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## **Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia Grants up to \$92,500 to Fight Poverty and Oppression Locally**

*- ECF Announces Four Local Grantees During Its Fall Grant Cycle -*

**Atlanta, GA, October 9, 2024** — 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 Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry (Columbus), Macon Volunteer Clinic (Macon), Putnam Christian Outreach (Eatonton), and St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church (Stone Mountain).

ECF's fall 2024 grant recipients:

- St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church in Stone Mountain has received a capital grant of \$35,000 towards revitalizing their outdoor community spaces, including renovating their playground and establishing a Koinonia Garden which will serve as a dedicated area for community interaction, educational workshops, and spiritual growth. This project will enhance access and security for the community surrounding the church to utilize these spaces, particularly newly arriving refugee and immigrant families who need safe spaces to integrate and connect with the community.
- Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry (CVEM), in partnership with St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Columbus, has received a capital grant of \$20,500 to purchase a van to transport its program participants. The van will support both clients seeking direct services with the aid of CVEM caseworkers as well as participants in the Thompson-Anderson-Pound Art Program (TAP), a five-day interfaith arts program for children ages six through eleven.
- Macon Volunteer Clinic, in partnership with Christ Church in Macon, has received a challenge grant of \$13,000 to purchase equipment to outfit an exam room in the clinic's new building (currently undergoing renovation). This new building will not only allow patients to have a well-equipped space to receive medical, dental, and vision care that would otherwise be inaccessible, but will also expand capacity for the clinic to provide educational offerings and services for eight additional counties. ECF will match funds raised by the Christ Church congregation up to \$13,000.
- Putnam Christian Outreach, in partnership with All Angels Episcopal Church in Eatonton, has received \$24,000 in bridge funding to purchase additional food for its backpack ministry. This grant addresses the immediate need created by a 73% enrollment increase in the backpack ministry program which provides nutritious, non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food to children to ensure



they get enough to eat on weekends and holidays to avoid hunger when they can't depend on school meals. Funding also allows the expansion of the program to include augmenting food bags provided to local primary school students. This grant was made possible through funds donated to the 2024 Hunger Walk Run.

**About ECF's Grant Program:**

ECF awards grants twice a year; Letters of Intent (LOIs) for the fall 2025 cycle are due March 31, 2025. 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 \$5.7 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**

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