



The Diocese of Knoxville

Living our Roman Catholic faith in East Tennessee

St. Mary's Legacy Foundation grants \$735,000 for 2017

Giving surpasses \$4.4 million since 2011

When Melanie and her family lost all their possessions in a hotel fire near Newport last spring, the St. Mary's Legacy Foundation helped them find shelter and clothing.

When Carlos and Adriana wanted to provide their new born baby with a car seat for safe travel, the St. Mary's Legacy Foundation found a way to make it happen.

When Notre Dame High School needed to replace an aging and malfunctioning heating and air conditioning system in its science classrooms so that students could study in a proper environment, the St. Mary's Legacy Foundation helped pay for it.

Whether it's support for education, health care, or charity, the St. Mary's Legacy Foundation has been making grant distributions to nonprofit organizations serving Catholics and non-Catholics in East Tennessee since 2011.

For 2017, the Saint Mary's Legacy Foundation has announced distributions of \$735,000, increasing the amount provided over the past 6 years to \$4.4 million.

"It's difficult to describe in a few sentences how much impact the St. Mary's Legacy Foundation has on people in need in East Tennessee," said Bishop Richard F. Stika of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville. "My intention when I established the foundation was to distribute as much money reaching as many people as we could. I know we have done that," Bishop Stika added.

Among the organizations receiving grants in 2017:

- **\$42,500 to St. Vincent de Paul societies in Townsend, Newport, Chattanooga, and Soddy-Daisy** to continue their missions to provide food/rent/utility assistance to those in need.
- **\$30,000 to St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Mountain City, Tenn.** for a food pantry building that will allow the parish to serve approximately 450 families and 1,200 individuals, many of whom are elderly or disabled.
- **\$125,000 to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee** to assist Pregnancy Help Centers and adoption services in Knoxville, Lafollette, and Chattanooga.
- **\$7,100 to St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish in Maynardville** for the establishment of Mercy House, a Catholic outreach mission in Bean Station, Tenn. for people without a faith community, the marginalized, and the lonely.
- **\$39,000 to Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga** to replace an aging HVAC system.
- **\$230,000 for the Diocese of Knoxville Schools Office** for student tuition support.

The St. Mary's Legacy Foundation was established through the sale of the former St. Mary's Hospital in 2011. The foundation also supports the St. Mary's Mobile Medical Clinic, which provides much needed health care to vulnerable residents living in remote areas of East Tennessee.