



Thanks Mom & Dad Fund Announces New Grants

(Atlanta, February 17, 2016) -- The Thanks Mom & Dad Fund today announced its latest round of grants to fill service gaps and provide emergency aid for vulnerable older Georgians. The grants will support needs ranging from rent and utility assistance to special dietary meals to care for frail and homebound seniors, and more.

At a reception for donors, grantees and trustees at the offices of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, the 2016 grants were awarded to seven nonprofit organizations:

- The **Center for the Visually Impaired** for educational sessions for seniors grappling with failing or limited vision to more fully enable them to better navigate the world around them.
- **Clarkston Community Center** for English literacy educational materials targeted to adult learners providing instruction in culturally specific linguistic traditions for senior refugees.
- **Clifton Sanctuary Ministries** for special dietary meals for the growing number of homeless seniors at the shelter who are receiving counseling and case management and working toward self-sufficiency.
- **Decatur Cooperative Ministry** for rent and utility assistance to avert housing crises and prevent homelessness for low income seniors in the Seniors Take Charge program.
- **Golden Harvest Food Bank** in Augusta to provide the Senior Food Box program to improve the nutritional status of home-delivered meal recipients.
- **Senior Services North Fulton** to provide client families with self-directed respite options through the caregiver respite voucher program allowing formal caregivers to step in for an hour or two to provide families the much needed time away from the intensity of caregiving.
- **Senior Citizens Council of Greater Augusta** for the expansion of the *Senior Companion* program mobilizing seniors living in or near poverty to “work” with frail seniors and assist those who are homebound or in need of assistance.

“The Thanks Mom & Dad Fund is pleased to make grants that address significant unmet needs and make a tremendous difference for older adults and caregivers,” said Maureen Kelly, president of the fund. “We remain committed to identifying and filling service gaps across the state.”

Almost 100 people attended the event, which included a special posthumous tribute to Stan Klaus, a founding board member who was dedicated in his support for the Thanks Mom & Dad Fund®.

About the Thanks Mom & Dad Fund

The Thanks Mom & Dad Fund® is a 501(c)3 organization that honors parents, grandparents and mentors by financially supporting programs and services that improve their quality of life by filling service gaps. or senior adults by raising funds to fill the service gaps for the growing number of older adults.

Through ongoing fundraising and grantmaking, the fund seeks to engage the public in support for such programs through greater awareness and promotion of the vital services provided by agencies serving older adults.

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