

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Catholic Foundation of North Georgia Announces Fall 2020 Grant Awards

The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia issued 63 grants totaling \$203,000 for the 2020 competitive fall grant cycle. These grants will support the Catholic community through a variety of causes within the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The Grants Program directly impacts non-profits, parishes and schools serving the general community within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Grants are distributed in the areas of:

- Catholic social teaching and works of mercy
- Catholic school education
- Growing our Catholic faith

The Foundation accepts grant applications and makes grant awards twice a year. For more information on which organizations can apply and when, please see the Foundation's website at [www.cfnga.org](http://www.cfnga.org).

#### Catholic Community fall grant awards

The Catholic Foundation's board of directors awarded and approved the 63 Catholic community grants shown below.

**Adult Disability Medical Healthcare, Atlanta: \$2,000** to support the Flexcare telehealth system and social services during COVID-19.

**Advocacy for Foster Children, Inc., Dallas: \$1,000** to assist in foster parent recruiting for exhibits, talks, and education at churches.

**Aquinas Center of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta: \$2,000** to support ongoing operations due to the impact of COVID-19.

**Archdiocese of Atlanta - Prison and Jail Ministry, Smyrna: \$3,000** to purchase religious materials for Catholic men and women currently incarcerated within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

**Asian American Resource Center, Duluth: \$3,000** to provide an on-board gift box which includes a safety mask, disinfectants, gloves, sanitizer, and life skills seminar for new shelter residents and volunteers.

**Buckhead Christian Ministry, Atlanta: \$3,500** to support the Emergency Assistance Program, which helps individuals avoid eviction and utility cut-offs.

**Cancer Navigators, Inc., Rome: \$2,000** to provide liquid nutrition to cancer patients undergoing active cancer treatment and gas cards for transportation to treatment.

**Catholic Charities Atlanta, Inc., Smyrna: \$5,000** to provide under-served metro Atlanta seniors with housing and financial counseling services.

**Catholic Charities Atlanta, Inc., Smyrna: \$8,500** to prevent child abuse/neglect and improve family safety and well-being through parental education, counseling, and other supportive services.

**Christian City Inc., Union City: \$4,000** to provide food for our most vulnerable seniors during the pandemic.

**Community Friendship, Inc., Atlanta: \$2,000** to assist with increased food expenses in providing necessary individual food serving items during the pandemic.

**Connecting Henry, Inc., McDonough: \$4,000** to upgrade the current technology with donor management software and barcode scanners and to help with utility bills.

**Covenant House Georgia, Atlanta: \$5,000** for assistance in expanding the current crisis shelter by constructing a 30-unit onsite transitional housing facility and to enhance support services.

**Dress for Success Atlanta, Atlanta: \$2,000** to fund the planning, curriculum development, materials, registration, and administrative oversight for one Career Kick-Start seminar.

**El Refugio, Decatur: \$2,500** to continue the Pandemic Response Initiative by providing commissary and phone support to those at the Stewart Detention Center and care packages to families that cannot visit their loved ones.

**Family Promise of North Fulton / DeKalb, Dunwoody: \$3,000** to support the case management position in order to expand the services offered within the community.

**Foster Siblings Reunited, Inc., dba Camp to Belong-Georgia, Young Harris: \$1,500** to help launch more Sibling Connection Events.

**Four Corners Group, Kennesaw: \$2,500** to continue to provide programming, mentoring, and emotional support for youth through the 1625 Pathways program.

**Georgia Life Alliance, Atlanta: \$2,000** to sponsor a Pro-Life billboard across the street from Planned Parenthood in Marietta.

**Gigi's House, Inc., Morrow: \$2,500** to purchase one commercial refrigerator for the new home which will house ten additional sex trafficking victims.

**Good Shepherd Clinic Dawson Co., Dawsonville: \$5,000** to cover medications, lab fees, and other operational expenses as a result of the pandemic.

