

GIVING CIRCLE *(Continued from page 1)*

Community
Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish, Phoenix, \$35,000
Queen of Peace Roman Catholic School, \$35,000

Community – Music
FiAt Productions, Inc., \$35,000
St. John Bosco School, \$20,500
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, \$15,000

Life
Hope Pregnancy Resource Center, \$12,000
Christ the Child Society of Phoenix, \$15,000

The organizations selected this year represent a wide range of ministries working to strengthen parishes, support families, enrich worship through sacred music, and provide care to those most in

need across Arizona. “We are truly blessed to be able to continue providing healing through God’s love and restoring dignity to uninsured patients across the valley,” said Mission of Mercy Executive Director, Paula Carvalho. Since its founding in 2015, the Giving Circle has awarded more than \$1.6 million to ministries advancing care, community, and life. Through the faithful stewardship and prudent long-term investment of the Foundation’s Forever Funds endowments, sustainable grant support is made possible each year, ensuring that ministries across Arizona can continue their work for generations to come.

Those interested in learning more about the Giving Circle, applying for a future grant, or becoming a member can visit ccfphx.org/givingcircle.

Stewarding Resources to Permanently Improve Lives

Catholic Charities Community Services expands its partnership with the Catholic Community Foundation

For generations, Catholic ministries have carried out Christ’s call to serve the most vulnerable in our communities. Among those ministries, Catholic Charities Community Services has long stood as a visible sign of compassion and care, accompanying individuals and families facing poverty, violence, displacement, and crisis across Arizona. Guided by its mission of helping the community’s most vulnerable with solutions that permanently improve lives, Catholic Charities works each day to restore dignity and stability for those in need.

Since 2006, Catholic Charities has partnered with the Catholic Community Foundation through an endowment fund, now totaling \$1.95 million, established to support its mission. Building on nearly two decades of collaboration, the Foundation is honored to deepen its partnership with Catholic Charities through a significant new investment in establishing a Catholic Savings Account.

In December 2025, Catholic Charities transferred \$5 million of investment funds to start a Catholic Savings Account. The account is allocated across two investment options within the program, allowing the organization to steward its resources in a way that supports both ongoing ministry and long-term financial stability.

“After a rigorous nationwide review of financial firms, we chose the Catholic Community Foundation for its deep ties to the Catholic community, sound investment strategy, and demonstrated fiscal responsibility. We trust them to steward our donors’ gifts with integrity now and into the future. Through this partnership, we are creating a lasting source of support that will allow us to continue serving those most in need with compassion,



dignity, and hope,” said Paul Mulligan, President and CEO of Catholic Charities.

Catholic Savings Accounts provide Catholic parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries with a secure and mission-aligned place to steward their financial resources. For Catholic Charities, this investment reflects a commitment not only to sound financial stewardship but also to sustaining the works of mercy that define its mission.

Through their Catholic Savings Account, the resources entrusted to Catholic Charities continue to support its life-changing ministries while benefiting from the professional investment management and oversight of the Foundation.

The Foundation remains grateful for the opportunity to partner with Catholic Charities in its work of bringing hope, dignity, and compassionate care to our neighbors. Through faithful stewardship and shared mission, these resources will continue to serve those most in need for years to come.

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Giving Circle Awards Record \$207,500 to Local Nonprofits

The Catholic Community Foundation celebrated a milestone year for its Giving Circle grant program, awarding a record \$207,500 in grant funding to nine nonprofit organizations across Arizona during the 2026 Giving Circle grant cycle. This marks the largest total amount granted and the highest number of recipient organizations in the program’s history.

Each year, the Giving Circle brings together members who share a commitment to identifying and highlighting the perceived needs in our community. During this year’s Pitch Day in January, 20 organizations were invited to present their missions and funding needs. Following the presentations, Giving Circle members prayerfully considered the requests and voted to direct grant funding to



organizations aligned with the Foundation’s core pillars of focus of care, community, and life.

“This year’s grants were made possible through the prayerful discernment of our Giving Circle members and the stability of our Forever Funds endowments,” said Deacon James Carabajal, CEO of the Catholic Community Foundation. “By pairing collective generosity with long-term investment, we

are able to strengthen ministries not just for today, but for generations to come.”

