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**The Catholic Foundation Awards \$787,000 in Grants at Fall Ceremony**

*Local schools, churches and community organizations receive vital funding for training programs, building renovations, scholarships for Dallas Diocesan Catholic school students and more*



**Above:** Representatives from local schools, parishes and nonprofit organizations accepted \$787,000 total in grants from The Catholic Foundation on behalf of their organizations.

**DALLAS** – (Nov. 17, 2017) The Catholic Foundation awarded \$787,000 in grants to North Texas churches, schools and community organizations during the Foundation’s 2017 Fall Grant Ceremony at St. Joseph’s Residence. In addition to providing scholarships, the grants will fund a variety of projects ranging from building construction and renovations to training and support programs.

Twice per year, The Catholic Foundation distributes community grants to local schools, parishes and nonprofit organizations. Grant requests are reviewed by the Board of Trustees’ Distribution Committee, followed by documented site visits through which the recipients and funding amounts are determined. Combined, the 2017 spring and fall community grants total approximately \$1.8 million.

“Whether for training programs, building renovations, or disaster relief for our fellow Texans in Houston, these grants are imperative to moving the community forward,” said Matt Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “Due to the generosity of our donors, we are able to respond to the ever-changing needs of these impactful organizations, and it is an honor to help further their missions.”

Grants are made from the unrestricted Philanthropy Fund and restricted funds of The Catholic Foundation. Individuals or families, named or otherwise, establish restricted funds at the Foundation to benefit their communities today and for future generations. While impacting lives through the organizations they wish to support, donors benefit from the knowledge and expertise of professional Foundation staff, the maximum in tax benefits, and the assurance that the earnings from their investments will be utilized to further help their local Catholic community through the Philanthropy Fund.

The 2017 fall grant recipients and their projects are as follows. First-time Catholic Foundation grant recipients are marked with an asterisk.

- **AUDUBON TEXAS\***: Scholarships for Students Attending Dallas Diocesan Catholic Schools
- **THE BELLA HOUSE\***: Renovation of Second Bella House
- **BIRTH CHOICE**: Salary for Education Program Coordinator
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF DALLAS**: Hurricane Harvey Relief
- **CATHOLIC CONFERENCE & FORMATION CENTER**: Laundry Room Renovation
- **CHILDCAREGROUP\***: Renovation of Saner Center
- **DALLAS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM/CENTER FOR EDUCATION & TOLERANCE**: Scholarships for Students Attending Dallas Diocesan Catholic Schools
- **DIOCESE OF DALLAS**: 2018 Amazing Parish Conference
- **EPIPHANY QUASI-PARISH**: Construction of Driveway, Parking Lot & Sidewalk
- **IN MY SHOES, INC.\***: Purchase of Two New Minivans
- **LIFE PERSPECTIVES\***: Training for After Abortion/Miscarriage Supporters
- **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CENTER OF DALLAS**: Funding for Spring 2018 Training Program
- **NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK**: Establishment of the Jan Pruitt Community Center
- **ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PRIORY\***: Relocate HVAC System & Replace Two Water Boilers
- **ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX CHURCH**: Restroom Renovations
- **ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH**: Sound System & AV Equipment
- **SMU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY**: Funding for “Jericho” Retreat Opportunities for Students

In addition, grants will be awarded to support Catholic High School Scholarships and the Foundation’s Work of Heart Award program, which honors local Catholic School employees.

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### **About the Catholic Foundation**

The Catholic Foundation is a trusted giving vehicle for the Catholic community. Chartered in 1955, the Foundation was founded by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen with a vision that extended far beyond the charitable needs of the moment. The Foundation has spent decades building a strong community, helping donors fulfill their charitable goals, and preserving the founders’ vision and

philanthropic legacy. Over the past 60 years, the Foundation has provided more than \$126 million in grants to religious, charitable and educational organizations. Today, it manages more than \$220 million in assets and houses more than 400 charitable funds and trusts.

For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972.661.9792 or visit [www.catholicfoundation.com](http://www.catholicfoundation.com).