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Catholic Foundation of North Georgia announces 2017 Spring Competitive Grant Awards

ATLANTA—The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia issued 37 grants totaling \$141,000 for the 2017 Spring 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.

Archdiocese of Atlanta - Office of Stewardship, Smyrna: \$5,000 for scholarships for priests to attend the 2017 International Catholic Stewardship Council and Amazing Parish Conferences.

Asian American Resource Center, Duluth: \$1,500 for support of the Rapid Re-Housing transitional program for the Asian community, including transportation and rental assistance for families and administrative costs.

Atlanta Mission, Atlanta: \$2,000 for operating support for the men's services, to provide transitional housing, vocational programs, food, and recovery help.

Ave Maria Academy, Newnan: \$2,500 to offer scholarship funds to families requiring financial assistance to meet tuition costs.

Center for Working Families, Atlanta: \$2,000 to help provide funding for STRIVE and Digital Literacy training to help meet basic employment qualifications and for intake and case management.

CHRIS 180, Atlanta: \$2,000 to purchase clothing for foster children in the JourneyZ group homes, which provide safety, stability, counseling and life skills training.

Christ the King Catholic School, Atlanta: \$25,000 to help support phase two of a master plan to renovate three existing buildings and replace the Hyland Center.

Community Farmers Markets, Atlanta: \$2,000 to help extend The Educational Chef project to all Community Farmers Markets.

Community Friendship, Inc., Atlanta: \$2,000 for the Marta Transportation Assistance Program.

Corpus Christi Preschool, Stone Mountain: \$3,000 to be used for tuition assistance, teacher training, literacy supplies, and to help hire a "specials" teacher for Music/Arts/Science/Math.

Friends of Refugees, Clarkston: \$2,000 to help support the Embrace Refugee Birth program which provides prenatal care, childbirth education, and newborn and post-partum care.

Good Samaritan Health Center, Atlanta: \$2,000 to help cover the cost for Atlanta area homeless individuals to visit the Health Center.

Holy Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta: \$1,000 to expand the "Saints Gallery" in the church, by adding framed pictures of twenty saints.

Hospice House of WNC, Franklin: \$5,000 to help support the construction of a Hospice House in Franklin, NC that will service the residents of the North Georgia counties.

Lutheran Services of Georgia, Atlanta: \$1,500 for operating and administering support for the Children and Family Services programs.

North Fulton Community Charities, Roswell: \$2,000 to help finance the office staff, supplies and equipment for the Family Enrichment Program center.

North Gwinnett CO-OP, Buford: \$3,000 to help provide healthy food to families on the free lunch program, by offering a bag of groceries twice a month during the summer.

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School, Atlanta: \$20,000 to support the phase one campaign to renovate and expand the existing school campus.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Tyrone: \$5,000 to help purchase desktop computers for the student computer lab.

Portal de Salud, Peachtree Corners: \$3,000 to help with the planning and implementation of the 2017 Health Fair.

Pregnancy Aid Clinic, Roswell: \$2,500 to help fund salaries for the ultrasound technicians in the Pregnancy Aid Mobile RV Clinic.

Prevent Blindness Georgia, Atlanta: \$1,500 to provide vision screenings to preschool-aged children in lottery-funded pre-kindergartens, childcare centers, and preschools.

Rainbow House, Jonesboro: \$2,000 to fund the cost of extracurricular activities and SAT/ACT prep courses for the Emergency Children's Shelter.

Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, Decatur: \$5,500 for refurbishing the women's restroom in the Parish Hall.

Ser Familia, Ackworth: \$2,000 to support the youth programs "Renovacion Juvenil" and "Strengthening Families," and the mental health counseling services, which serve at-risk Latino youth and children.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Chamblee: \$2,500 to help support participants in the Journey Program, providing assistance with budgeting, financial management, life changes, and achieving goals.

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Kennesaw: \$1,500 to help fund the Atlanta Catechist Conference on behalf of the Catholic Churches of the Northwest, North Metro, Northeast and Central Deaneries.

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School, Kennesaw: \$5,000 to help secure funding to provide S.T.E.M. learning experiences to the K-2 students.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Cartersville: \$5,000 to replace the old, broken tables and chairs in the classrooms that are used for parish ministries, events, and faith formation.

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, McDonough: \$2,000 to renovate and recondition the Church and Preschool's outdoor playground with a new surface to accommodate wheelchairs and strollers.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hapeville: \$5,000 to help fund the immediate need of replacing the church's 19-year old roof.

St. Joseph Catholic School, Marietta: \$5,000 to help replace some of the outdated interactive whiteboards in the middle school classrooms.

St. Katharine Drexel Mission, Lookout Mountain: \$2,000 to install a modern, technologically appropriate audio/visual system in the parish hall.

St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School, Decatur: \$5,500 to refurbish restrooms in poor condition in the Kindergarten and First Grade Classrooms and the boys bathroom in the Cafeteria.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Alpharetta: \$2,000 to fund the Music Education program for children to assist the Liturgical Music Ministry.

StepByStep Recovery, Inc., Lawrenceville: \$2,000 to fund rent for two units for homeless individuals recovering from addiction.

The Place of Forsyth County, Cumming: \$2,000 to support the Comprehensive Workforce Development Program for homeless clients and those living in poverty, by providing career-based educational training.

Youth In Mission, Marietta: \$1,500 to support scholarship funds for youth in the Atlanta Archdiocese who do not have resources to attend mission trips.

Parish enrichment grant awards

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

Holy Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta: \$1,000 to buy Burmese Hymn books.

Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Thomson: \$1,000 to purchase ceiling fans for the parish hall, for comfort without strain on the current A/C system and electric bill.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Hartwell: \$1,000 to paint walls and woodwork areas that need refurbishing.

St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Cedartown: \$1,000 to purchase a desktop computer for the church secretary.

St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church, Ft. Oglethorpe: \$1,000 to assist in the purchase of two AED kits.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington: \$1,000 to install sound equipment and ceiling fans in the church.

St. Peter Catholic Church, LaGrange: \$1,000 to install eight additional security cameras at the parish.

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church, Roswell: \$1,000 to purchase video equipment and software for the middle and high school ministry to create videos promoting the various ministries in the Parish.

St. Peter the Rock Catholic Church, The Rock: \$1,000 to purchase an overhead projector and TV for the parish.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Smyrna: \$1,000 to subsidize two Spanish leaders in year two of the Certificado en Teologia Pastoral Theology Certificate Program.

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HOW TO APPLY

Contact the foundation at grants@cfnga.org or visit www.cfnga.org for the current application.

The next deadline for the general and parish enrichment grant programs is 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30. One application per organization or archdiocesan department may be submitted via email, fax or mail.