2026 Giving Circle Grant Recipients
Care
Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Parish, \$25,000
Mission of Mercy, \$15,000

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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

He is risen! He is risen, indeed. We join our Catholic brothers and sisters around the world proclaiming the joyful truth at the heart of our faith. The Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, is the source of our hope and the gift of the new life made possible through Him.

As followers of Christ, we are called to carry that hope into the world. The message of Easter does not end with the celebration of the Resurrection; it continues through the way we live our faith each day. Through acts of compassion, generosity, and service, we share the Love of Christ with those around us.

Across our communities, we see this work lived out through the faithful service of parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. Their commitment to serving others reflects the heart of the Gospel and offers tangible signs of hope to those who need it most.

In recent months, we have had the opportunity to encounter this more directly by journeying across the Valley and beyond, from gatherings in Prescott Valley to the West Valley communities of Sun City and Sun City West. Through nine “Get Your Affairs in Order” seminars and four parish and school endowment drives, we have met

individuals and families seeking to steward their resources with faith and intention. These moments of connection remind us that generosity often begins with a conversation and grows through a shared commitment to the Church and its future.

At the Catholic Community Foundation, we are grateful to walk alongside all who share in this calling. Through faithful stewardship and generosity, we help ensure that the work of the Church continues to serve communities both now and for generations to come, bringing hope and stability to those most in need.

We recently gathered for our 35th Gala Celebration, bringing together friends of the Foundation in fellowship and gratitude. It was an opportunity to celebrate the ministries that serve our neighbors and to support the work that continues to bring Christ’s care into our community. I look forward to sharing the impact of the evening soon.

Thank you for the many ways you support our Church and its mission. May the Joy of Christ continue to guide and inspire us in the work ahead.

James Carabajal
Deacon James Carabajal

Building Capacity for Inclusion in Catholic Schools

The Matthew 19:14 Project Expands Impact Through Formation and Support

Each year, Catholic schools strive to provide an education rooted in faith, truth, and dignity for every child. Yet for many schools, serving students with diverse learning needs requires additional training, resources, and support.

The Matthew 19:14 Project (TMP) was founded to meet that need, helping Catholic schools build the capacity to welcome and support all learners. Grounded in Christ’s words, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,” the organization equips educators with the specialized tools and teacher training necessary to provide a high-quality, Catholic education to all learners.

That work was strengthened in a significant way through an early partnership with the Catholic Community Foundation.

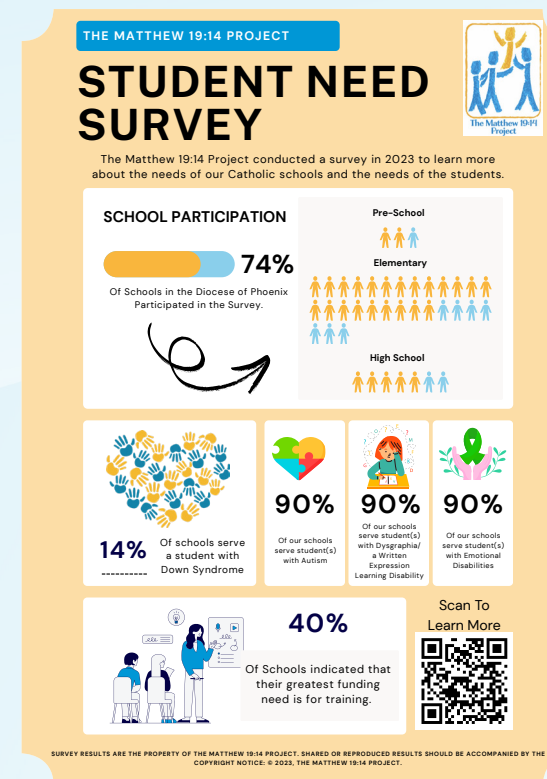
In 2015, the Foundation awarded TMP a \$40,000 Giving Circle grant. That initial investment provided specialized

toolkits to Catholic schools across the Diocese of Phoenix, equipping teachers and principals with specific resources to better serve students with learning differences.

