



# BISHOP'S CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE FUND

Donor Newsletter

WINTER 2024

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 can do something about these challenges. Bishop Libasci and the Board of Directors have reviewed many grant applications since we celebrated the success of our 2023 campaign at the Bishop's Reception in early September. So far, we have awarded 36 organizations with \$115,850 in total grants.

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 including a short recap of the grants we have given 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 2024 campaign officially begins.

As we move toward summer, we also begin to prepare for the 2024 campaign to raise the support we need to continue the mission of helping others. Once again, Bishop Libasci has asked Sean and Liz Feren to serve as co-chairs. They are already planning another outstanding 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 **Tuesday, September 10, 2024**. The Annual Bishop's Summer Reception to benefit the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund will be held once again at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash Street in Manchester, 5:30-8:30 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*  
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 also 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 with Bishop Peter Libasci in 2017.*

## JOIN OUR EFFORTS!

- Add someone to the Bishop's Summer Reception invitation list by e-mailing their name and contact information to [menglish@rcbm.org](mailto:menglish@rcbm.org). Please put "BCAF Prospect" in the subject line.
- Encourage a NH non-profit agency that helps those most in need to apply for a BCAF grant at [catholicnh.org/bcaf](http://catholicnh.org/bcaf).
- Like us on [Facebook@diocesefmanchester](https://www.facebook.com/diocesefmanchester) to learn more about the BCAF and its grant recipients.
- Nominate someone whose work helps transform the lives of individuals and families in NH for the *Vita et Caritas Award* ("For Life and Love"). 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 2024 are now being accepted at [catholicnh.org/vca](http://catholicnh.org/vca).
- Learn more about planned giving, also referred to as gift planning or legacy giving, for the BCAF by contacting Melanie English at 603-663-0166 or [menglish@rcbm.org](mailto:menglish@rcbm.org).

## BCAF GRANT RECIPIENTS

The following grants, totaling **\$115,850**, were awarded between October 2023 and January 2024. Additional grants will be awarded in March and May of 2024.

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



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