Grant a wish. Make a difference. Change a life. • • •

Dear Friends,

Sometimes, little things make a big difference in a life. Imagine equipping a graduating senior living below the poverty line with a laptop to take to college. Or providing an air conditioner to a sweltering after-school program. Or supporting cameras that allow parents to see and feel connected to their babies in the NICU when they cannot be there to hold them.

Each of these represents a real, tangible and immediate impact that you can make through Extra Wish.

Our 2018 Extra Wish funding opportunity catalog features 27 nonprofit “wishes.” Each wish was chosen by the nonprofit to represent items they need, but for which they don’t necessarily have the discretionary funds to include in annual budgeting. The maximum request is $5,000, and it is amazing what that amount can do. These are wishes that foster a sense of home, enhance learning, or in some cases, save lives.

The nonprofit organizations selected for inclusion were fully evaluated by our team. These are effective organizations, working hard to drive change in our region. You have the ability to help them serve our community even better. You can strengthen these nonprofits, one wish at a time.

Extra Wish celebrates giving. In this season of giving, we hope that you enjoy celebrating with us.

Alicia Philipp
President and CEO
Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta

• • • For more than 15 years, Extra Wish has demonstrated the impact that is possible when caring and compassionate donors – like you – are connected to worthy local nonprofits and their needs.
How to use Extra Wish

How you use Extra Wish is entirely up to you! Here are some ideas:

- **Identify tangible, essential needs** that will make a material difference for nonprofits.

- **Learn about new nonprofit organizations** across the 23-county Atlanta region.

- **Fulfill an entire wish, or part of several.** Work with other donors to fund a wish and make a collaborative impact.

- **Start a family conversation about philanthropy.** Gather over a meal and go through our catalog together. Talk about what appeals most to everyone and why.

- **Engage the next generation of philanthropists.** Often, it is easier for children to understand and empathize with real, tangible needs. Talk to them about each wish and why it is needed. Ask them to help you choose a wish to grant.
This year’s 27 wishes are broken down into four categories that align with our Impact Areas:

- Arts
- Community Development
- Education
- Well-being

*Note: our fifth Impact Area, Nonprofit Effectiveness, addresses management and operations of nonprofits, not the tangible goods available through Extra Wish. Read about this year’s Managing for Excellence Award recipients, superlative examples of effective nonprofit management and operations, on page 21.

ABOUT EXTRA WISH
Extra Wish creates visibility for nonprofits, driving social good in the 23-county Atlanta region.

Extra Wish features nonprofits who exemplify best practices. To be eligible for Extra Wish, an organization must have been fully reviewed through a formal, competitive grant program at the Community Foundation in the last five years, such as our General Operating Support program. Extra Wish covers the essential items that would contribute to the success of the organization but have been set aside for more pressing needs.

Nearly 90 organizations submitted applications for this Extra Wish opportunity catalog. Foundation grantmaking experts reviewed each request, selecting a diverse group of the most compelling wishes for inclusion.

HOW TO GRANT A WISH
If you would like to grant an Extra Wish, please contact your philanthropic officer or log in to DonorCentral to make your gift. In DonorCentral, please note ‘Extra Wish’ in the purpose line. If you decide to grant a wish outside your fund at the Community Foundation, please let us know so we can track fulfilled wishes. If you have any questions or want to fulfill a wish, call us at 404.688.5525 or reach out to your philanthropic officer:

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Our promise: Build a dynamic arts ecology to ensure all residents in our region have access to high-quality cultural experiences and diverse artistic programs. Our region is home to organizations that strive to make art accessible to all and enrich the audience experience. Nothing fuels the imagination quite like a leaping dancer, beautiful music or an exquisite piece of art. These wishes make the spirit of creativity flourish.
HUDGENS CENTER FOR ART AND LEARNING
Operating budget: $1,024,000

