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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2016 Extra Wish giving catalog, an opportunity for you, as a donor of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, to make a gift with targeted impact to selected nonprofits in our region.

Remember the child-like joy you would experience leafing through the magazines and catalogs of yesteryear dreaming of the perfect holiday gift to give to your loved one? Extra Wish is that same opportunity for nonprofits across the metro region, just waiting for you to make their dreams come true!

Extra Wish is one of our most popular donor opportunities and furthers the Foundation’s mission to strengthen our region’s nonprofits. Extra Wish allows donors to choose gifts as individuals, or to engage their families in the decision-making process. The nonprofits chosen for this year’s catalog span our Impact Areas of Arts, Community Development, Education and Well-being, as well as the broad array of passions and challenges that our donors wish to address.

The wishes featured in this year’s catalog were fully evaluated by our team to ensure that they are representative of nonprofits working most effectively in the region. The wishes are chosen by each nonprofit and represent tangible items they need, but for which they don’t necessarily have the discretionary funds to include in their annual budgeting. Wishes range from microchips that will help reunite adopted pets with their loved ones, to pointe shoes for aspiring ballerinas and work pants and boots that can help contractors find and keep reliable construction employment.

Our goal is to have 100 percent of wishes granted by January 1, 2017 – we are certain there’s a wish to match your passion!

Here’s to raging philanthropy,

Alicia Philipp
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How to use Extra Wish

How you use Extra Wish is entirely up to you! You can choose to fulfill an entire wish, or a part of several. Our donors have shared with us that they use the catalog in the following ways:

- To identify tangible, essential needs as a way to **make a material difference for nonprofits.**

- To help their families have a conversation about philanthropy. Many families gather over a meal and go through the book together, using it to **identify shared philanthropic priorities.** Some families share the digital version with family members who cannot be present in person so they can participate too.

- To **engage the next generation of philanthropists.** It’s a great tool, particularly for children.

- To **learn about different nonprofit organizations across the region** and the impact they are making.
This year’s 25 wishes are broken down into categories that match four of 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.

**ABOUT EXTRA WISH**

Extra Wish creates visibility for nonprofits, driving social good in our 23-county region.

Extra Wish features nonprofits who exemplify best practices, some of the strongest and most vibrant in the Atlanta region. 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 the Common Good Fund, the Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund, Grants to Green or the Neighborhood Fund. 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 100 organizations submitted applications for this Extra Wish cycle. Foundation experts reviewed each request, selecting a diverse group of the 25 most compelling wishes for inclusion in this catalog.

**HOW TO GRANT A WISH**

If you would like to grant an Extra Wish, please contact your philanthropic advisor or log in to Donor Central to make your gift. In Donor Central, 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 questions, call us at 404.688.5525 or reach out to your philanthropic advisor:

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Our mission: Build a dynamic arts ecology to ensure all residents in our region have access to high-quality cultural experiences and diverse artistic programs. From stage productions that touch the heart and bring critical issues to life, to the suspension of imagination experienced in a puppet show, our region is home to many innovative arts organizations whose wishes will make participation easier and the audience experience richer.
7 STAGES
Operating budget: $495,944

7 Stages brings race relations, human rights, war, politics and other provocative subjects to life through edgy and unforgettable theatre. The organization nurtures new playwrights, develops new plays and engages audiences with thought-provoking productions designed to spur social change. Artists participate through workshops, residencies and internships. An anti-bullying program in schools uses theatre to teach children to advocate for themselves and take positive action. Theatre companies without permanent homes stage their productions at 7 Stages through its low-cost rental program. To continue reaching 20,000 patrons a year through bold, immersive, experimental theatre, 7 Stages needs scaffolding. The 14-foot structure will provide safe access to lighting and scenic elements high above the stage in the Mainstage and the Black Box, so productions in both spaces can be staged on time and on budget.

1105 Euclid Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 | 7stages.org

Wish List:
14-foot scaffold: $3,997

BALLETHNIC DANCE COMPANY
Operating budget: $450,000

As the first and only professional ballet company in Atlanta founded by African-Americans, Ballethnic fuses classical ballet with African and other ethnic dance forms, creating a vibrant and original experience for the dancers and the audience. Ballet often shuts out minorities with its price tag, but Ballethnic offers classes that are free and/or low-cost so that no one is turned away for an inability to pay. Students learn to leap through the air and to make healthy life choices. Last year, more than 14,000 people witnessed a performance or took classes at Ballethnic. Dancers need shoes in order to fly, and Ballethnic seeks 24 pairs of pointe shoes and 16 pairs of men’s ballet shoes. The organization also seeks a MacBook Pro to integrate technology into performances and maximize social media outreach.

