



## 2021 Community Grant Recipients

Congratulations to our 2021 Community Grant Recipients!

Each recipient embodies the mission of Alliance Catholic Foundation – improving the overall quality of life in the communities we serve. We are honored to provide financial support to help these organizations make our community a better place.

### YouthWorks-Detroit - \$2,000

#### **Purpose: Transportation Capital Campaign**

YouthWorks-Detroit (YWD) unites diverse people to holistically support our city's youth through focused prayer, intentional after school programming and committed mentoring relationships. Alliance Catholic Foundation supported YWD by providing a grant to help purchase two 15-passenger vans to support various program/outreach activities.

One YWD worker says, "This year despite the barriers presented by COVID, we have seen significant breakthroughs in our programs. Hearts are being changed leaders are being raised community is being formed and the Gospel is being preached and received. One of the defining markers of YWD is the lengths to which we go in pursuing our kids. For numerous reasons our young people are often moving to new addresses and consistently without reliable means to get to and from our programs. At most organizations this would simply mean allowing young people to fall through the cracks. But at YWD we pursue them all the more. This takes considerable time energy and resources but we believe it beautifully incarnates Jesus' desire for His people to leave the 99 in pursuit of the 1."



## Catholic Community Response Team - \$2,000

### Purpose: Getting Ahead Programs

Catholic Community Response Team (CCRT) provides direct, referral and support services to those with basic and crisis needs living within the City of Pontiac. To provide this support, CCRT seeks to build a bridge between the Pontiac community and the surrounding area, which consists of more prosperous suburbs. It does this by seeking financial support, and utilizing volunteer expertise and manpower found in Pontiac, the Vicariate and other parishes and community churches and organizations. Alliance Catholic Foundation provided a grant to fund one year of "Getting Ahead" and "Getting Ahead while Getting Out" classes.

These programs are committed to listening to the voices of Pontiac neighbors who are experiencing poverty while also making sure that they have an opportunity to actively engage with each other and discuss what they are doing to build their resources, or to support others in the group, or to solve problems in the community which means that they are participating in the transformation of their world.



## Livingston County Catholic Charities - \$1,000

### Purpose: Christmas Blessing Project

The Mission of Livingston County Catholic Charities is the work of the Catholic Church to share the love of Christ by performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Alliance Catholic Foundation provided a grant to support the 2021 Christmas Blessing Project, whereby nearly 200 seniors are provided help with basic necessities and shown the love of Christ. According to LCCC, "the seniors share with our staff and volunteers involved in this project that they feel forgotten during the Christmas season and this project shares the love of Christ and makes them feel loved and not forgotten."