Creative expression provides healing at the Hudgens Center for Art and Learning, which offers an array of programs and experiences for art lovers, leaders and learners. The center, which is the only community-based arts organization in Gwinnett County, serves more than 13,000 individuals every year through its exhibitions, classes, workshops, community events and programs, such as its Hudgens Prize. Through its Healing Arts Program, domestic violence survivors, cancer patients, chronically ill or disabled adults, veterans and their caretakers learn to express emotion and process the stages of illness, disability or recovery. This outlet, which joins other center programs for underserved groups, has attracted close to 500 individuals who often need specialized equipment and tools to experience the arts. Providing equipment, such as a wheelchair-accessible pottery wheel and a big blocks set, will continue to make creating art accessible to all.

6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Building 300, Duluth, GA 30097 | thehudgens.org

SYNCHRONICITY THEATRE
Operating budget: $738,402

Synchronicity Theatre is aware of the challenges arts groups face finding performance space. Synchronicity, founded by women to promote female voices in the arts and in the community, spent 16 years in a nomadic state before finding a permanent venue in Midtown in 2014. Now, Synchronicity serves nearly 15,000 individuals annually through its performances and bridge-building programs for emerging artists, families and at-risk girls from inner city and refugee communities. It also provides affordable rental space to others, which expands its reach and brings in revenue. It relies on new equipment, but mostly donations of used items that hold back its production designers’ vision and reduces the venue’s potential. Updating its technology equipment will enhance its professionalism and make it more competitive with rentals, improving its financial footing as it continues to expose audiences to new experiences, cultures and ideas.

1454 Peachtree Street, Suite 102, Atlanta, GA 30309 | synchrotheatre.com

TERMINUS MODERN BALLET THEATRE
Operating budget: $409,600

A dancer needs a solid surface to land on after a breathtaking jump or an amazing lift. But providing flooring for its performers presents a problem for Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre. When it was founded in 2017, the professional dance company received a much-needed donation: 1,600 square feet of what’s known as marley flooring at its studio space at Westside Cultural Arts Center. When Terminus performs in the center’s event space or its performance space in the Serenbe community south of Atlanta, it must move the floor to those sites. Classes sometimes are halted for four to six weeks. A permanent floor in its studio will allow Terminus to continue to offer its classes. Terminus expects the need will grow as its performances and education programming expand while they simultaneously seek to make ballet attainable to all walks of life.

91100 Selborne Lane, Suite 210, Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268 | terminus-serenbe.com

Wish List
1 wheelchair-accessible pottery wheel: $2,488
1 Imagination Playground Big Blocks Set (105 pieces): $1,250
Total: $3,738

Wish List
1 power air conditioner: $471
1 laptop: $1,547
1 Blu-Ray player: $1,089
Total: $3,107

Wish List
1 marley floor: $4,800
Total: $4,800
Our promise: Advocate for equitable economic growth, strong civic health and safe, sustainable communities. Hope is built in simple ways through these wishes – rocking chairs foster neighborhood pride and connection, furniture transforms a house into a home and new clothing instills self-confidence. Each is a building block to a stronger, more welcoming community, enhancing the quality of life for all in our region.
BLUE HERON NATURE PRESERVE
Operating budget: $406,000

Thirty acres of protected wildlife are nestled in the heart of Buckhead at the Blue Heron Nature Preserve. For nearly 20 years, the preserve has served as a living laboratory, bringing a hands-on experience with nature to Atlantans. Intertwining education and the arts to provide its visitors with comprehensive understanding on conservation, the green space serves as a haven, a retreat and an inspiration to those who walk its wooded trails. Recently, Blue Heron partnered with Southface Energy Institute to pilot a sustainability program, called BIT Building. It hopes to set an example for the nearly 25,000 people who pass by the Preserve daily by using battery-powered, instead of gas-powered, lawn equipment. High schoolers will use the tools, showing the capabilities of a new generation of equipment and an organization seeking to minimize its environmental impact.

