

GRANTS



Dr. Alexander Vaccaro presenting a check for \$12,500 to Mother Catherine, Mother Superior, and Sister Veronica

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AWARDED DISTRIBUTION

The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia recently selected Little Sisters of the Poor, Holy Family Home, as its newest grant award recipient.

Holy Family Home, located in Southwest Philadelphia, is a facility dedicated to serving the low-income elderly in the Philadelphia region as they transition into an assisted living atmosphere. Individuals residing at Holy Family Home can enjoy a "home-like" environment with everything from extracurricular activities to prayer

sessions and daily Masses on site. They are also provided with 24/7 care from medical doctors and nurse practitioners in the area. Their values are rooted in the belief that all lives are to be treated with respect and love.

Holy Family Home received their award through CFGP's Physician's Charitable Fund, created by Dr. Alexander Vaccaro, President of the Rothman Institute and founding CFGP Board of Trustees member. The \$12,500 grant will be used to replace their heating and hot water system. The current system is outdated, damaged and unable to provide warmth to the residents of Holy Family Home during the harsh winter months. Their new system will not only be able to adequately serve the residents, but will utilize less energy and fuel, making it a cost-efficient investment for the Home.

"The Physician's Charitable Fund is a wonderful opportunity for the medical community to give to those in need or are in a position to help others," said Dr. Vaccaro. "We physicians hope that in the coming year the Fund continues to grow and its impact is felt by more and more

people, such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, Holy Family Home, who deserve it the most."

CFGP congratulates Little Sisters of the Poor, Holy Family Home once again on their award!

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please visit our website for general guidelines and to download an application.

GRANT WRITING

Grant Writing is a chief component of CFGP's Mission Advancement Services. At CFGP, our grant writing service encompasses all stages of the application process, including the research, proposal writing and application submission. CFGP's grant writing service gives organizations the opportunity to work one-on-one with a fundraising professional to properly construct their application at an attempt to secure funding from outside foundations. To get started with your application, contact CFGP at 215.587.5650 and ask for a Grant Administrator.



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NEWS & EVENTS



CFGP Wins 1st Place Lumen Award for Excellence in Fundraising

The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia is pleased to announce that CFGP has won 1st place in the National Catholic Development Conference Lumen Award for excellence in Catholic Fundraising. CFGP was awarded for the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal marketing and literature materials.

The National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC) is the largest membership association of charitable religious fundraisers in the US. NCDC is the fundraising resource for Catholic organizations and their sponsored ministries, providing education, advocacy

and leadership. The NCDC Lumen Awards were created to acknowledge excellence in fundraising and to enrich the Catholic development community.

Making an Impact in the Community

The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation on behalf of their Community Connection Program. Wells Fargo branches have the opportunity to nominate a non-profit organization in their area whom they feel has made the biggest philanthropic impact in their community. CFGP was one of these nominated organizations. CFGP is pleased to receive this award and to be acknowledged for its charitable work in the community.

CFGP Philanthropic Workshop Series

On December 3rd, CFGP held their Philanthropic Workshop Series covering the topics "Understanding Charitable Vehicles," "Funding the Future: Simple Ways to Make Planned Giving Work for You," and "Building Meaningful Relationships." CFGP strives to serve as a dependable resource for the philanthropic community and has scheduled the next workshop series for Wednesday, **May 13th**. This workshop will be a panel discussion covering the topic of "Keys to Sustainability." Local development leaders will be in attendance to offer round-table discussions and networking opportunities. If you are interested in registering, please contact Gina DeColli at 215.587.5650 or RSVP@catholicfoundationphila.org.

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Welcome!

Over the last few months, The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGF) has focused on making a significant impact in the community. This influence is evident with the establishment of over 60 CFGF Charitable Funds that have financed grants and distributions to a variety of local organizations.

This spring, we look to what lies ahead for the Foundation. Building on the groundwork established this past year, we will continue our role in creating an avenue for charitable giving in our community. Through the generosity of our donors, we are making a difference in the greater Philadelphia region.

The Foundation will continue building solid community relationships and seek to help organizations achieve sustainability through their development activities. This is, after all, the heart of our mission: to act as responsible and faithful stewards for the betterment of the lives of people in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Wherever your charitable heart guides you, we can help you create a path to get there.



In the coming months, CFGF will also focus on the message of the World Meeting of Families Congress as Philadelphia prepares for Pope Francis' visit. We are honored to be part of this exciting and historic occasion that will bring together people from around the world to celebrate and affirm family values. We hope to build on the mission of the event to preserve a lasting impact in the area through our programs and initiatives.

We are preparing for this and other opportunities that will come, working every day to grow our base, strengthen the ties in our community, and bring hope to those most in need.

We invite you to join us. Wherever your charitable heart guides you, we can help you create a path to get there.

We are here to help you do more good for the greater good.

Sincerely,

Shannon Jordan
Executive Director
The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia

DEFYING THE STATISTICS: Providence Center



This area encounters many daily challenges, including Philadelphia's highest poverty rate, a murder rate five times the city's average, and a high school dropout rate of almost 50%. At Providence Center, the students defy these statistics.