2587 Cheney St., East Point, GA 30344 | ballethnic.org

Wish List:
24 pairs of pointe shoes: $2,400
16 pairs of male ballet shoes: $416
MacBook Pro: $2,160
Total: $4,976

CENTER FOR PUPPETRY ARTS
Operating budget: $3,780,244

The Center for Puppetry Arts is a jewel in the heart of the city. As the nation’s largest nonprofit organization dedicated to the global art of puppetry, the center attracts 150,000 patrons of all ages to classics like Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer as well as clever adaptations and highly original productions. The new Worlds of Puppetry Museum features exhibits on the legacy of Jim Henson and global puppetry traditions. Outreach programs bring the art of puppetry to an additional 300,000 children each year. The center’s wish list reflects the many facets of its puppet universe. Printed-object labels will give context to 120 artifacts in an upcoming museum exhibit. DVDs of student performances will make the life-changing summer camp experience for 9- to 12-year-olds even more memorable. And an Italian glove puppet will teach children about cultural diversity.

1404 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 | puppet.org

Wish List:
120 printed-object labels: $1,800
20 puppet camp DVDs: $567
1 Italian glove puppet: $665
Total: $3,032
Our mission: Advocate for equitable economic growth, strong civic health and safe, sustainable communities. We strive for a region where people fleeing challenges abroad are welcomed, where social entrepreneurs can thrive and where we can all come home to the warm greeting of a loving pet. These wishes can make the dreams of our community come true.
ATLANTA HUMANE SOCIETY
Operating budget: $10,575,000

They are the golden retrievers you see chasing balls in Piedmont Park, the boxer you see on your morning walk, your neighbor’s mutt who looks like a mix of at least a dozen breeds. Thousands of Atlanta’s cherished pets were adopted at the Atlanta Humane Society. The organization impacts more than 25,000 families and animals each year through dog and cat adoptions, spaying and neutering surgeries, foster animal placements and other services, all with the goal of eliminating companion animal homelessness. The Atlanta Humane Society works with more than 60 shelters and rescue groups in 47 Georgia counties. The organization needs an anesthesia oxygen concentrator, a device that will pay for itself within six months by eliminating the need for individual oxygen tanks during surgeries. Pet microchips will help reunite lost pets with their families.

981 Howell Mill Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 | atlantahumane.org

ATLANTA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOUNDATION
Operating budget: $1,425,100

The Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation helps people reclaim their lives. All free of charge. Through a walk-in clinic that has become a national model, lawyers assist women and families fleeing domestic violence. The office serves more than 1,800 victims a year, securing almost 2,000 protective orders. In addition, their Eviction Defense Program helps families stand up to eviction notices. Some 300 volunteer lawyers represent more than 400 clients, reaching more than 1,000 family members each year and making the organization the city’s largest provider of tenant representation. Many families facing eviction live in unhealthy homes with poor air quality. HEPA vacuum cleaners and allergen-proof bedding protect against bedbugs, roaches and mold, helping to reduce asthma-related complications. The foundation needs these products to provide short-term relief, while lawyers continue seeking justice for tenants in substandard housing.

235 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 1750, Atlanta, GA 30303 | avlf.org

CENTER FOR CIVIC INNOVATION
Operating budget: $351,886

Some social entrepreneurs conceive and execute their ideas from the comfort of home, but big ideas that bring about significant change often need a collaborative, supportive environment. The Center for Civic Innovation is a lab for governments, nonprofits and social entrepreneurs. It serves as an incubator, co-working space and gathering spot for people driven by a desire to make Atlanta better. For example, through a partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, the center challenges entrepreneurs to come up with innovative ways to increase supply of fresh, healthy, affordable food. In the past six months, the organization offered 50 programs and workshops to more than 1,500 entrepreneurs and facilitated more than $100,000 in early-stage investments. The organization, which is home base for 25 social ventures, seeks desks, chairs and filing cabinets to give participants a place to sit, work and dream.

