



Catholic Foundation of North Georgia - Notice on Blackbaud Data Breach

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident involving Blackbaud, Inc., which is one of the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia's third-party service providers. Blackbaud provides software used by thousands of nonprofits around the country, including the Catholic Foundation.

First and most important: **None of our donors' sensitive information was compromised.**

However, because we are committed to your safety and to transparency to our donors, we feel it is important to make you aware of this incident. You may have already received similar notices about this incident from other nonprofits with which you are affiliated. Locally, this incident has also affected the Archdiocese of Atlanta and Catholic Charities of Atlanta.

According to Blackbaud, in May 2020, a cybercriminal launched a ransomware attack on Blackbaud. With help from federal law enforcement and other security experts, Blackbaud was able to lock out the cybercriminals, but not before they removed a copy of a subset of data from the company's servers. The stolen data included donor names, addresses, and donation history. Once the attack was halted, Blackbaud paid the ransom to have the stolen data files destroyed, and according to Blackbaud, it received confirmation that this happened.

The cybercriminals did not have access to donors' usernames, passwords, banking information, or Social Security numbers. All of this type of sensitive information was encrypted and protected throughout the attack.

We are working with Blackbaud to learn about their plans to prevent future breaches, and we have been reviewing our own internal security controls to be sure all of your information is safe.

While we have no reason to believe any of our donors' information was made public or misused in any way, this incident is a good reminder that everyone should take precautions when it comes to identity theft: Change your passwords often, check your accounts regularly, and be wary of unsolicited emails with attachments or requests for information. If you believe someone is using your identity for any reason, report this to law enforcement. For more steps to address identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website: www.ftc.gov/idtheft.

The Catholic Foundation is committed to your safety and to being a good steward of your donations. We value your trust in us. **If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nancy Coveny at (404) 497-9440 or ncoveny@cfnga.org.**