

OUR CAPACITY TO GIVE CONTINUES TO GROW BECAUSE OF YOU!

After recently celebrating our fifth birthday, CFGP would like to share with you just how much our Foundation has grown in the last five years. From day one until now, your support has enabled us to award **more than \$250,000** to deserving organizations in our community. That means support for our local food pantries, special education schools, youth development programs, homeless shelters and countless other needed ministries – and that support is only possible because of you.

With your kindness, CFGP continues to increase both the number and size of our grants and Community Impact Awards each year. We want you to know that the local nonprofits you hold dear to your heart are being supported. Take a look at all you have done for them in the last five years!



HEALTH, ESSENTIAL NEEDS & SOCIAL SERVICES
\$40,300 awarded



EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
\$162,738 awarded



CONSERVATION & PRESERVATION
\$4,680 awarded



SPECIAL NEEDS
\$13,500 awarded



SENIOR CARE
\$36,637 awarded

LIVING OUR MISSION: CFGP GIVES BACK

On July 12, 2018, CFGP spent the day at St. John's Hospice as we hosted our first-ever Volunteer Day. St. John's Hospice is a homeless shelter for men in Philadelphia, but their services reach beyond providing a temporary safe space, daily meal service, and basic necessities like toiletries and clothing. St. John's Hospice truly understands the challenges that face the men they serve, with perhaps their greatest obstacle being job attainment.



With employers needing a permanent residence on file, it's incredibly difficult for homeless men to find work and get back on their feet. St. John's Hospice recognizes this issue and to address it, offers mail services to more than 900 men without homes. Providing these men with something as simple as an address to write down on a job application allows for so many more opportunities. Something so small that many of us might take for granted can be the one thing that jumpstarts their journey to finding a home.

St. John's Hospice also offers two residential programs that serve a combined 52 men at one time. The first is a 40-bed emergency residence for men who are transitioning from homelessness to independent living. The second, termed, "The Good Shepard Program," supports medically fragile, homeless men who are also transitioning to independent living. Both programs offer residents case management and access to treatment centers all while living in a drug and alcohol-free environment.



During our visit to St. John's, all 16 of our staff members took part in clothing and toiletry distribution, as well as food and beverage service during St. John's lunchtime meal.

We'd like to say a big thank you to St. John's Hospice, not only for allowing us to take part in serving their community of men, but for all the work they do for others. We are grateful to have spent an afternoon sharing their mission.



THE #GIVINGTUESDAY COUNTDOWN IS ON...

GET TO KNOW OUR BENEFICIARY, MOTHER OF MERCY HOUSE!

We're already just one month away from #GivingTuesday. Can you believe it? It feels like just yesterday we were introducing you to our friends at Mother of Mercy House. If you didn't have the chance to get to know them last year, you have another opportunity! We are proud to announce that for the second year in a row, they will be our official #GivingTuesday beneficiary.

Mother of Mercy House is located in the Kensington and Allegheny section of Philadelphia. For those who may not know the city neighborhoods, this is an area riddled with violence, crime and a drug epidemic that's only getting worse. But at the center of it all stands Mother of Mercy House. Right at the corner of East Allegheny Avenue and F Streets, their bright blue awning welcomes all those seeking a safe haven. But it's what's inside that makes this place so special.

Inside Mother of Mercy House, you'll find Reverend Liam Murphy and Sr. Ann Raymond Welte, and they will make you feel right at home. They will offer you food if you are hungry, a place to pray if you are weary, and a listening ear if you are struggling. And while offering these supportive services might seem like the obvious thing to do for someone in need, why is it that so few are?

Last year for #GivingTuesday, CFGP raised over \$10,000 for the supportive services offered at Mother of Mercy House, including food assistance, clothing distribution, and prayer services. But more importantly, we helped raise awareness for Fr. Murphy and Sr. Ann's work with those impacted by addiction. On any given day, Fr. Murphy and Sr. Ann are tasked with watching over the drug afflicted in their community. Not because they are asked, but because that is what they are called to do. They, quite literally, walk the streets searching for individuals in need of help. They are driving them to hospitals and treatment centers, offering spiritual guidance and words of support, and, in the most heartbreaking cases, helping to bring them back to consciousness.



