



BISHOP'S CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE FUND

Donor Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

As we bear up under the recent cold spell, our thoughts turn to those who struggle to keep their homes warm and put food on the table. We also are concerned about those who have no place to go to get out of the cold. With your help, we are able to do something about these challenges. Thanks to your commitment to the **Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund**, we are able to provide basic essentials to hundreds of individuals and families each and every year, thereby improving the welfare and wellbeing of all the residents of New Hampshire.

As stewards of your generous gifts, the Board works diligently to assist those most in need in our state. Bishop Peter Libasci and the Board of Directors reviewed many grant applications this year and have so far **awarded 24 organizations with \$92,000** in total grants. Enclosed with this newsletter is a recap of the grants we have made since the end of the fundraising campaign last September. We have two grant periods remaining this year.

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 8, 2022**. We truly hope that we can safely return to St. Pius X Parish for the upcoming reception. But we also know that, thanks to the ongoing support and goodwill of our donors, we can successfully come together virtually as we have now done two years in a row.

We are beginning to prepare for the 2022 campaign to raise much-needed financial support to continue the BCAF mission of helping others, especially during these challenging times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be reaching out to you soon to ask for your assistance and hopefully your attendance at our annual reception.

Thank you again for your support. Your gifts make it possible for others to live better lives.

Sincerely,

Anu R. Mullikin

Anu R. Mullikin, Esq
Chair



Anu R. Mullikin is the current President of Devine Millimet, one of the largest law firms in New Hampshire. Anu has been practicing law for over 30 years advising individuals and families on estate planning. In addition to serving as Chair of the BCAF, Anu is also the Vice-Chair of the Board of Catholic Charities and supports a wide number of other local charitable organizations. Anu and her husband John live in Auburn, have two young adult children, Katelyn and John, and are members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Manchester.

Pictured, left, with Bishop Peter Libasci; 2017

DO YOU KNOW?

- ~ If you know someone who you think would like to attend the Bishop's Summer Reception and help those most in need, please let us know and we will include them on our invitation list. You can e-mail their name and contact information to menglish@rcbm.org. Please put "BCAF Prospect" in the subject line.
- ~ If you know of a NH non-profit agency that works to help those most in need, encourage them to apply for a BCAF grant. Complete information on the grant application process is available at catholicnh.org/bcaf.
- ~ If you would like to hear more about the BCAF campaign and our grant recipients, join us on Facebook (facebook.com/bishopscharitableassistancefund).
- ~ Once again, the Bishop of Manchester will award the annual **Vita et Caritas Award ("For Life and Love Award")** to an individual who makes significant contributions through service to the non-profit agency where they volunteer. The award is given to someone whose work helps transform the lives of women, children and/or families, while exemplifying through their service the Gospel message to love one another. The award is given in honor of the late Ruthie Ford whose life reflected Catholic ideals and a tireless dedication to service in the cause of helping women, children or families. The recipient of the **Vita et Caritas Award** receives a special plaque and is recognized at the annual Bishop's Summer Reception. The service organization associated with the recipient receives an **award of \$2,500** to further support their good work. Nominations for the **Vita et Caritas Award** for 2022 are now being accepted. For more information, visit catholicnh.org/vca.

BCAF GRANT RECIPIENTS

The following grants, totaling **\$92,000**, were awarded between October 2021 and February 2022. Additional grants will be awarded in March and May of 2022.



Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties

Located in Concord, serves Belknap & Merrimack Counties

"I want to thank you for your considerable donation to our pantry. Winter in the North Country is not always favorable and when these kids do not have access to the necessities it can be downright miserable. Your generosity has taken that burden off their shoulders. These jackets and cold weather accessories will allow the recipients to enjoy the winter months and be kids."

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties (CAPBMI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing assistance for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals to become fully self-sufficient. Community Action Program, CAPBMI, through its local offices, senior centers, Head Start centers and low-income and elderly housing units, is a trusted source of support for over 6,000 families annually. A BCAF grant will help with purchasing winter clothing to be given to their most needy clients from the following programs: WIC, Head Start, Early Head Start, Foster Grandparents, Homeless Outreach, along with Senior Centers and five area centers.



New Hampshire Breast Cancer Coalition

Located in Hudson, serves Statewide

"Thank you for your very generous donation. As a nurse working directly with newly diagnosed Breast Cancer Patients, I see firsthand how important these donations are to assist so many women at a very challenging time in their lives."

The NH Breast Cancer Coalition was founded in 1992 as a statewide grassroots organization dedicated to advocating for NH residents with breast cancer. They work on the federal level with the National Breast Cancer Coalition to support adequate federal funding for cancer research and public policy that will help end breast cancer for all, and locally to promote awareness and assist NH residents battling breast cancer. A BCAF grant will support their Support Services Fund. This Fund provides critical financial aid to NH residents with breast cancer who are struggling to meet their basic needs because of their diagnosis.



International Institute of New England (IINE)

Located in Manchester, serves Statewide

"This grant supports our critical work welcoming and providing early stabilization services for refugees and other displaced immigrant groups. This support is putting these new arrivals on pathways to a brighter future."

IINE is a social service organization for new Americans serving nearly 3,000 refugees and immigrants annually. IINE-Manchester is part of the IINE, whose mission is to create opportunities for pathways and immigrants to succeed through resettlement, education, career advancement, and pathways to citizenship. A BCAF grant will support their Lifting Refugee and Immigrant Families Together Program and contribute to IINE's impact helping Manchester's critical foreign-born population in resettling, securing jobs, integrating, and ultimately contributing to the state's economy.



Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire

Located in Nashua, serves Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties

"The success of this program depends on donors such as yourself. With your help we are one step closer to giving these families a fighting chance to emerge from homelessness to a sustainable, independent future. We cannot thank you enough."

Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire is trying to end homelessness, one family at a time, because every child deserves a home. Through safe housing and education, Family Promise guides families as they break the cycle. They rise from homelessness to sustainable independence. A BCAF grant will help their Diversion Program, which serves families and individuals who are in crisis. The goal of the program is to prevent homelessness for families and individuals seeking shelter by helping them identify immediate alternative housing arrangements, connecting them with services and financial assistance, and help them return to permanent housing.

[Click here to review the full list of recipients.](#)