4055 Roswell Road, Atlanta, GA 30342  |  bhn.org

FOCUSED COMMUNITY STRATEGIES (FCS)
Operating budget: $3,992,964

For 40 years, Focused Community Strategies (FCS) has invested in and helped revitalize Atlanta’s under-resourced neighborhoods, such as East Lake, Grant Park, Ormewood Park and Summerhill. Its mission to rebuild communities is built on three pillars: neighboring, dignity and development. In historic South Atlanta, FCS is partnering with long-time residents to create a flourishing neighborhood and heal the scars of institutional racism. The area has seen a quick increase in the homeownership rate and influx of new residents. It’s a situation poised for a divisive rift that elevates the need for neighborly bonding. How do you encourage diverse people to interact with their neighbors and create the foundation for a tight-knit community? By encouraging them to go outside! FCS seeks to refurbish its rental houses with all of the trimmings of a cozy and welcoming porch, including outdoor lights, paint and rocking chairs. Imagine a beautiful summer evening, with neighbors sitting on porches chatting and sipping lemonade. Sometimes, it’s the simple things that build relationships and a sense of belonging.

1297 Jonesboro Road, Atlanta, GA 30315  |  fcsministries.org

FURNITURE BANK OF METRO ATLANTA
Operating budget: $842,346

Without furniture, a house is merely an empty shell providing protection from the elements and can’t truly be a home. Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta provides furniture for families and children transitioning out of homelessness, living with HIV/AIDS or fleeing domestic violence. Helping nearly 5,000 people annually, the organization believes that aiding someone in furnishing their home ultimately improves their financial, physical and emotional health. Daily, its five trucks make furniture deliveries, pick up donations and recycle mattresses. Those trucks are packed to the brim, which limits how much can be picked up from partners around the city. By adding a 28-foot pup trailer, Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta would be able to haul more mattresses in bulk and increase the number of beds for clients, allowing it to serve about 400 additional households annually.

908 Murphy Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30310  |  furniturebankatlanta.org

Wish List
1 battery-powered lawn mower: $499
1 battery-powered leaf blower: $245
1 battery-powered weed wacker with edger: $329
Total: $1,073

Wish List
20 rocking chairs: $2,383
10 motion sensor solar lights: $902
Exterior textured paint: $810
Total: $4,095

Wish List
1 28-foot pup trailer: $4,000
Total: $4,000
GLOBAL GROWERS NETWORK
Operating budget: $1,060,663

Global Growers Network helps farmers earn an income while bettering the local economy. Prioritizing legal immigrants and refugees who fled to Atlanta because of war or other circumstances, Global Growers Network provides families with land, education and markets to sell their produce. In doing so, it builds healthier communities and strengthens the local economy. It manages nearly 20 acres of land and supports a network of farms and gardens throughout metro Atlanta, but many refugees lack access to transportation. MARTA cards would allow recently resettled refugees to reach farms and gardens that are strategically located near the Kensington, Avondale and Decatur transit stations. Tents can provide not just shelter from weather elements, but also will expand the current booths at the Decatur Farmers Market and Freedom Farmers Markets to sell more produce for its partner farmers.

P.O. Box 276, Avondale Estates, GA 30002 | globalgrowers.org

MADISON-MORGAN CONSERVANCY
Operating budget: $642,950

An area's history is often preserved in the landscape and historical buildings that call it home. However, preserving this history and conserving an ecosystem's natural resources can be challenging if citizens are unsure or misinformed on how best to do so. With its own projector, projector screen and laptop, the Madison-Morgan Conservancy would expand and improve its educational events. These 60-plus dinners, events, forums, meetings and workshops cover a range of topics, from land stewardship to the Junior Conservancy program for high school students. For 16 years, the group has borrowed the equipment from partner organizations, but it's no longer a sustainable option. Purchasing this tech equipment will help the nonprofit continue on its mission to enhance the quality of life for and protect the legacy of Morgan County residents through education and advocacy.