115 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. NW, Suite 304, Atlanta, GA 30303 | civicatlanta.org

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Wish List:

1 Pureline OC6200 Anesthesia Oxygen Concentrator: $2,495
375 pet microchips: $2,381
Total: $4,876

Wish List:

10 HEPA vacuums (reconditioned): $950
10 allergen-proof mattress encasements: $1,450
10 allergen-proof pillow encasements: $500
Total: $2,900

Wish List:

8 Maxwell metal desks: $1,120
8 Storex filing cabinets: $624
8 Flash Furniture office chairs: $784
Total: $2,528
FRIENDS OF REFUGEES
Operating budget: $767,285

They arrive tired, scared, confused and homesick for a life they were forced to leave behind. In Clarkston, they find education, employment and support from Friends of Refugees. Families receive mentoring for their children and garden plots to grow fresh food. Entrepreneurs get help launching their businesses. In 2015, Friends of Refugees volunteers contributed 47,000 hours, helping 4,122 refugees. The services they provide improve the whole of Clarkston, including American-born residents, enhancing the community known as the most diverse square mile in America. The organization seeks eight Pack ‘n Playards for families with babies. Gas cards will offset the cost of delivering produce to its Family Literacy School, transporting kids to mentoring programs and summer camp and driving adults to job interviews. A community event tent will create a gathering space for neighbors to share stories, laughter and international cuisine.

P.O. Box 548, Clarkston, GA 30021   |   friendsofrefugees.com

WYLDE CENTER
Operating budget: $497,542

The lush, breathtaking beauty of the Oakhurst Garden can soothe a person’s soul. It’s a peaceful oasis, a testament to the power of people in harmony with nature. Wylde Center provides one of the largest youth environmental and science programs in metro Atlanta, and the Oakhurst Garden is its flagship greenspace. The center engages young and old through its Farm to School program in Decatur schools and Healthy Living by Healthy Growing at the Decatur Housing Authority. Wylde Center exposes more than 13,000 residents each year to the beauty of science and nature. A new indoor education center at the Oakhurst Garden will engage visitors with a library, science equipment and natural objects. For the indoor center Wylde seeks two custom tables, a fur swatch collection (it’s not real fur, but looks and feels real) and a soil display.

435 Oakview Rd., Decatur, GA 30030   |   wyldecenter.org

Wish List:
8 Graco Pack ‘n Playards: $1,184
11 gas cards: $2,750
1 community event tent: $1,011
Total: $4,945

Wish List:
2 tables: $1,000
1 Kind Fur swatch collection: $672
1 soil horizons display: $207
Total: $1,879

“Thanks to Extra Wish, in 2013 we acquired an eastern indigo snake named Patton who has become an excellent living ambassador for teaching the importance of habitat conservation. Eastern indigo snakes are incredibly important for native Georgia ecosystems, and Patton’s calm manner has made him a star attraction at our onsite programs and offsite events.” — Laura Heiman, manager of major gifts, Fernbank
Our mission: Improve outcomes and expand opportunities for all learners across the education spectrum. Education doesn’t just happen in the classroom, it happens through games, through exercise and through interaction with family and friends. Granting these wishes can help make learning fun for young students and older learners alike. ♦ ♦ ♦
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTH GEORGIA
Operating budget: $480,000

Boys & Girls Clubs of North Georgia has a tough task to keep area teens engaged in positive behaviors and peer interaction. In addition to providing programs to elementary and middle school students, the organization’s newest club in rural northwest Georgia is creating a space for teenagers to hang out after school, a place that combines fun and interesting activities with room to just relax. To accomplish that, the club is seeking an air hockey table and tables and chairs. The goal at Boys & Girls Clubs is to provide kids with the support they need to have bright futures. The organization accomplishes that through character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, and sports and recreation. It serves 524 young people a year, providing them with a consistent, safe environment where boys and girls of all ages learn new skills and make healthy, positive choices.

P.O. Box 649, Jasper, GA 30143  |  bgcng.org

FERNBANK MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
Operating budget: $9,708,440

When you work at Fernbank Museum of Natural History and your job is to provide hands-on materials that awaken kids’ passion for science, you get to shop at an online store called Skulls Unlimited. Curators have their eye on two giganotosaurus skull replicas, one-ninth the actual size of the massive, carnivorous dinosaur, but full of detail down to the rows of jagged teeth. They are also requesting bird and mammal skulls, which will be used in exploratory science classes, after school programs, outdoor classrooms and other enrichment programs. Fernbank is known for its original, interactive science exhibits as well as an IMAX theater and family enrichment programs. More than 400,000 visitors pass through every year. Whether teaching kids about dinosaurs or Georgia wildlife, the guiding philosophy at Fernbank is the same: we learn by doing.