“The impact was immediate and continues to this day,” said Lisa Fischer, Co-Founder of TMP.

More than simply providing materials, the grant helped establish lasting relationships with schools and laid the foundation for future growth. What began as a single investment became a catalyst for a broader, more sustainable approach to inclusion.

Since then, the organization has expanded its reach through its Mini-Grant program, which provides direct, classroom-level support. Catholic school teachers and interventionists can apply for grants to fund adaptive tools, specialized materials, classroom resources, or professional development tailored to their



students’ needs.

In the most recent cycle, TMP distributed a record \$60,000 in mini-grants, supporting dozens of educators across Arizona.

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Expanding Reach Through Strategic Support

When a woman faces an unexpected pregnancy, the first step she often takes is searching for answers. Through Help4Her, Arizona Life Coalition is working to ensure that what she finds is clear, compassionate, and trustworthy.

As a 2025 recipient of a \$19,500 Giving Circle grant in the Life category, Arizona Life Coalition was able to significantly strengthen this effort, transforming Help4Her into a more effective, statewide resource connecting women to local pregnancy care centers.

“This is a very strategic initiative for us, and we’re very grateful to the Catholic Community Foundation for their support,” said Garrett Riley, Executive Director of Arizona Life Coalition.

With this support, the organization partnered with a professional marketing agency, redeveloped its website, expanded participation among pregnancy resource centers, and implemented targeted digital advertising to reach women actively seeking information.

HELP4HER

Even in its first month, the impact was evident. The campaign generated nearly one hundred direct connections, including form submissions and calls from women seeking support. Since its launch on August 1, 2025, the campaign has continued to grow, now supporting nine pregnancy centers across 18 locations statewide.

Through March 2026, the campaign has generated more than 1,600 total appointment requests submitted directly through the Help4Her platform. In the first three months of 2026 alone, the campaign produced 533 appointment requests from paid advertising efforts, and 657 total requests across all sources, reflecting strong and growing engagement.

As Catholics, we are called to uphold the dignity and sanctity of every human life. Through efforts like Help4Her, that mission is lived out by meeting women with compassion, support, and access to care when they need it most. To learn more about how women are connected to care and support across Arizona, visit www.help4her.com.



Giving 101

by Kyle Felix, MBA, CPA, CA, Chief Financial Officer

Why Your Required Minimum Distribution May Be the Most Efficient Way to Give

If you are age 70½ or older and still giving to charity with cash, you may be paying more in taxes and Medicare premiums than necessary. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA is one of the most powerful, and often overlooked, tools available for charitable giving in retirement.

After age 73, the IRS requires that a portion of your IRA, known as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), be withdrawn and taxed as ordinary income. For many retirees, this income is not needed for daily living and can unintentionally increase taxes and Medicare premiums. Fortunately, the tax code provides a simple and highly effective solution that is available beginning at the age of 70½: the QCD.

What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution?

In 2026, a QCD allows you to give up to \$111,000 per year directly from your IRA to

a qualified charity. When made properly, a QCD:

- Satisfies your RMD
- Excludes the RMD from taxable income
- Provides full value to the charity
- May prevent increases in Medicare premiums

In short, what would have been a taxable withdrawal becomes a tax-efficient act of generosity.

How Your QCD Can Support the Mission

A Qualified Charitable Distribution can be directed to causes that reflect your faith and values, including:

- Creating your own family fund to create and establish your legacy
- Creating a family endowment that provides lasting support to your favorite parishes, schools, and ministries
- Supporting one of the five Catholic Community Foundation Forever Funds, (Care, Community, Life, Education,

and Vocations) allowing you to support multiple Catholic causes through a single, unified charitable plan

- Creating a Charitable Gift Annuity to provide future income for you and/or your spouse (limit of a one-time, \$55,000 QCD, per individual in their lifetime).

A Faithful Way to Turn Obligation into Opportunity

For Catholics in retirement, generosity often shifts from accumulation to intentional legacy. A QCD allows your RMD to become more than a tax obligation, it becomes a deliberate act of faith, generosity, and long-term impact. If you are already giving to charity and are over age 70½, a QCD may allow you to give more effectively without giving more.

