

Archdiocese of Dubuque new matching grant program

Harvest of Blessings round two recipients

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DUBUQUE — Through the generosity of many private contributions, the Archdiocese of Dubuque and Catholic Charities are happy to announce funding for an additional 26 parish and parochial school based projects ranging from food bank programs to service trips and outreach programs for families in need, in the second round of applications. A total of 71 projects have now been funded, between rounds one and two in the first year of the

revised program. The new approach to a long-standing program has been a positive move towards building bridges between those in need and supportive communities, specifically local parishes. A total of \$34,405 was distributed as matching grants of up to \$500 per parish or parochial schools, for projects accomplishing the program's main goals of supporting programs that address poverty reduction, create systemic change and encourage relationships among those in need and supportive communities.

Harvest of Blessings has been a program of the Archdiocese of Dubuque for many years and was historically known for holiday season financial support to individuals. In an effort to refocus the long-standing program toward the origi-

nal goals of building ongoing relationships between individuals in need and their parish, and to reach a broader geographic area of the archdiocese, the matching grant program was initiated. This approach allows parishes to make local decisions about how to support those in need in their parish and the broader communities they serve. By pooling Harvest of Blessings funds with the parish's own funds, more help may be provided in a more meaningful way.

The following programs were awarded grants in the second round of funding for the Harvest of Blessings program. For a complete list, including round-one recipients, visit our website: www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/get-involved/harvest-of-blessings/

Harvest of Blessings parish grants

Parish/School Name	City	Harvest of Blessings Project/Program	Award
St. Isidore CC/SH & Visitation Parishes	Osage	Catholic Heart Workcamp Service Trip to Memphis, Tenn.	\$500
Regis Middle School	Cedar Rapids	Catholic Heart Workcamp to Denver, Colo.	\$500
St. Francis Xavier Parish	Belmond	Appalachian Household, toys, coats and clothing drive	\$200
Assumption of the BVM	Little Turkey	Youth Ministry Works of Faith Projects	\$500
St. Patrick Parish	Clear Lake	Capital Campaign — Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank	\$500
St. Athanasius	Jesup	Home Heat Assistance	\$500
Circle of Saints Cluster	Tama	Youth San Luis, Colorado Service Trip	\$500
Sacred Heart Parish	Rockwell	Ministerial Fund	\$500
St. Edward Catholic Parish	Waterloo	Blanket Program	\$235
Queen of Peace	Waterloo	Community Meals	\$500
Blessed Sacrament	Waterloo	Food Bags for Students for Christmas break	\$500
St. Columbkille	Dubuque	International Mission Sites in Ghana, Africa	\$500
St. Boniface	Ionia	New Chair Lifts	\$500
St. Mary Parish	Greene	Parish Nurse Program	\$500
Trinity Cluster/St. Patrick, St. Bridget, St. Mary	Monona	Caring Cradle	\$500
St. John the Baptist	Mount Vernon	Kids Against Hunger	\$500
St. Joseph the Worker	Dubuque	International Mission Sites in Ghana, Africa	\$500
St. Mary Parish	Strawberry Point	St. Mary's Food Pantry	\$500
St. Isidore the Farmer	Springville	Operation Back Pack	\$500
St. John Parish	Delhi	Haiti Donation Project — Shipping Assistance	\$500
Sacred Heart Parish	Oxford Junction	Holy Land Military Rosary	\$500
St. Henry	Marshalltown	Human Trafficking Awareness Presentation	\$500
St. Patrick	Cedar Rapids	A Hand Up	\$500
All Saints School	Cedar Rapids	Books for Haiti	\$500
The Church of the Resurrection	Dubuque	Youth Mission Trip to Quito, Ecuador	\$500
Holy Family Parish	Reinbeck	Community Garden	\$220
Total Round Two Grants Awarded			\$12,155