**Heirborn Servants, Inc., Hoschton: \$5,000** to help purchase a vehicle for Give Rides to provide the women access to work, school, counseling, and medical care.

**Hispanic Alliance GA, Gainesville: \$5,000** to assist with education, health, financial stability, immigration services, and basic needs to those living below the poverty line.

**Holy Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta: \$4,000** to purchase Chromebooks for the Burmese families at the parish that have multiple children.

**I Care Atlanta, Doraville: \$6,000** to provide food through the Mobile Food Pantry to feed families each month.

**I See U Ministries, Inc., Cleveland: \$3,000** to assist with thrift store operating expenses, advertising expenses.

**Kidz2Leaders, Marietta: \$2,000** to fund the Family Support Platform which helps create a community to build trust, resilience, and stability to ultimately prevent incarceration.

**La Amistad, Atlanta: \$5,000** to support staff, administrative costs, volunteer training, and class supplies for LaAmistad Afterschool at Centro Católico.

**Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School, Athens: \$6,000** to help with Strategic Planning.

**Motherhood Beyond Bars, Inc., Atlanta: \$2,500** to provide critical infant supplies and ongoing support for caregiver families caring for newborns born to incarcerated mothers.

**My Sister's Place, Gainesville: \$3,000** to supply food, utilities, life skills training and counseling to homeless single women.

**National Deaf Catholic Leaders, Greenfield, WI: \$2,000** to help pay for retreat space for Atlanta participants at Ignatius House including housing, meals, transportation, and supplies.

**Our House, Atlanta: \$2,000** to feed and shelter families experiencing homelessness during the pandemic.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Atlanta: \$5,000** to install new carpet and vinyl flooring for the Katharine Drexel Community Center.

**Our Lady of Vietnam Catholic Church, Riverdale: \$5,000** to upgrade old computers in the parish offices to aid in administrative, finance and educational work.

**PATH, Chamblee: \$2,000** to increase awareness of the ministry through advertising on Marta.

**Pregnancy Aid Clinic, Roswell: \$2,500** to help with the cost for asbestos removal at the west end clinic.

**Presencia, Brookhaven: \$2,900** to sustain a neighborhood-based, youth development program providing tutoring, mentoring, and leadership development in Atlanta's immigrant community.

**Project Healthy Grandparents, Atlanta: \$2,100** to strengthen grandparent-headed families by ensuring access to medical care, social and behavioral support services, leading to healthy lifestyles.

**Purification Heritage Center, Washington: \$2,500** to install a masonry walkway from the sidewalk to the Church of the Purification for safe pedestrian access.

**Rainbow Childrens Home, Dahlonga: \$2,000** to fund the "Beyond the Basics" program, designed to instill positive healthy habits to help girls make wiser choices for their future.

**Rebecca's Tent, Atlanta: \$3,000** to support the organization's shelter operations, day services, and case management programs.

**Refuge Coffee Co., Clarkston: \$2,000** to fund general operations that support the job training program and mentorship for refugees.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia, Atlanta: \$8,500** to purchase maintenance medications from Dispensary of Hope to open the state's first Community Pharmacy.

**St. Anna's Catholic Church, Monroe: \$1,000** to assist with costs for a mission to the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Hardeeville, SC during the summer of 2021.

**St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Kennesaw: \$3,000** to develop a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 Atrium classroom to engage children to grow in faith.

**St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, Acworth: \$1,000** to help purchase framed Catholic saint portraits for the parish building, providing examples of holy, virtuous people for parishioners to emulate.

**St. James Catholic Church, Madison: \$4,000** to replace the security cameras and Italian marble statue of our Blessed Mother Mary that was vandalized at the church.

**St. John Paul II Catholic Mission, Gainesville: \$5,400** to purchase laptops for youth faith formation.

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, Hapeville: \$3,500** to replace outdated interactive Smart Boards in six classrooms.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, Athens: \$3,000** to enhance BUILT, a family catechetical program, through funding technology improvements, materials, food, and local dynamic Catholic speakers.

