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**Atlanta: Catholic Foundation of North Georgia announces fall 2017 grant awards**

The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia issued 39 grants totaling \$102,500 for the 2017 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.

**General Fall Grant Awards**

The Catholic Foundation's board of directors awarded and approved the 39 general grants shown below.

**A Beacon of Hope, Johns Creek: \$2,500** to support *The Bridge*, a long-term care program for pregnant women.

**Archdiocese of Atlanta Eucharistic Congress, Smyrna: \$5,000** to sponsor the 2018 Eucharistic Congress.

**Blessed Trinity Catholic High School, Roswell: \$2,500** toward the purchase of 3D printers.

**Bright Futures Atlanta, Atlanta: \$2,000** to support a year-round academic platform and support system for at-risk youth in Atlanta.

**Catholic Charities Atlanta, Smyrna: \$5,000** to provide Family Preservation services to families in Douglas County.

**Catholic Committee of the South, Avondale Estates: \$2,000** to help with *Gathering for Mission*, to communicate the voice and vision of Pope Francis to bishops, clergy, and laity.

**Christ Child Society of Atlanta, Atlanta: \$2,500** to support the Literacy Program for at-risk children in grades PreK-6 at St. Peter Claver.

**Community Helping Place, Dahlonega: \$3,000** to buy additional food for those in need in Lumpkin County.

**Cool Girls, Atlanta: \$2,500** to fund transportation to the after-school and Saturday programs providing a community support system for underprivileged girls.

**Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Stone Mountain: \$2,300** to help fund the ESL outreach program to the immigrant communities in Clarkston and Stone Mountain.

**Covenant House, Atlanta: \$5,000** to support educational services to homeless and trafficked youth at the Community Service Center in Metro Atlanta.

**Eagle Ranch, Chestnut Mountain: \$2,500** to support the individualized education program at the school.

**El Refugio, Decatur: \$2,000** to help with rent and housing expenses at the Hospitality House near the Stewart Detention Center.

**Elaine Clark Center, Chamblee: \$2,500** to support the scholarship program.

**FaithBridge Foster Care, Alpharetta: \$2,500** for operating costs to train new foster families and to help serve foster children.

**Focus and Fragile Kids, Atlanta: \$2,500** to purchase a Convoid stroller for a child with a developmental disability.

**Gigi's House, Morrow: \$1,900** to furnish the kitchen with refrigeration and cooking equipment.

**Interfaith Outreach Home, Doraville: \$3,000** to help with rent and provide essential services for the families living at IOH.

**Kids2Leaders, Marietta: \$2,500** to support program operating costs.

**Lionheart School, Alpharetta: \$2,500** to fund scholarships for families with financial need.

**Living Room, Atlanta: \$1,000** to support those in the community living with HIV/AIDS and facing homelessness.

**Mercy Senior Care, Rome: \$3,000** to enhance the Adult Day Health programming to include art therapy.

**Metro Atlanta Recovery Residences, Doraville: \$2,000** to assist with therapeutic program treatment for individuals in residence recovering from alcoholism and drug addiction.

**Moving In the Spirit, Atlanta: \$2,000** to help fund the dance and leadership training programs in low-income neighborhoods.

**Next Generation Focus, Cumming: \$2,000** for operating costs for tutoring and educational enrichment services for at-risk students in Forsyth and Gwinnett counties.

**No One Alone, Dahlonega: \$2,200** to help purchase a security system and mini-refrigerator at the domestic violence shelter's new Opportunity Center.

**Nuestra Fe, Smyrna: \$2,000** to help purchase additional broadcasting equipment, including an IP digital broadcasting console and a PC.

**Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, Canton: \$2,500** to install an access ramp at the rectory and to permit ADA access for ministry meetings held at the rectory.

**Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, Jasper: \$2,000** to help fund a pilgrimage to New Orleans for teens and their families.

**Project Healthy Grandparents, Atlanta: \$2,600** for general operating needs to strengthen and support grandparent-headed families in Fulton and DeKalb counties.

**Regina Caeli Academy, Roswell: \$2,500** to cover costs of sacraments, retreats, pastoral counseling, and other priestly functions.

**Sheltering Arms, Atlanta: \$2,000** for the Early Education Tuition Scholarships Program for children from low-income families.

**Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity, Jonesboro: \$2,500** to help cover home repairs for families who are currently on the Home Repair waitlist.

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Atlanta: \$3,000** to help with parish renovations of the Nave and Sanctuary.

**St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Cedartown: \$5,000** to purchase bi-lingual hymnals and a keyboard for the Hispanic congregation.

**St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta: \$1,000** to purchase new books and supplies for religious education and the new PSR art room.

**Wellspring Living, Atlanta: \$2,000** to provide specialized programming for victims of domestic minor sex trafficking.

**Youth Ministry in the Mountains, Cleveland: \$5,000** to fund a part-time Youth Minister, transportation, and supplies for a joint youth ministry program for two churches in Northeast Georgia.

**Youth Villages, Douglasville: \$2,000** for 'America Learns' software, training and implementation, to assist in operations management of the AmeriCorps educational program on campus.

### **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 meaningful needs the pastor has identified.

**Good Samaritan Catholic Church, Ellijay: \$1,000** for FORMED (Catholic Faith on demand), providing video studies, movies, audio presentations and ebooks for small groups or self-study.

**Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Mission, Lilburn: \$1,000** to help purchase an ethernet switch to allow the religious education classes to use existing video equipment.

**St. Andrew Catholic Church, Roswell: \$1,000** to help support the Alpha program, offered in English and Spanish.

**St. Anna's Catholic Church, Monroe: \$1,000** to purchase a network projector for adult education, School of Religion, and organization meetings.

**St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Cedartown: \$1,000** for FORMED (Catholic Faith on demand), providing video studies, movies, audio presentations and ebooks for small groups or self-study.

**St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Fayetteville: \$1,000** to expand the Community Garden built last spring, adding additional cinderblock, dirt, fencing, and equipment storage.

**St. George Catholic Church, Newnan: \$1,000** to purchase two mobile smart TV's for K-5, EDGE, Life Teen, and adult faith formation classes.

**St. John Paul II Mission, Gainesville: \$1,000** to purchase *Flor y Canto* Hymnals and keyboard accompaniment for the choirs.

**St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Woodstock: \$1,000** for the teens to attend a Catholic leadership conference.

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Decatur: \$1,000** to fund the formation of Life Groups - small communities within the parish - helping to cultivate Christian relationships, faith sharing and prayer.

## ***HOW TO APPLY***

Contact the Catholic Foundation at [grants@cfnga.org](mailto:grants@cfnga.org) or visit [www.cfnga.org](http://www.cfnga.org) for the current application.

The **next deadline** for the **general and parish enrichment grant programs** is 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 31.

**One application per organization or archdiocesan department** may be submitted via email, fax or mail.