

# News and Events

Fall was filled with exciting events and opportunities!



## October 18, 2019 - Catholic Executive Breakfast at the Union League

For our first-ever Catholic Executive Breakfast, CFGP teamed up with local businesses to host a morning of reflection and empowerment. With Fr. Rob Hagan, O.S.A., of Villanova University as our keynote speaker, our guests were destined for an inspirational morning. Fr. Rob spoke to us about hope, gratitude, and most importantly, faith, and we all left just a little more motivated than we were before. We thank Fr. Rob for being with us for this event, and our sponsors, Kistler Tiffany, PMC Property Group, FirstTrust and KeyBank for making it possible!

## October 22, 2019 - Women in Philanthropy Forum at Drexelbrook

Our fourth annual Women in Philanthropy Forum might have been our best one yet! This year's theme focused on the Catholic giving landscape from a woman's perspective, and our panel was filled with representatives from across the nonprofit sector. From development professionals to philanthropists, each female panelist brought something unique and inspiring to the table. Discussion topics also included the importance of female leaders in the nonprofit sector and how to effectively convey your mission's message. Special thanks to our panelists Irene Hannan, Charlene Flaherty, Linda McDonough and Theresa Murtagh, and our moderator, Dr. Laura Sicola, who did a fabulous job guiding our discussion!



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# #GIVINGTUESDAY

December 3, 2019



## CFGP partners with the Catholic Charities Appeal to support Mercy Hospice!

#GivingTuesday, the international day of giving back to your community, is held on the first Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It's a chance for people all over the world to join a movement of helping others and give back to a cause they care about. Every year, CFGP selects an organization as its official #GivingTuesday beneficiary. But for 2019, we teamed up with our friends and partners from the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) to support one of their beneficiaries who needed our help - Mercy Hospice!

Mercy Hospice is a community grounded in faith and service where single women and mothers with children, experiencing homelessness or are in recovery, can find new beginnings. Mercy provides an atmosphere of respect and support so its residents can heal and grow, with the ultimate goal of leading sober, purposeful lives. CFGP is so excited to have had the opportunity to partner with the CCA in support of Mercy Hospice. Their mission is a powerful one, giving women the tools they need to succeed in life beyond recovery.

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# Legacy of Faith

How St. Mary's is building on their 100 year-old history to secure their future.

We remember the first time we visited St. Mary's and met Father Louis Bellopede. How could we not? He exudes positive energy and kindness wherever he goes. He's also extremely committed to his parish community, and it shows. Currently the pastor of St. Mary's in Schwenksville, Fr. Bellopede reached out to us to discuss the needs of his aging parish. At 100 years old, St. Mary's needed pertinent restoration. Their dome-style roof was leaking, parts of the exterior were deteriorating, and conditions were becoming unsafe for parishioners.

Together with the help of CFGP's Mission Advancement Services (MAS) Team, St. Mary's conducted a feasibility study to determine if a capital campaign to help restore their spiritual home was possible. The results determined that a capital campaign was worthwhile. The campaign goal was set at \$2 million over a pledged 4 years. St. Mary's Legacy of Faith Campaign officially kicked off on May 1, 2019.



The results? We are still working with St. Mary's to reach their goal, but their campaign has already reached \$1.89 million! We could not be more thrilled for Fr. Bellopede and his parish community.

While St. Mary's parishioners and staff were optimistic they could raise a sufficient amount for their church, even they have been blown away by just how much generosity and support they've garnered. With their goal almost met, the St. Mary's community has surpassed their own expectations, illustrating the love they share for their parish and their faith.



**To date, CFGP's MAS has raised over \$105M for Catholic institutions in our area.**

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## A Message from our President

Hi, everyone! It is with great pleasure that I share our fall newsletter with you. CFGP has been up to some pretty exciting things these last few months - new projects, new partnerships, but most importantly, continuing to get to know you! We hope you enjoy learning more about what we've been working on, and encourage you to ask questions about how you can get involved, too.

All the best,  
*Sarah O. Hanley*



### What is your role at CFGP?

I am a Project Coordinator at CFGP. I specifically work with the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal through various projects, donor relations, and event planning.

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

I have been with CFGP since May 2019. My favorite memory so far has been the CFGP Volunteer Day where the whole office stepped out and assisted with serving the St. John's Hospice lunchtime meal. It was an excellent opportunity to help others in the community alongside my co-workers.

## Recently Awarded Grants

Growing local ministries for a stronger community.

Congratulations to all of our recent grant recipients!

### Community Center at Visitation - \$10,000

General operating support

### Cranaleith Spiritual Center - \$5,000

Women Veterans retreat program

### Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School - \$5,000

Kairos Retreat Program for students

### St. Martha's School - \$2,400

Technology infrastructure

### Sisters of St. Francis, Assisi House - \$5,000

Security system

## Faces of Philanthropy

Learn about the individuals who keep our mission in motion

### Meet Connor Ames!

### Why do you choose to work in the nonprofit sector?

When I was in college, I was an active volunteer in several programs around campus and that gave me a sense of drive to make the world a better place. Working in the nonprofit sector allows me to keep that drive alive and serve others.

### If you could start your own charity, what would be its mission?

I've already started my own charity! In early 2018, I started the New Jersey Hearing Foundation alongside audiologists in the state. Its mission sets out to create a vibrant community for deaf and hard of hearing children of all ages and their families. When a child is diagnosed with a hearing disability, it can be an intimidating process for families. We work to make that process easier for those families and connect them to other families in similar situations.

