who have experienced the devastating loss of a child to pediatric brain tumor disease.

Project Healthy Grandparents, Atlanta: \$3,500 to help provide support to grandparent-headed families and grandchildren in Fulton and DeKalb counties.

Reach for Excellence, Atlanta: \$2,500 to provide financial assistance to cover help food and transportation for students in the program.

Ser Familia, Acworth: \$3,000 to support youth programs (Renovacion Juvenil® and Strengthening Families 10-14) and for mental health counseling services serving at-risk Latino youth and children.

Sisu of Georgia, Inc., Gainesville: \$1,500 to serve special-needs children and allow access to educational, therapeutic, nursing, and family support services for children regardless of the parents' ability to pay.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia, Atlanta: \$5,000 for the Capital Campaign to allow for expanded services and sustainable operations through the purchase and redesign of their Chamblee facility.

Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity, Jonesboro: \$2,000 to help fund home repair projects in Fayette County.

St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Cedartown: \$1,000 to purchase audio visual equipment for the School of Religion to assist in educating students during class time.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Preschool, Newnan: \$1,000 to provide sun shades for the playground so the children can play without being exposed to direct sun.

St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church, Snellville: \$2,500 to offer teens in the Archdiocese of Atlanta an opportunity to experience a World Youth Day Rally, without the expense of having to travel.

St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta: \$1,500 to provide shared equipment for the classrooms.

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Cleveland: \$1,500 to help cover expenses for participants to attend Catholic Heart Work Camp and Steubenville Atlanta Conference in the Summer of 2019.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Alpharetta: \$1,000 to assist with purchasing food for the Alpha program dinners.

St. Thomas More Catholic School, Decatur: \$2,000 to help to fund Lego Mindstorm EV3 Kits and launch a Robotics Program that will enrich the 8th grade physical science classes.

Street Grace, Norcross: \$2,000 to support programs that seek to stop the cycle of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, leading individuals to restoration and salvation.

Sunshine on a Ranney Day, Roswell: \$2,000 to help fund necessary home renovations for very ill and disabled children in metro Atlanta.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Atlanta: \$2,000 to help preserve the historic Sacred Heart Basilica, which now requires major repairs to the spires, roof, HVAC, paint and Rose Window, in order to remain a vibrant Catholic institution.

The Catholic Church of the Transfiguration, Marietta: \$1,000 to update the Religious Education Program and provide visual encounter of the Salvation History that is taught.

Trinity Community Ministries, Atlanta: \$2,000 to help homeless men reclaim their lives and return to their families and communities as mentors and leaders.

Veterans Empowerment Organization of Georgia, Atlanta: \$2,500 to support its Housing Programs that serve homeless single veterans and homeless veterans and their families.

Wellspring Living, Atlanta: \$2,500 for residential, stabilization, therapeutic, and educational program support services for youth victims, ages 12-17, of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking in Georgia.

Parish enrichment grant awards

The Catholic Foundation's Pastors Advisory Council made the award recommendation for 10 parish enrichment grants to the Foundation's Board for approval. These grants help meet needs that the pastor has identified as meaningful.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Atlanta: \$1,000 to provide scholarships for teens to go on the summer mission trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp in Greensboro, NC. from July 21-27, 2019.

Our Lady of Vietnam Catholic Church, Riverdale: \$1,000 to assist in sending youth leaders to Los Angeles for the Religious Education Congress to broaden their skills and knowledge in leading the youth group.

St. Anna's Catholic Church, Monroe: \$1,000 to provide a defibrillator for the School of Religion to help ensure the safety of the children and parishioners.

St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Lithia Springs: \$1,000 to purchase projectors and screens to utilize for GIFT nights to project instruction in English and Spanish.

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church, Jackson: \$1,000 to help renovate the playground and buy new playground equipment including swings and slides.

St. Matthew Catholic Church, Tyrone: \$1,000 to purchase a TV, DVD player and cart for the parish and school to utilize for classes and faith formation.

St. Peter's Catholic Church, LaGrange: \$1,000 to purchase two additional security cameras for the security system.

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church, Douglasville: \$1,000 to help rebuild the playground that was removed due to deterioration from usage and age.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Alpharetta: \$1,000 to purchase a classroom set of St. Mary's Press Catholic Children's Bibles for each Grade 2-5 Faith Formation class to replace the 20 year old Good News Bibles.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Smyrna: \$1,000 to help the parish subsidize four parishioners helping with the Hispanic RCIA program to complete their final year in obtaining a Certificate of Pastoral Theology.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit www.cfnga.org/grants/ for the current application.

Online applications open **March 1, 2019** at <https://www.cfnga.org/grants/> for the **Catholic Community and Parish Enrichment *Spring Grant* programs**. The **deadline** is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 29.

One application per organization or archdiocesan department may be submitted online.