"WHEN PEOPLE DEALING WITH ADDICTION COME TO US, OFTEN THEY TELL US HOW ALONE THEY FEEL. WE HOPE THAT THROUGH OUR MINISTRY, THESE PEOPLE WILL REALIZE THEY ARE NOT ALONE, AND THAT GOD LOVES THEM. IN FACT, OUR MINISTRY WITH EVERYONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD – THE POOR, THE LONELY, THE IMMIGRANT, IS JUST THAT: TO HELP THEM KNOW GOD'S LOVE FOR THEM. WE ARE ALL ABOUT 'SHARING THE MERCY OF GOD WITH ALL.'" Sr. Ann, Mother of Mercy House

Today, it's difficult to find someone who this disease has not touched. But the work being done at Mother of Mercy House is a reminder that those impacted are never alone.

Fr. Murphy and Sr. Ann embody what it means to live as Jesus did, and they have grown Mother of Mercy House into more than just a ministry of the Church. It's a place of hope and mercy.

This #GivingTuesday, join us as we once again shine a light on Mother of Mercy House, a true blessing in the Philadelphia community. Please consider supporting their efforts with a gift to the Mother of Mercy House Program Fund at theCFGP.org/donate/motherofmercyhouse.

"FOR WE ARE HIS HANDIWORK, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR THE GOOD WORKS THAT GOD HAS PREPARED IN ADVANCE, THAT WE SHOULD LIVE IN THEM." Ephesians 2:10

CFGF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES: FAST FACTS ABOUT OUR FUNDS!

- **Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)** are like your charitable savings account. You can support as many programs, organizations and ministries as you would like, all from one place.
- **Endowment Funds** ensure your charitable interests are supported in perpetuity. These are the best option for donors looking to devise a planned giving strategy.
- **Program Funds** allow for parishes, schools and organizations to have money set aside for their on-going needs. These funds can be accessed by the organization at any time.
- **DAFs** are the fastest growing investment vehicle for charities. Why? Because not only are DAFs an option for individuals at all giving levels, they encourage people to give more thoughtfully.
- **Endowment Funds** cannot be terminated. Once they're created, your charitable interest will always be supported.
- **CFGF's Field of Interest Funds** were designed for donors who might have a general charitable interest, but would rather rely on CFGF's expertise to decide which nonprofits will receive funds.
- If an organization or individual creates a **Designated Fund** to support a specific entity or interest, and continuously adds to that Fund over time, it can grow to become an **Endowment Fund** and help sustain that mission into the future!



THE IMPACT OF WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY

How CFGF's annual event is re-imagining what it means to be a female philanthropist.

Each year, our Women in Philanthropy Luncheon serves as the perfect opportunity for both men and women to come together to acknowledge female philanthropists and network with one another. But for 2018, we wanted to take a different approach to how we celebrate women in philanthropy, and decided this was the perfect time to honor a local, female philanthropist for her dedication to serving others.



This October, CFGF's Women in Philanthropy Luncheon was held in honor of Dr. Rosalie M. Mirenda, President Emeritus of Neumann University. Dr. Mirenda, as brilliant as she is kind, was the first recipient of CFGF's Love in Action Award. Named for St. Teresa of Calcutta's famous quote, "Prayer in action is love, love in action is service," the Love in Action Award is given to a female philanthropist who embodies charity, devotion and leadership, and who has improved her community through her love of the Faith and dedication to service.

Dr. Mirenda served as President of Neumann University for 17 years, and in that time, tripled the University's enrollment, grew its annual and capital giving by more than 30 percent, and expanded the campus by 54 acres. Dr. Mirenda takes great pride in sharing her Catholic faith, beliefs and wisdom with others, and worked diligently during her time with Neumann to enhance the Catholic Franciscan mission of the University.

Dr. Mirenda has been recognized with awards from eleven organizations in the last twenty years for her steadfast faith and numerous accomplishments. Most notably, Dr. Mirenda was awarded the Benemerenti Medal in 2016 from Pope Francis. Dr. Mirenda earned her Ph.D. from Widener University, her MSN from the University of Pennsylvania, and her B. S. in Nursing from Villanova University. CFGF is humbled to bestow yet another honor on Dr. Mirenda by making her our first Love in Action Award recipient!

This year, we also wanted to carve a path for women to connect and work together to make a difference in the community. Through CFGF's newly-established Women in Philanthropy Leadership Fund, women are given the opportunity to get involved in the decision making behind grants that will be awarded from this CFGF Fund.

At this year's Women in Philanthropy Luncheon, the Gianna Center of Philadelphia accepted the first-ever grant award from the Women in Philanthropy Leadership Fund. The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is part of a national network of Gianna Centers that provide gynecologic care, natural family planning education and infertility services. The \$6,000 CFGF grant will help purchase medical equipment for their newest location.



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