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**Christian Financial Outreach & Impact Foundation Awards $26,563 in Grants to Local Nonprofits**

Awardees included Griot Initiative, Clinton River Watershed Council, and Paws with a Cause

**Sterling Heights, Mich., (Feb. 25, 2025)** – The Christian Financial Credit Union Outreach & Impact Foundation today announced its latest round of grant awards to local organizations that make a significant impact on the region. These grants reflect the Foundation’s continued commitment to supporting programs that promote financial well-being, quality of life and empowering the next generation.

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

* **Paws with a Cause**: $2,500 towards custom dog training for people with disabilities.
* **Turning Point**: $1,000 to help expand Turning Point’s emergency shelter occupancy.
* **Motor City Mitten Mission**: $1,000 to purchase mobile wi-fi hot spots for individuals experiencing homelessness in the city of Detroit.
* **MI Cookie Project**: $1,000 to help offset the operational cost of producing baked goods for those with intellectual disabilities and autism.
* **Sacred Heart Major Seminary**: $7,500 in matching funds for the Seminary’s Giving Heart Day, with the goal of forming priests, deacons and lay leaders.
* **Family Tree**: $1,000 to provide uniforms and assistance with the nonprofit’s after school enrichment program for low income children.
* **Goddess Great**: $500 for three community baby shower events, providing baby supplies for expectant mothers.
* **Chosen Fertility Group**: $500 in grant funds towards programs for individuals facing infertility.
* **Haven Homes**: $2,500 towards basic needs for women leaving human trafficking and entering the Haven Homes program.
* **House of Angels 1 Inc.:** $1,000 to enable workshops and seminars for individuals facing domestic violence or mental health issues.
* **Griot Initiative**: $2,500 supporting the Young Griots Visual Storytelling Workshop, which teaches the fundamentals of storytelling to students from low-income neighborhoods.
* **Aktive Minds Foundation**: $500.00 towards programs for youth that incorporate sports, character development and life skills.
* **Clinton River Watershed Council**: $3,063 to fund cleaning supplies for the CRWC’s Keeping-It-Clean program.
* **St. Faustina Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Detroit**: A grant of $2,000 to replenish the church’s food pantry.

These grants demonstrate the Foundation’s dedication to fostering a better future through support for organizations that serve the diverse needs of the community. With these contributions, the Christian Financial Outreach and Impact Foundation continues to make a positive difference, ensuring resources are available for those who need them most. By supporting organizations that share their 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.

“We are honored to support these impactful organizations and their tireless work in our community,” said Christine Quitter, director of business development and community outreach at Christian Financial. “These grants are a part of our ongoing commitment to making an impact and a tangible difference in the lives of individuals and families across metro Detroit.”

“We are incredibly grateful to the Christian Financial Credit Union Outreach and Impact Foundation for their generous support of our work,” says Jennifer Hill, executive director of the Clinton River Watershed Council. “This grant will help us continue our mission to protect, enhance and celebrate the Clinton River, its watershed, and Lake St. Clair. Together we are making a meaningful impact toward a healthier environment for current and future generations.”

To date, the Christian Financial Credit Union Outreach & Impact Foundation has awarded $169,913 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 75 years ago as St. Jude Parish Credit Union in Detroit and has since grown to serve nearly 60,000 members with more than $901 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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