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**Christian Financial Outreach & Impact Foundation Empowers Local Community with Grant Distributions**

Awardees included MCREST, Faith Works Michigan, Macomb County Habitat for Humanity, among others.

**Sterling Heights, Mich., (May 29, 2024)** – Christian Financial Credit Union (CFCU) is proud to announce recent grant awards from its Outreach & Impact Foundation to local organizations. Through these grants, CFCU reaffirms its commitment to supporting initiatives that uplift and empower individuals and families across metro Detroit.

The following organizations were selected as recipients of the Christian Financial Credit Union Outreach & Impact Foundation grants in spring 2024:

* **MCREST** (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team): $10,000 to assist MCREST in their efforts to provide shelter, meals, and support services to women and children experiencing homelessness in Macomb County.
* **Macomb County Habitat for Humanity**: $6,000 in funding to renovate bathrooms and bedrooms in a current build project in Eastpointe.
* **Habitat for Humanity Detroit**: $5,200 to help rehab a home in Detroit.
* **Faith Works Michigan**: $3,500 to purchase and install a wheelchair-accessible ramp for a local resident with disabilities.
* **St. Faustina Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Detroit**: A grant of $2,000 to replenish the church’s food pantry.

In addition to the financial contribution, Christian Financial volunteers will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity Detroit and Macomb County Habitat for Humanity to assist with two build projects in metro Detroit in summer 2024.

These grants reflect Christian Financial Credit Union’s ongoing dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of those within the community. By supporting organizations that share its values of stable housing, improving quality of life, empowering the next generation and financial wellness, CFCU continues to fulfill its mission of enriching lives and building brighter futures for all.

“Affordable and stable housing is a core tenant of our Foundation’s mission, and we were able to partner with several organizations this year to help make this a reality for more metro Detroit residents,” said Christine Quitter, director of business development and community outreach at Christian Financial. “At CFCU, we believe in the power of collaboration and are committed to working together with local organizations to address critical needs and create positive change.”

MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) provides meals, lodging, life skills training and emergency shelter year-round to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Macomb County. With a focus on both the immediate need and long-term success, MCREST provides the opportunity for displaced individuals to successfully transition to independence.

“This generous grant from Christian Financial Credit Union will significantly bolster our efforts to provide vital support to individuals experiencing homelessness in Macomb County,” said April Fidler, executive director of MCREST. “With this funding, we can continue to offer shelter, meals and essential services, helping those in need find stability and hope.”

Macomb County Habitat for Humanity helps families build strength, stability, and independence through affordable home ownership. Building community for nearly 30 years, Macomb County Habitat for Humanity creates, preserves, and promotes affordable home ownership in Macomb County by constructing affordable homes and repairing homes for income-qualified homeowners and seniors.

Habitat for Humanity Detroit’s vision is to create a world where everyone has a safe and secure place to live. Through initiatives like the Habitat Homeownership program and the Critical Home Repair Initiative, they provide families and neighbors in need with the safe and affordable housing they deserve.

Faith Works Michigan improves and repairs homes for those in need, creating safer and more usable living spaces. Faith Works’s mission is to help veterans, elderly individuals, single parents, and individuals with disabilities with critical home repairs or adaptive modifications.

St. Faustina Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Detroit’s food pantry serves around 60 families per month, in addition to supporting families in need with rent and utility assistance.

To date, the Christian Financial Credit Union Outreach & Impact Foundation has awarded $107,200 to area nonprofits. The Foundation actively seeks nonprofit organizations aligned with these priorities.

**About the Christian Financial Credit Union Outreach & Impact Foundation**

The Christian Financial Credit Union Outreach & Impact Foundation exists to support families of all kinds in the communities we serve, through stable housing, improved quality of life, financial well-being, and empowerment of the next generation. The mission will be accomplished through charitable contributions to organizations that support our four strategic initiatives. The Foundation is focused on the communities served by Christian Financial Credit Union, including Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, and St. Clair counties. To learn more about the Christian Financial Credit Union Outreach & Impact Foundation, or to apply for a grant, visit christianfinancialcu.org/foundation.

**About Christian Financial Credit Union**

Christian Financial Credit Union began more than 70 years ago as St. Jude Parish Credit Union in Detroit and has since grown to serve 60,000 members with more than $828 million in assets. Today, membership at Christian Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, or St. Clair counties. Christian Financial offers high-quality, high-value products and services to promote convenience, trust, and personal service for members. The credit union offers comprehensive financial services beyond typical retail consumer services through ownership of a mortgage company and a commercial loan company. In September 2019, the credit union built its new headquarters in Sterling Heights, Michigan to accommodate its rapid growth in serving residents of metro Detroit. For more information, visit [christianfinancialcu.com](https://www.christianfinancialcu.com).

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