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Phillies Press Releases

# In Honor of #GivingTuesday, Phillies Charities, Inc. Recognizes 2018 Community Heroes

Dozens of organizations to be honored on Thursday, December 6, for helping those in need; awarded more than \$2 million in Phillies Charities, Inc. grants to ensure that community efforts continue



Ordinary people doing extraordinary things in their communities are getting some much-deserved recognition.

In honor of #GivingTuesday, Phillies Charities, Inc. is saluting dozens of local charities and organizations who are making an impact in the Phillies' major league and minor league communities. All of these community heroes (listed below) will be honored for their charitable efforts on Thursday, December 6, at the Phillies Charities, Inc. Holiday Giving Party at Citizens Bank Park. This special event will also recognize those who were selected to receive a 2018 Phillies Charities, Inc. grant, distributed so that their community efforts could continue.

"There are many charities in our communities doing commendable work to improve the lives of others," said John Weber, President, Phillies Charities, Inc. "Through the support of our fans, Phillies Charities is able to enhance the efforts of these charitable organizations providing vital services to individuals and families in need."

In the past year, Phillies Charities, Inc. awarded more than \$2 million to charitable organizations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and in areas near the Phillies minor league affiliates as well as in the hometowns of uniformed personnel. Phillies Charities, Inc. serves as the fundraising arm of the Phillies organization and awards grants to a variety of charitable organizations each year. For more information on Phillies Charities, Inc. please visit www.phillies.com/community.

2018 Phillies Charities, Inc. Honorees & Grant Recipients

# Adoption Center PA Philadelphia, PA

The Adoption Center expands adoption opportunities for children living in foster care and is a resource to families and agencies that seek the permanency of caring homes for children. For additional information, visit www.adopt.org.

The ALS Association, Greater Philadelphia Area &

Philadelphia, PA Baton

### Louisiana-Mississippi Chapter

Rouge, LA

The ALS Association is leading the fight to treat and cure amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) through global research and nationwide advocacy while also empowering people with Lou Gehrig's Disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support. For more information, visit www.alsphiladelphia.org.

# **Athletes with Disabilities Network Northeast Chapter**

Moorestown, NJ

The Athletes with Disabilities Network North East Chapter promotes a better quality of life for veterans and people with physical disabilities by creating awareness and opportunities to get involved with athletic, recreational, and educational activities. For additional information, visit www.adnnec.org.

#### **Barnstone Art for Kids**

Phoenixville,

Barnstone Art for Kids pairs children who have suffered multiple adverse childhood experiences with compassionate mentors in small groups to deliver a trauma informed resilience program, The Power of Art. For additional information, visit www.barnstoneartforkids.org.

# **Bethesda Project**

Philadelphia, PA

Bethesda Project operates 14 sites throughout Center City Philadelphia for individual adults experiencing homelessness. These sites range from emergency shelter to supportive housing to independent living spaces, including Our Brother's Place. For more information, visit www.bethesdaproject.org.

#### Bringing Hope Home, Inc.

Malvern, PA

Bringing Hope Home provides Unexpected Amazingness to local Families with cancer through financial and emotional support. For more information, visit www.bringinghopehome.org.

# **Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ)**

Toms River, NJ

CVCJ is an interfaith nonprofit agency dedicated to providing supportive services to seniors, veterans, the elderly disabled, individuals with dementia, and caregivers of loved ones with chronic illness, enabling them to live independently and with dignity in their own homes. For additional iformation, visit www.caregivervolunteers.org.

#### **Daemion Counseling Center Inc**

Berwyn, PA

Daemion Counseling Center is a grass-roots, community-based mental health counseling center, serving clients in southeastern Pennsylvania. For additional information, visit www.daemioncounseling.org.

#### **Danny's Farm Foundation**

Altadena, CA

Danny's Farm offers a safe and nurturing petting farm and social environment for children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. They also provide meaningful employment opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to help them reach their fullest potential by developing special skills through their work and mentoring. For more information, visit www.dannysfarm.org.

# The Delaware Valley Children's Charity

West Chester, PA

The Delaware Valley Children's Charity is dedicated to bringing relief and assistance to children and families in need throughout the Delaware Valley. For additional information, visit www.dvcconline.org.