**St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church, Jackson: \$3,500** to cover expenses to change to LED lights in the church.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church, Toccoa: \$3,500** to purchase a TV monitor and projection system for the church sanctuary.

**St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church, Snellville: \$2,000** to purchase a video sound system and TV for the parish Huddle Room to help facilitate the Faith Formation Program with families.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Alpharetta: \$1,700** to create a series of videos for children that portray how the Gospel is lived daily.

**StandUp for Kids - Atlanta Chapter, Stone Mountain: \$2,000** for the staffing, supplies, and materials needed to conduct street outreach and school mentoring programs.

**Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Decatur: \$2,800** to install a permanent weatherproof awning for the food pantry to help protect ministry volunteers.

**The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Atlanta: \$2,000** to help distribute food to area neighbors who are in financial distress or homeless.

**The Catholic Center at UWG, Carrollton: \$3,000** to assist in purchasing necessary sacred vessels and items for the celebration of Mass.

**The Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales, Loganville: \$5,000** to help build a Clergy Home for retiring priests.

**Veterans Empowerment Organization of Georgia, Atlanta: \$3,400** to purchase dining tables for the newly built dining hall to feed more than 100 veterans 3 meals a day, 365 days a year.

**Vision Rehabilitation Services of Georgia, Smyrna: \$2,200** to help cover expenses for individuals with blindness, low vision, or vision impairment not covered by insurance or government funding.

**Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading, and Serving, Atlanta: \$2,000** to support the YELLS Afterschool Program, mentoring program, and the YELLS Community Action Cafe.

### **Parish Enrichment fall 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.

**Good Samaritan Catholic Church, Ellijay: \$1,000** to purchase new furniture for the CCD program.

**Holy Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta: \$1,000** to provide a Hispanic Sacrament Preparation Parent Course to provide parental catechesis, education and spiritual development.

**Our Lady of Vietnam Catholic Church, Riverdale: \$1,000** to purchase a new computer to livestream Mass during the pandemic.

**St. George Catholic Church, Newnan: \$1,000** to purchase a new crucifix for the altar, bells to announce the beginning of Mass, and podiums for classrooms.

**St. James Catholic Church, Madison: \$1,000** to purchase bibles, books and materials for the at home Faith Formation program for Kindergarten through 9th grade.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington: \$1,000** to install hard-wiring for a telephone/internet/cable line for the church building.

**St. Michael Catholic Church, Gainesville: \$1,000** to create a parish library with Spanish, English, and Vietnamese Catholic books to help learn and study the faith.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Alpharetta: \$1,000** to purchase web cameras for the staff desktop computers.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Smyrna: \$1,000** to help fund tuition costs for a second year of the Pastoral Theology course offered through the archdiocese for three parishioners.

**Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Decatur: \$1,000** to support the annual Vacation Bible School to promote and stimulate the importance of a strong Catholic faith.

### ***HOW TO APPLY for the Spring Grants Program***

Visit [www.cfnga.org](http://www.cfnga.org) for the current application.

**Schools:** Online applications open **February 1, 2021** at <https://www.cfnga.org/grants/> for the **Catholic Community Grants**. The **deadline** is 5 p.m. on Friday, February 26.

**Parishes:** **Only** Parish Enrichment Grant applications will be accepted during the spring cycle.

**Non-Profits:** Applications for the spring cycle will not be accepted. Non-profits may submit applications for the fall cycle only.

Only one application per organization or archdiocesan department may be submitted online.

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

*The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia helps Catholics make a lasting difference in the community. We attract, professionally manage and invest gifts to support the long-term financial needs of parishes, schools, charities, and other ministries.*

*Our vision is to ensure the Catholic community and its ministries have the financial resources to serve and make a difference in the lives of current and future generations. More information is available at [www.cfnga.org](http://www.cfnga.org).*

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