



## **St. Martin's Foundation awards 2018 grants**

*17 community groups receive grants totaling \$33,000*

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**T**he St. Martin's Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$33,000 to 17 local nonprofits serving needs in the community. Services range from scholarships for dyslexia tutoring and computer equipment for programs to assist middle schoolers with high school preparation to camp scholarships for children whose parents are incarcerated. The Foundation is a 45-year-old perpetual trust of St. Martin's. Awards are made each spring from the Foundation's Cloak & Sword Fund in honor of Martin of Tours and his lifelong work with the needy. Thank you to all who provide gifts through memorials and thanksgivings to the Foundation each year. These gifts play a large role in funding the Cloak & Sword Fund.

The year's grant recipients are:

- **Achieve Columbia, \$900:** Computer equipment for an organization that works with middle school students to ensure their readiness for high school.
- **Camp Gravatt's Reach-Out Camp, \$2,500:** A summer camp conducted at the Episcopal camp center for children of incarcerated parents.
- **Columbia Oral Health Clinic's Denture Program, \$1,500:** Oral health care and dental devices for those in need.
- **Cooperative Ministry, \$1,500:** Emergency assistance for electricity and water so that clients' services are not cut off.
- **Family Connections, \$2,900:** Technology equipment to create an animated program to assist with mental illness awareness and prevention.
- **Fast Forward, \$2,000:** Bicycle kits to repair bikes that will be given to homeless veterans striving to get back to work.
- **Fresh Start, \$1,000:** Bus tickets for the 700-plus homeless and working poor served by this program in the Waverly District.
- **Heroes in Blue/Greg's Groceries, \$500:** Funds for boxes of non-perishable food to be distributed by police officers to low income and senior citizens living in need of food. Greg's Groceries program is named after Officer Greg Alia who was killed in the line of duty on Sept. 30, 2015.

- **Homeless No More, \$2,000:** Emergency and transitional housing and support services for this program that serves those seeking to move out of homelessness.
- **Meadowfield Elementary School, \$1,500:** Food for the school's backpack program that sends food home on weekends with children in need.
- **Midlands Mediation Center, \$1,800:** Financial assistance to those in need of mediation services.
- **Oliver Gospel Mission, \$500:** To assist with expenses of the ministry's recovery program.
- **Palmetto Place, \$2,500:** To assist with expenses of a program that shelters and feed youth while preparing them to live independently.
- **S.C. Foster, \$1,500:** Funding for extracurricular activities for foster children.
- **Senior Resources, \$2,900:** For the Meals on Wheels program.
- **Therapy Place, \$5,000:** Scholarships for physical therapy services for special needs preschoolers.
- **Tutor Eau Claire, \$2,500:** Tutoring scholarships and materials for children with dylsexia.