P.O. Box 752, Madison, GA 30650 | mmcgeorgia.org

MIDTOWN ASSISTANCE CENTER (MAC)
Operating budget: $928,104

Imagine having a job interview and not having appropriate clothing to wear. For clients of Midtown Assistance Center, or MAC, which provides emergency assistance and support to the working poor in Atlanta’s downtown, midtown and westside communities, this scenario can be the difference between employment and another missed job opportunity. By providing dress belts, black uniform pants and uniform shirts, MAC can assist someone in their first step out of poverty. Uniforms often have to be purchased out of pocket by individuals, especially for jobs in the restaurant and hospitality industry, and more employers want applicants to show up with the correct outfit. By covering these basic needs and providing support in other ways to 4,150 people in 2017, MAC helps families have the resources to thrive in and contribute to their community.

30 Porter Place NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 | midtownassistancectr.org

Wish List
1 10x10 pop-up tent: $329
1 10x20 pop-up tent: $706
600 MARTA Breeze cards: $1,500
Total: $2,535

Wish List
1 projector: $529
1 projector screen: $133
1 laptop: $1,879
Total: $2,541

Wish List
100 dress belts: $800
75 uniform pants: $2,250
75 uniform shirts: $1,875
Total: $4,925
“Through the support of Extra Wish gifts, we have been able to invest in our tech-first programming and improve our students’ ability to engage, connect, and in some cases, enter the digital world.” – Literacy Action, 2017 Extra Wish recipient

**PHOENIX PASS**

Operating budget: $234,329

Phoenix Pass is devoted to meeting the needs of women with children experiencing temporary homelessness by empowering them with supportive services and resources to recover and rebuild their lives. Phoenix Pass, established in 2008, supports 15 women and 27 children in-house, in addition to its after-care program. Residents are required to save 30 percent of their income and attend classes designed to establish self-sufficiency, as well as financial and case management sessions. Participants live for free in furnished apartments in its two complexes for two years. But three residences currently have dishwashers with standing water, which could result in mold and mildew and present health issues. Phoenix Pass is passionate about providing safe, consistent housing as it helps women achieve productive lives on the path to securing permanent homes.

631 Promise Path, Conyers, GA 30012 | phoenixpass.org

**Wish List**

3 Whirlpool dishwashers: $1,216

Total: $1,216
Our promise: Improve outcomes and expand opportunities for all learners across the education spectrum. No matter our age, we are all always learning. These wishes cover a wide spectrum of educational needs in our community, from backpacks for kids to laptops for low-income college students and money management kits for adults. Each will help someone learn, evolve and soar!
CREATE YOUR DREAMS
Operating budget: $502,597

Create Your Dreams is already looking forward to the 2019 graduation season. That's when it plans to see five seniors in its long-term youth development program graduate from high school and head off to college in the fall. The nonprofit has seen 100 percent of its students graduate high school and 88 percent earn their college degree or are still enrolled (nationally, only 14 percent of low-income students earn a degree). Knowing that technology is critical to students' success, Create Your Dreams wants to give a laptop to each of those students during its Honors Celebration of academic accomplishments in June. It's just one way that the organization provides the resources, opportunities and relationships for children living below the poverty line to reach their potential from age seven through their young adult years.

887 West Marietta Street, Studio T-108, Atlanta, GA 30318 | createyourdreams.org

DECATUR COOPERATIVE MINISTRY
Operating budget: $1,560,923

Many of the families that Decatur Cooperative Ministry (DCM) serves need money management training. But they gain newfound skills during the nonprofit’s three-part financial management course, which culminates in a one-on-one budgeting session. They leave with tangible tips to cut down on expenses. Putting that into practice can be difficult, though, especially as they are rehoused. DeKalb County has the third largest population of homeless individuals in Georgia, and DCM provides housing programs to homeless families, serving 1,500 children and adults annually. Once individuals are rehoused, having additional resources, such as MARTA cards, can reduce stress on their tight finances. Individuals can implement the financial information they learned to control their income and expenses and move toward long-term financial health.