#### Destined for A Dream Foundation, Inc.

Bristol, PA

The Destined for A Dream Foundation works closely with disadvantaged youth to teach and build leadership, discipline, self-esteem, teamwork, healthy lifestyles and professional development through workshops, seminars, camps, literacy awareness and other activites. For more information, visit www.destinedforadream.com.

#### **ESF Dream Camp Foundation**

Bryn Mawr, PA

The ESF Dream Camp Foundation transforms the lives of underserved youth through innovative year-long programs that teach children to create successful pathways for themselves. For additional information, visit www.esfdreamcamp.org.

#### **Expressive Path**

Norristown,

PA

Expressive Path provides free creative art workshops for at-risk adolescents in schools and centers where there are no existing programs or a shortage of help due to cuts in the arts. For additional information, visit www.expressivepath.org.

#### Family Promise of Lycoming County

Williamsport,

PA

In response to homelessness, Family Promise of Lycoming County brings the faith community together to help families regain their housing, their independence, and their dignity. For more information, visit www.familypromiselycoming.org.

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#### The Fiaria Project

Doylestown, PA

The Fiara Project supports foster families in need with "transition kits," providing foster children with essential clothing, toiletries and other basic items. For more information, visit www.fiaria.org.

# **Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation**

Philadelphia, PA

The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation focuses on four programs: The Legion of Honor Award Program, The Dr. Fred K. Honigman Annual National Student Scholarship Competition for students, The Veterans Outreach Program and The Emergency Chaplain & First Responder Chaplain Programs. For more information, visit www.fourchaplains.org.

# **Funny Farm Rescue Animal Sanctuary**

Mays Landing, NJ

Funny Farm is a 15-acre privately owned farm that provides food, shelter, medical care, compassion and love to over 500 unwanted farm animals, domesticated animals and animals with special needs for the rest of their natural lives in a permanent, safe and healthy environment. For more information, visit www.funnyfarmrescue.org.

# **Helping Hand Rescue Mission (Philly Restart)**

Philadelphia, PA

Philly Restart is under the umbrella of the Helping Hand Rescue Mission. Philly Restart serves meals to the homeless on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and helps them to obtain proper state identification. For more information, visit www.helpinghandphilly.org.

# **Judith Creed Horizons for Achieving Independence (JCHAI)**

Bryn Mawr, PA

JCHAI encourages and assists individuals with disabilities to develop their independence, work skills and daily living skills, while their lives are enriched with an array of opportunities to be active within the greater community. For more information, visit www.jchai.org.

#### Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund

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Washington, PA

The Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund lightens the burdens and lifts the spirits of families caring for children with serious illnesses, disabilities, and injuries, while respecting the pride and dignity of families in need. For additional information, visit

www.dolanfund.org.

#### **Laurel House**

Norristown, PA

Laurel House is a comprehensive domestic violence agency, providing supportive and preventative services throughout Montgomery County, committed to ending domestic violence in each life, home and community. For additional information, visit www.laurel-house.org.

#### LiveConnections

Philadelphia, PA

LiveConnections specializes in music education, arts accessibility and collaborative concerts for over 38,000 participants through educational Bridge Sessions and in-school residencies. For more information, visit www.liveconnections.org.

# Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia Inc.

Philadelphia, PA

Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia Inc. creates services that respond to the needs of those who are poor in the North Philadelphia community, especially women, children and persons with special needs. For more information, visit www.mercyneighbors.org.

# **Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance (MANNA)**

Philadelphia, PA

MANNA uses nutrition to improve health and quality of life for people with serious illnesses by providing medically tailored meals and education. For more information, visit www.mannapa.org.

# Muscular Dystrophy Association Greater Philadelphia (MDA)

Philadelphia, PA

MDA is leading the fight to free individuals - and the families who love them - from the harm of muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle-debilitating diseases that take away physical strength, independence and life. For more information, visit www.mda.org.

#### **Natural Lands**

Media, PA

Natural Lands saves open space, cares for nature and connects people to the outdoors in eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. For more information, visit www.natlands.org.

#### **New Hope Philly**

Philadelphia, PA New Hope Philly assists men that have successfully completed a recovery program by providing free life skills workshops that teach budgeting skills, resume writing, job interview preparation and studying for GED exams. For additional information, visit www.newhopephilly.com.

