



# BISHOP'S CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE FUND

Donor Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

The headlines have been telling chilling stories of struggling non-profit agencies in our state trying to help the homeless. The economy is affecting them and stretching their resources to the maximum. Fortunately, because of your generosity last year, we have been able to help 25 organizations with \$81,000 in total grants in the last six months, since we celebrated the success of our 2022 campaign at the Bishop's Reception in early September.

Your gift to the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund has made a difference in the lives of so many of our fellow citizens. I am attaching a summary of what we have done to date. Please note that this is just a partial list because we are in the process of reviewing new grant requests and will be able to help more organizations before our 2023 campaign officially begins.

I am very pleased to share with you that we have a new board member, Lisa Walker, from Manchester. Lisa and her husband, Alex, have been helping the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund raise money for the last four years. For the past year, Lisa has also been helping us review all the grant applications we have received. We welcome Lisa and look forward to working with her for years to come.

As we move toward summer, we also begin to prepare for the 2023 campaign to raise the support we need to continue the mission of helping others. This year, Bishop Libasci has asked Sean and Liz Feren to serve as co-chairs. They are already reimagining the reception and making plans for a successful campaign. They will be in touch soon to ask for your assistance and participation.

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**. The Annual Bishop's Summer Reception to benefit the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund will be held at a new location this year: Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash Street in Manchester, 5-8 pm. Also, look for our newsletter to arrive in June and the invitation to the reception in July.

**Thank you for your loyal support to our cause. Your gifts make it possible for others to live better lives.**

Sincerely,

**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 more than 30 years, advising individuals and families on estate planning. In addition to serving as Chair of the BCAF, Anu also just completed a 6 year term on 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 in 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](mailto: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. Detailed information on the grant application process is available at [catholicnh.org/bcaf](http://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](https://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, and 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 2023 are now being accepted. For more information, visit [catholicnh.org/vca](http://catholicnh.org/vca).

## BCAF GRANT RECIPIENTS

The following grants, totaling **\$81,000**, were awarded between October 2022 and February 2023. Additional grants will be awarded in March and May of 2023.

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



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