An independent organization founded by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in 1993, Providence Center serves the Fairhill/West Kensington section of North Philadelphia. This area encounters many daily challenges, including Philadelphia's highest poverty rate, a murder rate five times the city's average, and a high school dropout rate of almost 50%. At Providence Center, the students defy these statistics.

The children and teens in Power, Providence Center's youth program, receive academic assistance and problem solving skills. Power also provides a safe place for children to go after school where they can receive homework help and enjoy enriching activities. The children of Power also receive help in coping with the stresses and traumas they have experienced living in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, many of them have witnessed violence and addiction. Through Power, children are taught the skills and

values needed to build resiliency, helping them to solve problems non-violently, to care for others, and to believe in themselves.

Providence Center is very fortunate to have many teenagers volunteer their time to work in the program and mentor the children. Vee, a senior at Edison High School, currently works in the program and serves as a role model for the younger children. Vee is currently preparing for college, and is excited to pursue a career working with children in crisis. She has formed strong bonds with the younger girls in Power, like Jelilah, who looks up to her. As Jelilah says, when she's having trouble with her homework, Vee "puts it into words that I can actually understand." Jelilah also appreciates Vee's friendship and humor, and she hopes to one day follow in Vee's footsteps as a Teen Leader helping younger students. "Being here isn't about the money," Vee says. "It's

about the kids' future. Many of them don't have anyone in their lives who are always there for them and who can provide help."

Providence Center staff and volunteers strive to meet the needs of their area while focusing on education. Power is just one example of the kinds of programs that Providence Center offers to the community. Other offered programs include English as a Second Language class, technology workshops for adult learners, after school programs and summer camps, job readiness and college prep programs for local teens, prayer groups and retreats, and much more.

CFGF has partnered with Providence Center to establish the **Providence Center Charitable Fund**. This Fund supports all programs and opportunities provided by the organization to ensure its long-term success and availability to the community.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: ST. MARTHA

Like so many parishes, St. Martha in Northeast Philadelphia was facing economic hardships. Its pastor, Father Al, realized that his parish could not overcome its financial struggles alone. St. Martha partnered with The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia to establish the St. Martha Parish Sustainability Fund. The St. Martha Parish Sustainability Fund is a way for the parish to strengthen its presence in the community, and address both its immediate and day-to-day operational needs.

Over the past 7 months, CFGF has reached out to the St. Martha community to help grow the St. Martha Parish Sustainability Fund from \$5,000 to \$30,000. This is a 600% increase since its inception.

"As we approach our fiftieth anniversary serving God's people in Northeast Philadelphia, I'm really pleased to have this type of fund now in place for the parish. I look forward to seeing it grow through small, but sacrificial gifts, and from larger legacy gifts."

- Father Al, St. Martha Parish

If you are interested in donating to the St. Martha Parish Sustainability Fund, or starting your own fund for your parish or organization, please visit www.CatholicFoundationPhila.org today.

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS: SAINT GABRIEL'S HALL



AT THE HEART OF CHARITY IS

Love

Saint Gabriel's Hall is an all-male juvenile residential placement facility located just outside the city of Philadelphia. Students between the ages of 11 and 17 are placed at Saint Gabriel's Hall through the Family Court of Philadelphia for a ten to twelve month period. While in residence, students attend school full time as well as participate in a variety of individual, group, and family therapy programs. Saint Gabriel's Hall believes that strong academic programming combined with intense, yet effective therapeutic services, provides a strong foundation for the intellectual, emotional, and social growth of the young men entrusted to their care.

One student who has excelled during his stay at Saint Gabriel's Hall is Matthew. He has demonstrated

dedication to his education and a strong work ethic by not only having earned the credits he needed for graduation; but did so while working part-time with the Housekeeping department. Matthew's commitment to his education was evident during St. Gabriel's Commencement Ceremony when he received the award for Scholarship. Such an award is only bestowed upon a graduate the faculty truly feels exemplifies the characteristics of that particular honor. His work ethic so impressed the Housekeeping staff, that the head of that department was insistent about writing a letter of recommendation for Matthew.

Since graduating, Matthew actively participated in the STRIVE program, which provides career readiness training and job support services to transitioning youth in the city of Philadelphia. Matthew was accepted into Ohio Technical College in Cleveland, OH, where he plans to study Automotive and Bodywork repair.

To donate to the Saint Gabriel's Hall Charitable Fund at CFGF, please visit www.CatholicFoundationPhila.org.

If you are interested in learning more, or to donate visit www.CatholicFoundationPhila.org.

CHARITABLE FUND OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia Field of Interest Funds support organizations within a designated area of charitable interest. Contributors are free to donate as often as they would like to any fund that addresses the charitable interest that they feel most deeply connected to.

These funds give CFGF grant making abilities within the specified area of interest to address the ever changing needs of the community.

Below is a list of the CFGF Field of Interest Funds:

- Health and Wellness Fund
- Youth Development Fund
- Higher Education Fund
- Historic Preservation and Neighborhood Perpetuity Fund
- Primary and Secondary Education Fund
- Helping Hands Fund

To learn more about the Field of Interest Funds offered by CFGF, or to start your own fund, please visit www.CatholicFoundationPhila.org or call our office at 215.587.5650.

