



Sharing a meal at El Refugio Ministry

Today the Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia (ECF) announces it will grant \$68,306 to five organizations that are lifting people from poverty and oppression in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. The grants – which go into effect this month – will be made to Chard Wray Food Pantry at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church (Milledgeville), Church of the Incarnation (Atlanta), Community Helping Place (Dahlonega), El Refugio Ministry (Columbus), and Path To Shine.

Our Spring General Grants demonstrate the true breadth of service that Episcopalians in the Diocese of Atlanta have engaged in when it comes to outreach with those in need. We are thrilled to support these efforts to expand and improve existing programs working within the beloved community, whether they be hungry, underemployed, uninsured, or at-risk of poverty and oppression.

Lindsey Hardegee, Executive Director for the Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia

ECF’s spring 2019 general grant recipients:

- Chard Wray Food Pantry at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church has received a capital grant of \$18,000 for improvements to their building which will facilitate a significant programming expansion, including job training (phlebotomy and retail), life skills training, and health checks.
- Church of the Incarnation has received a capital grant of \$15,000 for improvements to the parish’s kitchen so that it can be best utilized for community outreach efforts such as Clarence’s HANDS, a hunger-initiative supporting students in the Atlanta University Center, and the After-School Jazz Music education program in Southwest Atlanta.
- El Refugio Ministry, in partnership with St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Columbus, has received a capacity building grant of \$20,000 to fund the pilot of a new post-release program which will offer short-term accommodations for those released with asylum from the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, GA. With demonstrated success, this grant will continue in Spring 2020.
- Path To Shine has received a capacity building grant of \$10,306 to continue a grant awarded in 2018 for part-time administrative support and executive fundraising training. These combined efforts will allow their executive director to step away from administrative duties and create a sustainable fundraising strategy for the organization. With demonstrated success, this grant will continue in Fall 2019.

ECF’s Q2 2019 Small Acts of Charity recipient:

- Community Helping Place, in partnership with St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church in Dahlonega, has received a capital

grant of \$5,000 for medical equipment for their newly expanded free clinic which provides gynecological services for uninsured women.



Following Christ's example and the tradition of The Episcopal Church, we partner with Episcopal communities in the Diocese of Atlanta by providing funding, leadership, and resources to enable Episcopalians to lift up people facing poverty and oppression and to achieve significant, long-lasting change in our communities.

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