# **North Light Community Center**

Philadelphia,

The North Light Community Center enables people of all ages and abilities in the community to reach their full potential as productive and responsible citizens through initiatives that support and enrich children, teens and families. For additional information, visit www.northlightcommunitycenter.org.

# Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's Church

East

Camden, NJ

The Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's Church is an all-volunteer effort with no state, federal or reimbursement funding, directly serving the destitute in East Camden, NJ. For additional information, visit www.opendoorcliniccamden.org.

# **Our Lady of Angels Regional Catholic School**

Morton, PA

After rebuilding from a devastating fire, Our Lady of Angels Regional School continues its academic excellence which rigorously prepares students to be contributing members of the global community. For more information, visit www.ourladyofangelsmorton.org.

### The Pennsylvania SPCA (PSPCA)

Philadelphia,

PA

The PSPCA rescues animals from cruelty and neglect, rehabilitates them medically and behaviorally and places them with new, loving families. For more information, visit www.pspca.org.

#### **Philabundance**

Philadelphia, PA

Philabundance provides food to approximately 90,000 people per week - of which 30 percent are children and 15 percent are senior citizens - through a network of nearly 350-member agencies including food cupboards, shelters, emergency kitchens and more. For more information, visit www.philabundance.org.

#### Philadelphia Orchard Project

Philadelphia, PA

Philadelphia Orchard Project works with community-based groups and volunteers to plan and plant orchards filled with useful and edible plants. For additional information, visit www.phillvorchards.org.

# Philadelphia Robotics Coalition

Philadelphia, PA

The Philadelphia Robotics Coalition connects public high school's with financial resources and mentors to start and sustain robotics programs. For additional information, visit www.roboticscoalition.org.

# Philadelphia Youth Sports Collaborative

Philadelphia, PA

The Philadelphia Youth Sports Collaborative enhances the capacity of youth-serving organizations in Philadelphia to provide high quality, sports-based youth development programs to children in every community. For additional information, visit www.pysc.org.

# Police Athletic League of Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA

The Police Athletic League of Philadelphia aspires to be the premier youth-serving organization in the city, by reducing crime, promoting character development, and improving educational outcomes. Philadelphia Police Officers, supported by civilians, offer sports and other programs to youth in 17 centers in some of the city's highest crime and lowest income neighborhoods. The Phillies have adopted "Ford PAL Center." For more information, visit www.phillypal.org.

#### The Richie Ashburn-Harry Kalas Foundation

Blue Bell, PA

The Richie Ashburn-Harry Kalas Baseball Foundation gives children in the city and suburbs of Philadelphia the opportunity to learn the art of baseball by offering free camps throughout the area. For more information, visit www.ashburnkalasfoundation.org.

#### Shockers Youth Sports Development, Inc.

Schererville, IN

Shockers Youth Sports Development, Inc. is a baseball program focused on providing a positive learning environment that encourages sportsmanship, teamwork and quality training to the youth of Northwest Indiana. For more information, visit www.indianashockers.com.

#### SLAMT1D, Inc.

Williston, VT

SLAMT1D is committed to helping those affected by Type 1 diabetes (T1D) to live life in full by empowering, educating and connecting through backyard team sports played with a big-time vibe. For additional information, visit www.slamt1d.org.

### **Supportive Older Women's Network (SOWN)**

Philadelphia, PA SOWN provides innovative solutions for adults 50+ to lead independent, healthy lives and age in place in their homes and communities. For more information, visit www.sown.org.

#### **Team Foster**

Philadelphia, PA

Team Foster raises money to partner service dogs with tri-state area veterans suffering from combat-related disabilities including post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. For more information, visit **www.teamfoster.org**.

# **Tug McGraw Foundation**

Yountville, CA

The Tug McGraw Foundation provides resources and hands-on support, fosters understanding, promotes awareness, and stimulates research and scientific collaboration to improve quality of life for people with brain-related trauma and tumors. For more information, visit www.tugmcgraw.org.

#### Worthwhile Wear

Pipersville, PA

Worthwhile Wear exists to reach and restore women affected by human trafficking, both internationally and in the U.S., and to help prevent girls from ever entering it. For more information, visit www.worthwhilewear.org.

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