

President's Corner

A note from Angelo Valletta



"This edition of our newsletter is very special. As you read through its pages, we hope you will learn just how much you've done for our community over the last few months.

You've impacted so many lives in the most positive way; bringing security technology to 9 schools across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, growing our region's social service programs that help those less fortunate, and even starting a women's leadership fund that had its first-ever honoree, Dr. Rosalie M. Mirenda. I am humbled by your support of our mission."

- Angelo J. Valletta

Upcoming Events

CFGP Fundraiser's Forum

We invite you to join us for our spring Fundraiser's Forum! This half-day event will feature a panel of nonprofit professionals who have achieved success in fundraising, development and volunteer management. This is an opportunity to learn more about best practices in fundraising and share your story with peers who are eager to help your nonprofit achieve its goals.

Thursday, May 23, 2019 **10 AM - 12 PM**
Holy Family University **Registration opens at 9 AM**
9801 Frankford Avenue **Networking breakfast begins at**
Philadelphia, PA 19114 **9:15 AM**

Stay tuned for announcements regarding our speaker line-up! To RSVP for this event, visit <https://cfgpforum.eventbrite.com> by May 16th.

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Celebrating the Season of Giving

Volunteer Day with ABC

You may have noticed that our motto is "At the heart of charity is love." This is what joins together each of our staff members under one common theme: love. Our love of humanity and our love of the Faith is what unites us all. It's why we choose to do the work that we do. As part of our mission to live out the words that define us, we've been setting aside one day each quarter to dedicate ourselves to service.

While we like to think we're always serving, it's easy to get lost in the moment and forget the wonderful causes we're working towards. These days really bring us back to reality. It's during these times that we're reminded of this great love we have for our world, and it's an opportunity for us to show our appreciation for it.

Our last CFGP Volunteer Day was an incredible experience that we hope to have again this holiday season. We spent the morning with the Archbishop's Benefit for Children (ABC) stuffing stockings with food and goodies for children. These stockings were given to underprivileged children at the annual ABC Christmas Party to ensure they each had at least one gift to open this Christmas. We were grateful to work alongside a number of Catholic Social Services clients who also gave their time that day to support this wonderful cause.



To learn more about CFGP or to donate, visit www.TheCFGP.org.



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Our Recent Grantees

Meet the organizations you've changed for the better



Faith in the Future Foundation
\$6,000
Reading Materials for Library

Gianna Center of Philadelphia
\$6,000
Medical and Lab Equipment for clinic

Mercy Career and Technical High School
\$6,898
AED's for job training

Saint Ignatius Nursing and Rehab Center
\$32,048.92
Electronic patient beds

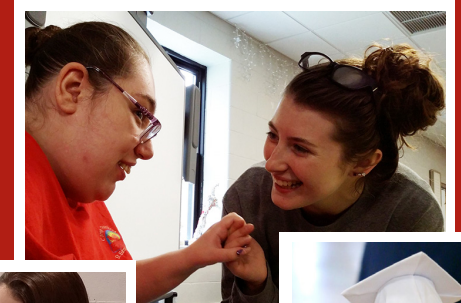
Saint Veronica School
\$2,474
Remedial Reading Center Expansion

CSS Fund Reaches New Heights

How this fund is on its way to preserving Catholic Social Services for years to come

Not long ago, Catholic Social Services (CSS) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia established a fund within CFGP. Today, their fund has raised ten-fold their initial contribution, all for their mission. How? CSS put their fund to work! They set goals upon the establishment of their fund and worked with our Mission Advancement Services team to achieve them. Together, we've conducted direct mail and digital campaigns to raise money for the CSS Fund. As our efforts continue, the fund continues to grow.

"We're really happy with the decision to create this charitable fund for CSS programs," said Jim Amato, Secretary of Catholic Human Services. "It will serve as a significant resource to augment the mission for the most vulnerable in our community. We know that with CFGP by our side we're ensuring sustainability for the charitable programs of the Church, and that's a great feeling."



Protecting Our Youth

A School Security Initiative



Each grant that leaves our office is due to your love and support of our region's schools, parishes, and organizations. Our grants are a reflection of your charitable heart and how you, personally, want to help others.

Last fall, we identified a need in our community's Catholic schools that we knew needed to be prioritized. Some initial research done by staff members concluded that insufficient school safety measures seemed to be a common concern among parents and school officials.

"It is extremely important that we address the issues of safety and security... as the incidents of school violence are on the rise and a major concern for all parents, educators, first responders, and all caring citizens," said a representative from a Montgomery County Elementary School.

We knew this was a topic that deserved your attention. As Catholics we are called to protect God's children, and we must answer that call. We're humbled by the support you showed these schools in their time of need. Because of you, we granted over \$72,000 to 9 different Catholic schools in our area, each with their own individual needs. Take a look at the outcome of your generosity to our School Security Initiative.



Holy Family Regional Catholic School	\$10,000
Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School	\$10,000
Nativity of Our Lord School	\$10,000
Our Lady of Port Richmond School	\$4,655
Roman Catholic High School	\$10,000
St. Ephrem School	\$8,560
St. Hubert High School for Girls	\$7,000
St. Jude School	\$10,000
St. Teresa of Calcutta School	\$5,000

Steel doors and automatic closure doors
Security cameras and access control system
Intercom and video surveillance system
Public address system
Improved locks and passkeys
Video surveillance system
"Ident-A-Kid" visitor management system
Intercom and surveillance system
Security control system

NCDCC Lumen Awards

The results are in!

The National Catholic Development Conference (NCDCC) selects nonprofits around the country as recipients of Lumen Awards, acknowledging excellence in fundraising within the Catholic community. We're proud to announce that for 2018, CFGP was recognized with Lumen Awards in six different categories. Thank you to our staff, clients and friends who are so supportive of our work – we couldn't do this without you!

First Place Awards

- Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) 2017 Appeal Video (Donor Relationship Enhancement)
- CCA 2017 Special Events (Donor Relationship Enhancement)
- CCA 2017 Direct Mail Materials (Major Donor Outreach)
- CCA 2017 Email and Social Media Outreach (Multichannel Outreach)
- 2017-18 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal Direct Mail Materials (Major Donor Outreach)

Second Place Award

- CFGP 2017 Annual Report (Donor Relationship Enhancement, Accountability/ Annual Report)

Faces of Philanthropy

Members of our team who keep our mission in motion

Meet Kait!

What is your role at CFGP?

I am a Database Administrator at CFGP. I co-manage the data department and provide reports, mailing lists, and other important information to our clients and their donors.

How long have you been with CFGP? In that time, what has been your favorite memory?

I have been at CFGP for five years! I have a lot of great memories from my time with the Foundation, but my favorite is a game of office Jeopardy that got a little out of control. The Foundation is full of spirited individuals with big hearts, but also big competitive streaks. We like to be the best.

Why do you choose to work in the nonprofit sector?

Because my day is spent helping other people live better lives. I am a small part of a much larger network of people serving others in the area, but I am grateful that the work I do helps facilitate the good works of others.

At the heart of charity is love. If you could start your own charity, what would be its mission?

It would be focused on providing art education to children and youth. Too many schools have had to drastically reduce or cut art programs, and I believe an opportunity for creative expression benefits a child's education as well as their emotional and mental health. Every child is born an artist and I would love to someday be able to help keep the arts accessible to every child who needs it.