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

Wish List:
1 air hockey table: $574
4 counter-height table and chair sets: $1,277
4 table and chair sets: $1,180
Total: $3,031

Wish List:
2 giganotosaurus skulls: $498
2 animal adaptation skull kits - birds: $1,038
2 animal adaptation skull kits - mammals: $776
Total: $2,312

“Extra Wish enabled us to purchase projectors for our Refugee Family Literacy Program. Teachers use projectors for classes and life skills workshops that cover parenting, health and nutrition. Our wish also supported the cost of printing materials for our clients to use at home, enriching their school instruction sessions.” — Brian Bollinger, executive director, Friends of Refugees
FERST FOUNDATION FOR CHILDHOOD LITERACY
Operating budget: $1,346,234

One of the most important things parents can do is read to their child every day from the day they are born. Yet many parents do not realize that reading Go, Dog! Go over and over puts their child on a path to school success. Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy teaches parents how to be their child’s first teacher and provides books for their home library. Ferst Foundation serves 13,500 children from birth to age 5, and reaches additional children through programs in rural Georgia. More than 30,000 children receive books in the mail from Ferst Foundation every month. The organization is producing a series of videos to get its message out to parents. Videos will be available online and as DVDs, providing another tool for parents to make sure their child arrives in kindergarten ready to learn and thrive.

P.O. Box 1327, Madison, GA 30650  |  ferstfoundation.org

Wish List:
- Video production: Parents as Their Child’s First Teacher: $1,500
- Video production: Parents Literacy Training: $1,500
- 1,200 DVD duplication of parent videos: $1,800
- Total: $4,800

GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER ATLANTA
Operating budget: $15,098,810

For more than a century, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta has been teaching girls to paddle their own canoes, so to speak, by building courage, confidence and character. Modern girl scouts focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), financial literacy, healthy living, the environment and global citizenship. Through programs that emphasize healthy relationships and problem solving, girl scouts grow into bold, confident leaders. Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta serves 42,000 girls in 33 Georgia counties and one county in Tennessee. Outreach programs make sure girls from families with lower incomes have access to scout troops. The organization operates five camps, which broaden horizons and teach girls to appreciate the natural world. They build confidence and gain new skills. Equipment including funyaks — inflatable kayaks just right for beginners — stand-up paddle boards and a hydrobike will teach girls to navigate the outdoors while building strength and making friends.

5601 North Allen Rd. SE, Mableton, GA 30126  |  girlscoutsatl.org

Wish List:
- 3 Funyaks: $1,050
- 3 Stand-up paddle boards: $1,125
- 1 Hydrobike: $2,500
- Total: $4,675

GIRLS ON THE RUN OF ATLANTA
Operating budget: $549,533

Girls on the Run is much more than a running club. Yes, girls in third through eighth grades train for 5K races and other events. But they also learn to traverse the rocky path of adolescence. They build self-esteem, become more comfortable in social settings and learn to handle peer pressure. By acquiring these skills early in life, they avoid making poor decisions that can derail their futures. Girls on the Run serves 3,000 girls a year, working with more than 100 schools and 1,000 volunteers. Participation is free in schools with large numbers of girls who can’t afford to pay. The organization seeks the must-have gear every runner needs: shoes. Girls on the Run is also requesting sports bras, so girls going through puberty can experience the joys of running and of belonging.

1904 Monroe Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30324  |  girlsontherun.org

Wish List:
- 100 pairs of running shoes: $3,000
- 100 running bras: $2,000
- Total: $5,000
“Extra Wish always has super opportunities to give to specific timely needs. We like that. We know where and how our donation is being used. Can’t get better than that!” – Joan Seppala

LaAMISTAD
Operating budget: $1,034,801
For Latino students, the road to high school graduation can be long, winding and filled with obstacles. LaAmistad removes these obstacles through after-school programs, parenting programs and English language instruction. The organization served 630 people in 2015 and has added another 50 children through two new after-school sites. One of its main goals is making sure children can read on grade level by the end of third grade, an important marker for long-term education success. With four students per teacher, and plans to reduce that to two students per teacher, LaAmistad students experience significant growth. Teaching also requires supplies. The organization is seeking colorful teaching materials, including games for vocabulary, phonics, math and other crucial skills. By providing children with the support they need at a young age, LaAmistad is strengthening Latino families and communities.

