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“For when I was hungry, you gave me food; when I was thirsty, you gave me drink; when I was homeless, you gave me a welcome; when I was ill-clad, you clothed me; when I was sick, you cared for me; when I was in prison, you came to see me.” Matthew 25:35-36

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“This is such wonderful news! We are honored to have the support of the ECF, and we look forward to what the future holds for this continuing partnership.”



GIVING

For thirty-one years, Episcopal Charities Foundation (ECF) has been the means for us to do what Jesus tells us to do. The generosity of people and parishes throughout the diocese, has provided the funds needed to meet this gospel mandate.

In 2013, ECF provided grants to forty-nine organizations and ministries which have provided food and water for the hungry and thirsty; housing for the homeless; clothing for the naked; healthcare for the sick; and visits to those in prison; just as Jesus asks.

Across the diocese, ECF funded food pantries, housing and homeless shelters, medical and dental clinics, transportation for children to visit incarcerated parents, and opportunities for young people to experience urban ministry. ECF funded gardens that harvested healthy food, and built communities.

ECF also funded after-school and summer programs for kids who need them; advocacy for those with no voice, church ministries for the challenged and the lost; and organizations which empower those in need of employment and hope. The Matthew Project completed a year of planning and in 2014 will oversee mission trips to Good Samaritan Health and Wellness center as Episcopalians across the diocese journey to Pickens County to help build the new center.

CARING

A board made up of representatives from around the diocese meets several times a year to consider grant requests and to plan for the continued work of the Foundation. Board members make site visits for each grant request, creating direct relationships and contact with each ministry. This approach ensures that all funds shared are wisely utilized, and equally important, that the diocese deepens its understanding of the needs in the world it is called to serve, thus creating more faithful and effective responses.

SHARING

The list of ministries supported by Episcopal Charities Foundation is impressive and the impact made by such a wide variety of programs is enormous. For the past thirty-one years, ECF has created dramatic and positive differences in the lives of thousands across the Diocese of Atlanta, but there is more to be done.

“Thank you so much. The grant will be well used to help those among us who need it most. Blessings.”



“What a blessing to be the recipient of a grant from the Episcopal Charities Foundation. We are honored and humbled at your graciousness.”



“Thank you once again for your generous support of our life-changing work. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Episcopal Charities Foundation to bring God’s healing work to the whole community.”



“Thank you for your grant. Please know that you have a hand in helping so many who otherwise would be without hope. We will continue to reach those in need with your help.”

GRANTS BY CONVOCAATION

East Atlanta

Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry
Initiative for Affordable Housing

Friends of L’Arche Atlanta, Inc.
Networks Cooperative Ministry

Mid-Atlanta

Atlanta Day Shelter for Women & Children
Crossroads Community Ministries

St. Paul’s Church Food Pantry

North Atlanta

Camp Mikell/Emmaus House Project
Friendship Center at Holy Comforter

Family Promise of North Fulton

Southwest Atlanta

Abundant Life Soup Kitchen
C.A.M.P.
Starting Over Supervised Visitation

Calvary Refuge Center
Spalding Samaritans

Chattahoochee Valley

Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry
Wynnton Neighborhood Network

B.R.I.D.G.E.
FOCUS

Northeast Metro

Lilburn Cooperative Ministry
Rainbow Village
Stone Mountain Cooperative Ecumenical Ministry

Malachi’s Store House
Reading Camp at Snellville



GRANTS BY CONVOCATION

Macon

All Saints Food Pantry	Chard Wray Food Pantry
Cherokee Heights	Loaves and Fishes Ministry
Macon Volunteer Clinic	

Marietta

C.A.R.E.S. Inc.	Path to Shine
Family Promise of Cobb County	The Matthew Project

Northeast Georgia

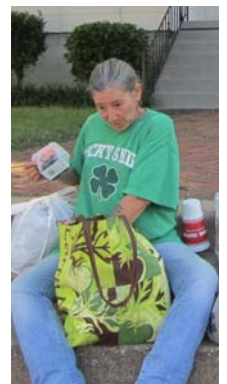
Athens Action Ministries	Camp Mikell/Emmaus House
Hart Community Food Ministry	Hope House
Northeast Georgia CASA	Neighbors 4 Neighbors
Panda Packs	SafeHouse Ministries
Stephen's House Food Pantry	The Garden Project
South Hall Community Food Pantry	

Northwest Georgia

AIDS Alliance of NW Georgia	City of Refuge, Dalton
Dalton Ecumenical Outreach Clinic	Mercy Senior Care
Family Promise of Whitfield County	Rome Action Ministries



“Thank you to Episcopal Charities Foundation for its recent grant. Your commitment to helping battle the effects of poverty in our community is appreciated by those who offer help and, most importantly, by those whom benefit from our services.”



“Thank you for your generous grant . We appreciate your support and continuing prayers. We are most grateful for your partnership.”





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“Please accept our heartfelt thanks. Your compassionate response assures the continued provision of health care and health services to the poor and uninsured in our Appalachian community. Without your support, we could not continue to restore health and save lives. We are sincerely grateful.”

The Matthew Project

In 2013 ECF broke with our traditional manner of grant funding to offer a unique signature grant. ECF initiated a three-year partnership with Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center, Jasper, GA, to help build their new center. Over the next several years, the seven trailers cobbled together to provide health services to the medically underserved in Pickens County, will be replaced by new facilities. Groundbreaking took place in April 2013.

Funded by ECF, Volunteer Coordinator Hannah Phillips has been speaking to parish groups across the diocese about the mission trips to Good Sam to help build. She has enlisted volunteers who will serve important roles in the design and construction. ECF will provide funding to provide some of the tools necessary for many of the mission trips. We anticipate that each year we will see increased interest and participation, even extending to neighboring dioceses.



Hunger Walk/Run

As a benefitting partner with the Atlanta Community Food Bank's annual Hunger Walk/Run, ECF saw increased participation in the event by parishes throughout the diocese. Responding to a challenge by Bishop Robert Wright to join in supporting the ACFB's event, ECF saw a 10% percent increase in funds raised, a 29% increase in the number of parishes participating, and a 25% increase in overall participation. Monies raised are used by ECF to provide grants to ministries in the Diocese of Atlanta who provide food and feeding opportunities to the hungry.



How You Can Help

- Keep ECF and the ministries it supports in your own prayers and those of your parish.
- Look over the list of supported ministries. Learn more about one of them and consider sharing your time, energy and ideas.
- Give financial resources to Episcopal Charities Foundation & invite others to join you - in your family, your parish or your place of work.
- Serve as an ECF Parish Representative in your home congregation.
- Support a participant, or form a team, in the Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger Walk/Run in March 2014. As a partner in this event, ECF shares in the proceeds.
- Make a gift in honor, memory or celebration of someone you love.
- There are many faithful ways to share your resources through ECF, and a single gift supports many ministries and impacts many lives.