To learn more, the Catholic Community Foundation is available to work with you and your advisor to determine whether a QCD is right for your charitable goals. With a higher standard deduction, many annual donations will no longer reduce your taxes, unless you bunch.

THE MATTHEW 19:14 PROJECT *(Continued from page 2)*

As the program grew, so did the understanding that long-term impact requires more than individual classroom support. In response, the organization launched its Partner School Program, a comprehensive three-year initiative focused on schoolwide transformation.

“It’s about systemic transformation within the school,” said Jim Pogge, Executive Director of TMP.

Through this program, entire faculties receive professional development designed to equip every teacher with the skills, strategies, and confidence to support diverse learners. By establishing shared approaches across classrooms, schools are able to support students more consistently while strengthening the learning environment for all.

The impact of this work is already visible. Schools that once lacked the resources to support certain students are now

able to confidently welcome them. Families who once faced difficult decisions about their children’s education can now remain together in Catholic schools.

“Catholic Community Foundation played a tremendous role in that,” Pogge said, noting that the Foundation’s early investment helped launch and grow the organization’s work. Pogge continued, “We now have a fund at the Foundation that grows because of donations from other Foundation fundholders. These dollars fuel the Partner School Program.”

What began as a single Giving Circle grant has grown into a sustained and expanding effort to strengthen Catholic education. Through continued partnership and generosity, schools across the diocese are better equipped to fulfill their mission, ensuring that every child is welcomed, supported, and formed in faith.

FUND PROFILE

St. Timothy Catholic Church & School *A Partnership Rooted in Faith and Stewardship*

For years, St. Timothy Catholic Church and School have demonstrated what is possible when a parish community embraces long-term stewardship and invests in its future. Through a longstanding partnership with the Catholic Community Foundation, St. Timothy has strengthened its ministries, supported its students, and built a foundation for lasting impact.

From endowment growth to scholarships, grant funding, and parish engagement, this partnership reflects a shared commitment to sustaining Catholic education and parish life for generations to come.

“We are proud to walk alongside the Catholic Community Foundation in providing lasting stability for our parish,” said Fr. Frankie Cicero, pastor at St. Timothy Catholic Church. “Together, we are stewarding the blessings entrusted to us so that St. Timothy may continue forming disciples and serving families for generations.”

Since 2021, St. Timothy has conducted six consecutive annual endowment drives, raising \$189,962 through 260 gifts. With the Foundation’s matching support during the first three years, the total impact has grown to \$249,119. These drives have become more than annual appeals; they reflect a steady culture of generosity rooted in long-term vision.

That same forward-looking commitment is evident in the school community. Over the years, 25 students from St. Timothy have received Foundation scholarships totaling \$254,000 to continue their Catholic education into high school. In 12 of the past 13 years, at least one student has been awarded, a testament to the school’s strong tradition of faith and service.

Through the Giving Circle grant program, nearly \$49,000 has further strengthened St. Timothy’s academic ministries, enhancing their learning environment and supporting new classroom furnishings for expanded school space. The Foundation has also sponsored parish and school events, totaling more than \$20,000, and most recently serving as the “Longest Putt” sponsor at the parish’s Tournament of Hope golf tournament.



St. Timothy By the Numbers



Endowment Drives
since 2021

\$249K
TOTAL IMPACT



Scholarships Awarded
to St. Timothy students
in 12 of last 13 years

\$254K
IN SUPPORT



\$49K in Giving Circle Grants
Strengthening their school
and preschool

In addition, St. Timothy has hosted four Get Your Affairs in Order seminars, offering parishioners practical guidance on estate planning and faithful stewardship. These conversations have already borne fruit, with several documented planned gifts designated to support the parish’s future mission. Such gifts quietly ensure that the faith and generosity of today’s families will continue blessing the community for years to come.

As St. Timothy Catholic Church and School look ahead, their partnership with the Foundation remains rooted in a shared vision: to strengthen ministries, form students in faith, and ensure that generosity today becomes stability tomorrow.