3434 Roswell Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30305 | laamistadinc.org

LITERACY ACTION
Operating budget: $2,299,000
In order to read, people have to be able to see. For students at Literacy Action, the oldest and largest adult literacy nonprofit in the Southeast, magnifying glasses and other tools will make reading not only possible, but enjoyable. These tools will reduce vision fatigue and help students achieve their goals. Literacy Action’s trained teachers and volunteers teach more than basic reading and writing. They teach math and citizenship and help students prepare for the GED exam. Their goal is to help their students reach their potential. In addition to classes, which are free, Literacy Action offers a learning lab, a computer lab, eyeglass clinics and workshops. Last year, the organization touched the lives of 1,400 adults, 75 percent of whom read at or below the third-grade level. By removing poor vision as a barrier, more adults will be able to improve their lives through literacy.

100 Edgewood Ave. NE, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30303 | literacyaction.org

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100 Edgewood Ave. NE, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30303 | literacyaction.org

Wish List:
10 reading skills folder game libraries: $1,290
20 reading and writing skills folder game libraries: $2,580
40 math flash cards: $983
Total: $4,853

Wish List:
20 Kantek LCD 22” monitor magnifiers: $2,263
40 Carson Optical MagniSheet: $440
15 Sight Savers 2206 handheld magnifiers: $434
Total: $3,137
Our mission: Ensure a healthy, safe and engaged region, where all residents have access to quality health care and nutritious food. From providing services to specific populations like immigrants or the homeless, to ensuring that children get the love and care they need after experiencing trauma or living in a broken home, these wishes will ensure that support is provided in times of critical need.
ATLANTA CENTER FOR SELF SUFFICIENCY
Operating budget: $875,214

When homeless people go to work they have the chance to get their lives back, earn an income and boost their self-esteem. The Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency gets homeless people ready for work with a three-week training course, résumé assistance and help finding a job. By working with shelters, the center connects with those most in need and serves 500 people each year, including many veterans. Of the 275 people who found full-time jobs last year, 75 percent held those jobs for at least six months. The organization needs two laptop computers to help with job searches and life skills training as well as a point-of-sale system for Cafe 458, the innovative social enterprise that raises money for the center by serving Sunday brunch to the public.

100 Edgewood Ave. NE, Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30303   |   atlantacss.org

Wish List:
2 laptop computers: $2,266
1 point of sale system: $2,218
Total: $4,484

DECATUR COOPERATIVE MINISTRY
Operating budget: $1,567,507

Homelessness for most people is a temporary state brought on by job loss, family conflict or eviction. Decatur Cooperative Ministry provides 90-day emergency shelter, six-month transitional housing and five permanent homes for chronically-homeless families with disabilities. The organization provides services to get its homeless clients into homes as quickly as possible. It served 1,079 adults and children in 2015 and the majority left Decatur Cooperative Ministry and moved into stable housing. The organization also gave $112,000 to people for rent and utilities so they could avoid homelessness. To help people succeed as they move from a shelter into a home of their own, the organization provides move-in kits with kitchen essentials such as pots, pans and dishes. This reduces financial stress and encourages families to save money by cooking and eating at home.

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

Wish List:
35 move-in kits: $2,100

DEVEREUX GEORGIA
Operating budget: $18,912,723

Many of the young people who receive treatment at Devereux Georgia have been through unimaginable horrors, including commercial sexual exploitation, abuse and neglect. Others are suffering from emotional or behavior challenges because of mental illnesses or developmental disabilities. At Devereux, these young people get the intensive residential treatment and other services they need so they can graduate from high school, get ready for the workforce and get their lives moving in a positive direction. The organization serves approximately 440 young people each year, and the need for services continues to grow. Devereux was recognized last year as a leader in LBGTQ healthcare equality. As part of a treatment model that emphasizes positive behavior and good choices, young people earn rewards that can be redeemed at a canteen. To stock the canteen, the organization seeks body wash, stuffed animals and inspirational wall decals.