P.O. Box 457, Decatur, GA 30031 | decaturcooperativeministry.org

FERNBANK MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
Operating Budget: $10,212,000

Fernbank Museum of Natural History integrates the sciences with nature, culture and technology through its exhibitions and outdoor learning spaces on its 120-acre campus, which is home to Fernbank Forest and WildWoods. Fernbank draws 430,000 visitors annually and serves over 60,000 students each school year. Fernbank is addressing the need for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education by expanding its education programs. The Atlanta museum is considering questions such as: Where does water go and how does it get to our homes? Using watershed models, school groups, summer campers and museum visitors of all ages can learn more about the role of water in nature and in our daily lives. The activities are interactive, sensory and interdisciplinary in design for preschoolers to adults, all of which enhances the educational mission of this cultural cornerstone.

767 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 | fernbankmuseum.org

Wish List
5 laptops: $3,995
Total: $3,995

Wish List
115 money management kits: $706
115 nutrition on a budget books: $138
30 MARTA cards (30-day passes): $2,850
Total: $3,694

Wish List
1 drinking water and wastewater treatment model: $987
1 watershed/nonpoint source pollution model: $795
2 carrying cases: $998
Total: $2,780
**LOS NIÑOS PRIMERO**  
Operating budget: $550,500

Los Niños Primero helps inspire a passion for learning in children, thanks to certified teachers, engaged parents and trained teen volunteers. It also has a suburban location for its After-School Literacy program at El Centro Catolico del Espiritu Santo in the heart of the Sandy Springs Latino community. Students at the independent Jewish high school, The Weber School, raised funds to convert the dated space into a whimsical classroom, but the money did not cover the cost of an air conditioner and heat pump. The classroom holds 35 children and adults, and since a comfortable environment is needed, the days and hours the room can be used are limited. The literacy program joins other services and programs to assist low-income Latino families and youth, with Los Niños Primero engaging over 600 Fulton County residents a year.

471 Mount Vernon Highway NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328 | losninosprimeroga.org

**OUR HOUSE**  
Operating budget: $3,615,302

Children see the world in a different way. And sometimes, learning is easier for them when it is at their level – literally! To support its goal of creating self-sufficient families for every child, Our House provides homeless families with early childhood education, employment training services, housing and family services. In fiscal year 2018, it expected to serve more than 515 homeless children and parents, after 30 years of working to break the chain of homelessness. Since its merger with Genesis Shelter in 2014, the organization has renovated the classrooms in its Atlanta location. The changes allowed it to open two classrooms for 36 more children and to offer its first lottery-funded Pre-K classroom. The children need child-sized tables and chairs that are a perfect fit for their world as they learn and play in the new space.

173 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30312 | ourhousega.org

**YMCA OF METRO ATLANTA**  
Operating Budget: $101,071,000

The YMCA of Metro Atlanta’s Early Learning Readiness (ELR) program is a free mobile program that serves more than 250 Hispanic children and 200 caregivers at community centers and churches. Each center has toys, books and puzzles that promote exploration and development in a safe, culturally sensitive setting. The program, which was created 10 years ago to engage Hispanic families, is among the Y’s programs that serve 250,000-plus children, teens and families annually. The ELR stations are updated monthly, and the Y hopes to bring more STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities to these young learners by using Little Scholar Tablets and Cubelets Robot Blocks kits. The tablets and kits would be used at all 10 ELR sites, helping kids understand STEAM concepts and gain the skills to be successful in school.

