

## Currently Funded Innovations

2018

### **Freedom School® Macon 2018**

\$25,000 grant for expansion of this Macon and Bibb County endeavor supported by all the parishes of the Middle Georgia convocation reach to more rising first through third graders and their families from the least well- resourced schools in Macon/Bibb County.

### **The Boyce L. Ansley School, Atlanta**

\$15,000 grant for its inaugural year providing a constant school environment for children whose families experience homelessness. <https://www.theansleyschool.org>

### **First Step, Columbus**

\$6,000 grant for its inaugural year providing training for certification in allied health professions on the campus of St Mary Magdalene, Columbus.

### **Canterbury House, Macon**

\$4,590 grant for its inaugural year of study, service, and communal living among university students in an Episcopal context in Macon.

2017

### **Freedom School® Macon 2017**

\$26,384 grant, about 25% of the total budget needed, to reach 50 scholars in rising grades 1-3 and their families from Macon/Bibb County's least well-resourced elementary schools. Freedom School® is a program developed by the Children's Defense Fund to support, sustain, and increase literacy among children in poverty sponsored and coordinated by Appleton Episcopal Ministries with support from St Francis, St Paul's, and Christ Church congregations in Macon along with the other parishes of the Middle Georgia convocation. Other partners included the Bibb County School System, Centenary Methodist Church, Macon, First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon, Bethel CME Church, Macon, Mercer University, Macon's Beloved Community, and the private non-profit Book 'Em program.

2016

### **Hannah Project Atlanta**

\$2,400 grant to offer an alternative to jail for women arrested for prostitution and modeled on the successful Hannah Project Nashville.

### **Theology From the Margins**

\$5,500 grant for a pilot year of a theological studies certificate program for people experiencing homelessness in Atlanta. Similar to the very successful certificate in theological studies offered at Lee Arrendale State Prison, it offers a well-organized schedule of courses and class meetings in space donated by Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, staffed by professors, graduate students, and seminarians from various institutions around the metro.