



Faces of Philanthropy

Meet Kelsea Schagrin!

What is your role at CFGP?

I am a Project Manager and my work is with our nonprofit development consulting services. The Catholic Charities Appeal and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary are two of the largest clients I work with while also managing additional projects.

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

I have been at CFGP for 2 and a half years. I started as a Project Coordinator and am happy to have grown in my role. One of my favorite memories was a few years ago when our entire office volunteered at St. John's Hospice right down the street. We spent the day serving lunch and handing out clothes to those experiencing homelessness. It was a great way to see first-hand how much of an impact we had while meeting so many people in our community.

Why do you choose to work in the nonprofit sector?

I grew up going to many events put on by the Rotary Club in my hometown with my dad. My dad has been a member for years and always brought us along and put us to work. I remember serving hot dogs at Community Day, working the snack table at the Special Olympics St. Patrick's Day Dance, and so much more. I loved the community I grew up in and hoped to find a career where I could continue to give back while being a part of a larger mission. I found that here at CFGP!

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

I have thought about this a lot! I would love to create some sort of sanctuary for senior dogs. I know this exists in other places, but I would love to bring this to Philly. I know the adoption rate for dogs has gone up recently due to the pandemic, and senior dogs are always left behind. My sanctuary would sit on a large plot of land and welcome any senior dog—no matter what. They would be available to foster or adopt but ultimately enjoy their golden years being cared for and loved.

Moving Forward: Parish Stewardship Renewal Raises Over \$1.6M for Parishes Impacted by COVID-19

In 2020, CFGP launched three different initiatives to address the immediate needs of parishes and organizations directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. These initiatives, the Emergency Relief Fund, Parish Support Initiative, and Moving Forward: Parish Stewardship Renewal, collectively raised over \$2M to aid our community's Catholic ministries during these unprecedented times.

"As the pastor of a parish that was granted 100% coverage of the Fall Stewardship Restoration Appeal, including mailing costs, I write to express my deep gratitude—particularly on behalf of the good staff and parishioners who will benefit from the increased collections realized from this appeal."

— Fr. Thomas Whittingham, Pastor
St. Katharine Drexel Parish (Chester)

The Moving Forward: Parish Stewardship Renewal opportunity launched in the fall as a promising next step for parishes whose offertories were impacted by last year's temporary suspension of public Masses. This opportunity offered all parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the chance to participate in a customized and individualized offertory restoration and enhancement plan. Each participating parish was given a strategy tailored to their parish community. After careful preparation and guidance from CFGP, 25 parishes launched their programs, and by the end of the fall phase, a total of \$1.6M was raised for the participating parishes. CFGP offered this opportunity with our staff time waived, and additional financial support for parishes in extreme crises.



To see a full list of parishes that participated in the fall phase, or to learn more about this initiative, visit TheCFGP.org/Covid19/PSR.

"We have now exceeded what we brought in last year for the Block Collection! Thank you again for everything. The response is far greater than we had ever hoped!"

— Mr. William Boyce, Business Manager
Holy Martyrs Parish (Oreland)

The spring phase of the Parish Stewardship Renewal, which includes an increased offertory program, is now underway. We look forward to supporting the participating parishes in this next phase of restoration as they recover from the impact of the pandemic.

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Since the start of the pandemic, we've all made countless adjustments, learning new ways to interact and adapt all aspects of our lives. Many have experienced tremendous loss and we continue to pray for them and their loved ones. Frontline workers have shown unparalleled dedication and sacrifice; they remain in our prayers as well. As members of the nonprofit sector, we immediately altered our strategy to come to the aid of those directly impacted by this crisis. We're so indebted to all of our donors who have given selflessly, our clients who have worked tirelessly, and our partners who remained committed to their ministries.

We would like to take the opportunity to show our appreciation and provide you with a closer look at some of our most recent projects, events, grants and funds. Thank you for your continued generous support of our mission.

We are truly grateful to all of you.

Catholic Leadership Speaker Series: A Platform for Catholic Voices



On December 9th, we launched our first-ever virtual Catholic Leadership Speaker Series, featuring special guest speaker Montse Alvarado, Vice President and Executive Director for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. Montse Alvarado joined the Becket Fund in 2009 and was named Vice President and Executive Director in February 2017. With a background in public policy, she has led initiatives at Becket that have secured seven Supreme Court religious liberty

victories. Montse has degrees from George Washington University and Florida International University.

