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Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia Grants \$67,100 to Fight Poverty and Oppression Locally

- ECF Announces Four Local Grantees During Its Spring Grant Cycle -

Atlanta, GA, May 19, 2023 — Today the Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia (ECF) announces four grants to organizations that are working to end poverty and oppression in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. The grants have been made to St. Clare's Episcopal Church (Blairsville), Clubhouse Atlanta (Dunwoody), Emmaus House (Atlanta), and Family Promise of Hall County (Gainesville).

"We are thrilled to support such impactful partnerships with these churches and nonprofit organizations," said Mary-Kay Boler, Chair of the Board of Directors for ECF. "The Foundation acts on behalf of the generous donors who have contributed towards our outreach grants. We are confident these grant recipients, along with the many churches and community organizations who have received over \$5 million to date from ECF, will achieve our shared vision of eliminating poverty and oppression throughout Middle and North Georgia."

ECF's spring 2023 grant recipients:

- St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Blairsville has received a capital and capacity building grant of \$16,100 for their English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes. This program engages the local migrant population and works with migrants to overcome barriers of language, aiding them in being successful parents and employees in the community.
- Clubhouse Atlanta, in partnership with St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Dunwoody, has a startup grant of \$6,000 for equipment and materials to add a Transitional Employment Program to their existing Recovery Through Work program. Transitional employment creates an opportunity for Clubhouse Atlanta members (adults with mental illness) to not only learn valuable, transferable work skills, but also to return to paid employment as a gateway to recovery.
- Emmaus House, in partnership with Emmaus House Chapel in Atlanta, has received a capital grant of \$20,000 to replace a vehicle. Providing transportation for program participants lowers the barrier to direct support and assistance provided through Emmaus House's programs for children and families.



- Family Promise of Hall County, in partnership with Grace Episcopal Church in Gainesville, has received a capital grant of \$25,000 towards completing renovations for Phase 2 of the Homestead, a transitional housing facility which supports families experiencing homelessness through intensive case management, counseling, and education.

About ECF's Grant Program:

ECF awards grants twice a year; Letters of Intent (LOIs) for the spring 2024 cycle are due September 30, 2023. Those interested in applying for funding should visit [ECFimpact.org/grants](https://ecfimpact.org/grants) for information regarding both funding opportunities as well as links to the applications. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Lindsey Hardegree with any questions they may have regarding eligibility or their applications.

About Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia

The Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia (ECF) provides funding, leadership, and resources to enable Episcopal parishes and nonprofit partners to lift up people experiencing poverty and oppression and to achieve significant, long-lasting impact in the Diocese of Atlanta. Since its inception, ECF has donated more than \$5.5 million to promote thriving and spiritually strong individuals, families, and communities locally. Learn more at [ECFimpact.org](https://ecfimpact.org).

About The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

The Diocese of Atlanta was created in 1907 and serves the cities, towns, and communities in Middle and North Georgia. Led by the Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, it is comprised of 117 welcoming worship communities. Our purpose is to challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually. Learn more at episcopalatlanta.org.

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