101 Marietta Street, Suite 1100, Atlanta, GA 30303 | ymcaatlanta.org

**Wish List**  
1 air conditioner and heat pump: $5,000  
Total: $5,000

**Wish List**  
54 chairs: $2,160  
10 tables: $2,000  
Total: $4,160

**Wish List**  
Cubelets Robot Blocks (six sets of 20 kits): $2,999  
1 Little Scholar Tablet Mini (set of 10): $1,749  
Total: $4,748
TIP GEORGIA
Operating Budget: $749,017

TIP (Truancy Intervention Project) Georgia, which serves children ages 5-16 in Atlanta and Fulton County Public Schools, recognizes why some students living in poverty miss classes or struggle in school. Sometimes they lack supplies, like a backpack. TIP’s mission is to increase school attendance and opportunities for success through legal and family advocacy. Even backpacks can be a bridge to relationships with some of the 360 students TIP serves annually. Matching the right bag to the student shows TIP cares about them and provides an incentive to return to school. TIP includes books, food, other essential items, information about what to expect in court, a resource guide and school supplies. Since 1991, TIP has served over 10,600 children, and 86.2 percent of those have returned to school with no further contact with juvenile court.

395 Pryor Street SW, Suite 4122, Atlanta, GA 30312  |  truancyproject.org

Wish List
100 school backpacks: $2,500
Total: $2,500
Our promise: Ensure a healthy, safe and engaged region where all residents have access to quality health care and nutritious food. We all need different things to thrive. Families with infants in intensive care need a connection to their babies when they cannot be there. Home-bound seniors need hot, healthy food. Our region’s four-legged residents need a happy forever home. Because it’s not enough for Atlantans to just live. They need to live well, grow, succeed and prosper.
ATLANTA LEGAL AID SOCIETY
Operating budget: $11,476,803

Video conferencing is a key tool for communicating today, and the Atlanta Legal Aid Society sees how it can be used to improve access to justice for low-income crime victims. In 1924, 17 lawyers formed the Society to provide free civil legal services. Now, the 74 attorneys on staff continue its long history of addressing civil legal matters that would serve as barriers to adequate housing, income and equitable educational opportunities among low-income metro Atlantans. Last year, Society attorneys and paralegals accepted 20,438 cases for brief and ongoing advocacy and legal assistance. Those services impacted more than 28,000 adults and nearly 19,000 children in Georgia. A video conferencing kit will help staff attorneys and volunteers conduct remote interviews with clients from its offices as it prepares for court and improves civil legal outcomes for crime victims.

54 Ellis Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303 | atlantalegalaid.org

AUDITORY-VERBAL CENTER
Operating budget: $1,372,606

Imagine your child being born deaf. Would you rely on sign language or would you pursue a treatment that would result in their ability to listen and speak? Auditory-Verbal (AV) is a therapeutic intervention that empowers deaf and hard of hearing children with the skills needed to communicate. With cochlear implants, children undergo two to five years of intensive language therapy. Once they graduate, they need no special assistance for their hearing loss for the rest of their lives. Auditory-Verbal Center (AVC) is a premier provider of AV services to infants and toddlers. The number of AV patients has increased 157 percent over the last five years. Adding an additional sound booth will help AVC serve this growing population. New desktop diagnostic tools and behavior-tracking software will greatly increase the efficiency of its operations and programs.

1901 Century Boulevard, Suite 20, Atlanta, GA 30345 | avchears.org

Wish List
1 therapy table: $430
1 booth installation: $1,600
2 two-way mirrors: $1,300
Total: $3,330

WISH LIST

167 pairs of running shoes: $5,000
Total: $5,000

1904 Monroe Dr. NE, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30324 | girlsontherunatlanta.org
GRADY HEALTH FOUNDATION
Operating budget: $1,090,290,000

Grady Health Foundation is requesting three NICVIEW wireless security cameras for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Grady’s NICU serves patients from 40 counties throughout Georgia, and it is not always possible for families to be with their babies every day. These cameras will give families with infants who need around-the-clock care the ability to view their babies on any device with internet access. It is the department’s wish to provide cameras at each bed, making parents feel more involved and allowing doctors and nurses to focus on NICU patients. Grady is the safety-net hospital for metro Atlanta, serving many of its most vulnerable residents. Grady engages 180,000 patients and 620,000 patient visits annually, more than any other hospital in the city.