Montse spoke to nearly 50 virtual attendees discussing some of her most well-known cases. She also took several questions that generated meaningful discussion surrounding religious liberty. We thank Montse for spending her evening with us and for being our first guest speaker!

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GRANTS

CFGP's Charitable Fund received many grant requests from parishes for live streaming equipment throughout 2020. With the temporary suspension of public Masses, parishes needed to find an alternative way to bring Mass into our homes. Live streaming Mass from their parish enables them to do just that. Now, with in-person Masses resumed, live streaming still provides a great alternative to those who for any reason cannot physically attend, preventing them from missing the Sunday liturgy and any other liturgical events. Below is a list of our most recent grant recipients for live streaming equipment.

- St. Hilary of Poitiers - \$2,000
- St. Teresa of Calcutta - \$2,000
- Christ the King - \$2,000
- St. Timothy - \$2,000
- St. Augustine - \$2,000
- St. Vincent - \$2,000

"The grant we received is an incalculable gift to Saint Timothy Parish. Livestreaming has become an important part of life in our Covid era and will certainly continue to be so as we move into the future."

Without the generous grant from CFGP, along with other generous gifts, it would have been impossible for us to have purchased and installed the livestream equipment we were able to acquire."

– Fr. Michael Olivero, Pastor, St. Timothy Parish (Philadelphia)

FUNDS

We are excited to announce we have 11 new funds at CFGP! 5 of these funds are now accepting donations from CFGP donors and friends:

- Ministry Support Fund** - Provides grants to the vital ministries, programs, and organizations of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Debbie Getz Memorial Fund** - Provides grants for financial assistance to students attending Our Lady of Confidence School
- Building the Church Universal Fund** - Supports nonprofit organizations and ministries throughout the world that help unite individuals with the Universal Catholic Church
- St. Laurence Sustainability Fund** - Supports the projects and programs of St. Laurence Parish in Upper Darby
- St. Maria Goretti Parish Fund** - Supports the projects and programs of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield

Any individual, parish or Catholic organization can create a fund with CFGP. These funds secure bright futures for the missions you care about most.

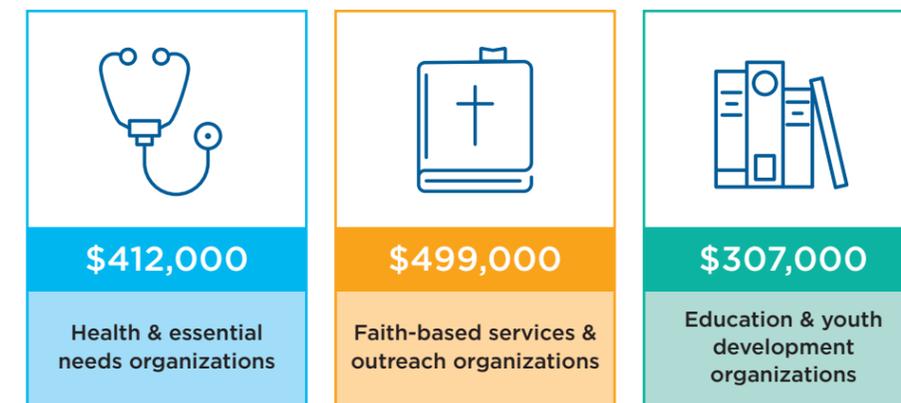
To create a fund, or donate to any of our existing funds, visit TheCFGP.org/Giving.



Our next virtual event in the series will be Wednesday, April 21, 2021 featuring Mr. Christopher Franklin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Essential Utilities, Inc. A recording of this event will be available to watch at TheCFGP.org/Events.

Our Fiscal Year At-A-Glance

With just a few months left of fiscal year 2021, we're reflecting on the impact we've been able to make in our community thanks to supporters like you. We've distributed more than \$1.2M and counting to faith-based, health and essential needs, and education and youth development organizations across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and beyond.



Our supporters who become fundholders entrust us with the management of their philanthropic goals. This management is one of our most important responsibilities as a community foundation. When you choose to open a fund with us, you learn that you are not only gaining a team of experts who will manage all the investment, administrative, audit, and distribution work of your account, but you will also work hand in hand with people who care just as much about our faith and its ministries as you do.

Our fundholders understand the pertinent needs of our ministries during this critical time, and we're proud to share these current distribution totals with you.

To learn more about giving through CFGP, visit TheCFGP.org/Giving.