191 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 820, Atlanta, GA 30303 | www.gradyhealthfoundation.org

Wish List
3 NICVIEW wireless security cameras, flexible arm and C-clamp: $4,948
Total: $4,948

HOMESTRETCH
Operating budget: $1,163,875

HomeStretch, which was founded in 1991 by the Housing Initiative of North Fulton, gives homeless and at-risk families the tools and time to get back on their feet. HomeStretch keeps families together while providing solutions that resolve the root causes of homelessness. Its transitional housing and array of programs guide them to achieve stable employment, finances, families and housing. When families move into one of HomeStretch’s 39 units, they are provided with basic furniture because they typically have little to no personal belongings. When they secure permanent housing, they can take the mattresses and box springs with them, which helps them save on the cost of furnishing an apartment. With new mattress and box spring sets, HomeStretch can furnish more housing for families and provide a basic necessity that many people take for granted.

89 Grove Way, Roswell, GA 30075 | homestretch.org

Wish List
8 full mattress and box spring sets: $1,488
14 twin mattress and box spring sets: $2,072
Total: $3,560

OPEN HAND ATLANTA
Operating budget: $11,743,793

Open Hand Atlanta provides meals and nutrition education to homebound seniors and individuals with critical and chronic illnesses, and each food delivery relies on an essential item: insulated bags. The food carrier bags are often packed with meals and frequently zipped and unzipped, which causes wear and tear. Drivers sometimes struggle with packing and unloading meals or loading them with more ice packs because the bag is damaged. With new bags, clients can be reassured that the meals, which are personalized to their cultural, medical and dietary needs and come in both ready-made and market baskets, have fresh, healthy ingredients. And the result is significant. Clients have maintained healthy weight and lowered their cholesterol, blood pressure and stress levels as Open Hand Atlanta seeks to eradicate nutrition-related disabilities and death in low-income individuals.

181 Armour Drive, Atlanta, GA 30324 | openhandatlanta.org

Wish List
120 insulated food carrier bags: $3,480
Total: $3,840
PAWS ATLANTA
Operating budget: $1,763,570

Approximately 70 percent of dogs and cats in Atlanta's area shelters are killed (about 166 healthy animals per day). As Georgia's oldest no-kill shelter, PAWS Atlanta strives to reduce these numbers by placing animals in loving homes and providing services that will keep them out of shelters. The animals admitted to PAWS often need medical care before they can be adopted. Because monitoring a pet's weight is a basic, yet critical, function of veterinary care, PAWS is requesting new animal scales. PAWS also provides surgical care for anything from spay or neuter surgeries to injury treatments and dental extracts. The requested equipment will help their veterinarians safely and effectively deliver anesthesia to shelter pets and those that have already found homes. PAWS has placed more than 46,000 animals in homes since 1968.

5287 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30035  |  pawsatlanta.org

Wish List
2 animal scales: $1,064
1 small animal anesthesia machine: $2,495
1 veterinary anesthetic vaporizer: $1,152
Total: $4,711

“Donors like those who give through the Extra Wish program make everything we do at CHRIS180 possible. We are incredibly grateful for the abundant support we received through the Extra Wish grant.”  
– Kathy Colbenson, president & CEO, CHRIS180, 2017 Extra Wish recipient
PIEDMONT PARK CONSERVANCY
Operating budget: $3,324,740

Piedmont Park is the green heart of Atlanta. The Piedmont Park Conservancy was founded in 1989 to save this historic 200-plus acre green space from nearly being "loved to death" after years of overuse and neglect. Every year the Conservancy invests $3 million in its upkeep and programming to give visitors plenty of opportunities to stay active. While playing soccer at the park, a guest recently experienced a major heart attack. The incident prompted the Conservancy to add automated external defibrillators (AED) to its wish list. A victim's chance of surviving cardiac arrest drops seven to 10 percent every minute a normal heartbeat isn’t restored. With three new AED devices strategically placed around the park, visitors will be able to react to potential future medical emergencies.

400 Park Drive, Atlanta, GA 30306 | piedmontpark.org

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE ROCKDALE
Operating budget: $360,000

Prevent Child Abuse Rockdale (PCAR) envisions a community where every child lives in a safe home. On a mission to eliminate abuse and neglect, PCAR provides every parent who has a child born at Piedmont Rockdale Hospital with education and resources, and follows up with in-home parenting programs for those at risk of child maltreatment. Their programs also assist families with housing, education and job searches. PCAR helps 3,000 people become better parents annually. PCAR intends to incorporate the RealCare Shaken Baby simulator into its curriculum to dramatically depict what happens to an infant’s brain after just a few seconds of shaking. It also seeks to help those brains grow with bilingual board books. Studies have shown that reading to babies positions children to perform better at school when they’re older. The books will be given to parents through the First Steps Program to teach the value of reading to newborns in families that might not be able to afford books.

1430 Starcrest Drive, Conyers, GA 30012 | pcarockdale.org

SKYLAND TRAIL
Operating budget: $14,699,025

Ropes courses challenge people to push themselves to new levels and to trust their teammates. The result can be even more gratifying when it boosts confidence and encourages verbal interaction for individuals who both have substance misuse and mental illness. Skyland Trail, which opened in 1989 as the George West Mental Health Foundation’s first residential treatment program, offered ropes course outings last year and saw progress in treatment. A stay at Skyland Trail is typically three months, during which clients learn how to manage their mental illness and develop skills to stay healthy. The ropes course, for example, serves as a metaphor for utilizing a support system: You cannot complete the ropes course tasks alone or recover alone, but you must ask for, receive and give help. More ropes course outings will provide important lessons about trust, confidence and perseverance.

1961 North Druid Hills Road, Atlanta, GA 30329 | skylandtrail.org

Wish List
3 Cardiac Science Powerheart® AED G3 Plus: $4,335
3 Arch AED Medical Direction and Program Management: $450
Total: $4,785

Wish List
3 shaken baby dolls: $2,637
575 bilingual board books: $2,300
Total: $4,937

Wish List
1 ropes course outing: $1,250
Total: $1,250
“The 2017 Extra Wish fund exceeded all of our expectations! Our granted wish gives us the power to manage registrations and take quality pictures of family activities, such as the chili cook-off in January and the Valentine Dance in February.”

– Joy Trotti, associate executive director, FOCUS + Fragile Kids, 2017 Extra Wish recipient
Connecting passion with purpose

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Through its quality services and innovative leadership on community issues, the Community Foundation received more than $144 million from donors in 2017 and distributed more than $100 million that same year to support nonprofits throughout the region and beyond. In 2018, Charity Navigator named the Community Foundation a four-star nonprofit, its top distinction.

For more information, visit: cfgreateratlanta.org.

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Our donors love Extra Wish and have been asking for a way to fund vital, researched nonprofit needs during the rest of the year. In response, we launched a new monthly funding opportunity section in DonorCentral to share current ongoing requests.

A recent featured request was from the Atlanta Ballet, which needed $4,675 for dance gear for a program at Parklane Elementary School. 92% of Parklane students are eligible to receive free or reduced-priced lunches and are considered "at-risk" due to poverty levels, residence in single-parent homes in high-crime neighborhoods and high incidences of parental incarcerations. The Atlanta Ballet wanted to provide 550 students at Parklane with ballet slippers and costumes for student performances. A Community Foundation donor saw the funding opportunity posted in DonorCentral and made a grant for the full amount from the Mark A. Jardina Foundation Fund.

Thanks to this generous donor, the Atlanta Ballet will be able to provide weekly dance education that has proven positive outcomes on physical, emotional and social development to these students.

Visit DonorCentral monthly to view and support our funding opportunities throughout the year!

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As part of this recognition package, we are proud to showcase the two 2018 recipients, Synchronicity Theatre and YMCA of Metro Atlanta, in Extra Wish. Look for the Managing for Excellence star – our way of distinguishing these two exemplary nonprofits.