1291 Stanley Rd. NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152   |   devereauxga.org

Wish List:
125 containers of body wash: $663
125 stuffed animals: $2,000
125 inspirational wall decals: $1,750
Total: $4,413
GLOBAL GROWERS NETWORK
Operating budget: $498,582

Global Growers creates opportunities in sustainable agriculture by growing good food, training farmers and providing economic opportunity. It cultivates the agricultural talent and heritage of refugees in the Clarkston community, operating four farm and garden sites on a total of 20 acres. The community faces challenges including lack of access to fresh food, specifically locally-grown ethnic foods, limited knowledge of the U.S. food system and barriers to farming sites. In 2015, Global Growers sold more than $100,000 in fresh produce to Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) members, farm-to-table restaurants and local farmers markets, with 75 percent of the revenue going directly to the farmers. They are requesting 800 MARTA Breeze cards for the women farmers of Umurima to access their farm site where they grow traditional East African crops that provide fresh food to their families. A rain water harvester will reduce utility bills and create an environmentally sustainable irrigation system. An iPad will streamline and improve their market’s functions including payment processing and inventory management.

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

GOOD SAMARITAN HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER
Operating budget: $1,610,259

This north Georgia sliding-scale clinic provides primary health, dental, vision and mental health services to more than 3,700 people each year, many of whom do not have insurance or other healthcare options. Pickens County, like many rural counties, does not have many doctors, especially those who accept Medicare, Medicaid, PeachCare and other public healthcare plans. Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center keeps these patients from over-taxing the county’s lone emergency room. The organization needs five cart care exchange workstations, which enable doctors and nurses to refer to a patient’s health records electronically while still maintaining eye contact with the patient. The workstation enables the doctor to sit or stand while caring for the patient, improving the relationship between doctors and their patients. It also creates an efficient process that reduces errors and enables doctors to treat more patients.

175 Samaritan Dr., Jasper, GA 30143 | goodsamhwc.org

Wish List:
800 MARTA Breeze cards: $2,000
1 rain water harvester: $1,500
1 Apple iPad: $1,300
Total: $4,800

Wish List:
5 cart care exchange workstations: $4,180

“Our Extra Wish enabled us to purchase 47 grocery carts that make transporting groceries easier for our clients and $1,000 in grocery gift cards for people with needs that our food pantry could not meet. The gift cards were thankfully received by families including one recipient, a veteran and mother of two, who was ill and needed special foods. The gift card made it possible for her to not only take care of herself, but also properly care for her children.”

– Dorothy Chandler, executive director, Midtown Assistance Center
JERUSALEM HOUSE
Operating budget: $6,872,369

Jerusalem House takes care of people with HIV and AIDS by providing them with a permanent place to live. Through Jerusalem House staff and partnerships with other organizations, clients also receive counseling, education, medical services, substance abuse treatment, help with food and clothing and other services. Such support enables residents to live healthier, productive lives while living with HIV. The organization serves 425 people each year, including 80 children. Providing housing to people with HIV reduces their need for emergency and inpatient health services and improves access to the medications they need. Jerusalem House wants to replace broken and unusable exercise equipment with a treadmill, exercise bike and home gym. Regular exercise improves energy, appetite, sleep patterns, stress levels and feelings of well-being, benefits that are especially significant for people living with HIV and AIDS.

17 Executive Park Dr. NE, Suite 290, Atlanta, GA 30329  |  jerusalemhouse.org

Wish List:
1 treadmill: $708
2 exercise bicycles: $340
1 home gym: $1,445
Total: $2,493

LUTHERAN SERVICES OF GEORGIA
Operating budget: $15,866,374

Lutheran Services of Georgia helps children grow up in stable, loving homes. The organization works with families in crisis so they can continue to raise their children. When children are at risk of abuse and neglect, it provides safe, caring foster homes. And when reunification is not possible, it places children for adoption. The organization also helps refugees start new lives and assists people with developmental, physical or intellectual disabilities live meaningful lives with host families. In 2015, the organization served more than 700 families and individuals. To ensure the safety of their most precious cargo — children — the organization is requesting 14 infant, 70 convertible and 48 booster car seats. Case managers need car seats to transport children to doctors’ appointments and to a day camp for children impacted by trauma. Additionally, Lutheran Services will give car seats to families who need them.

100 Edgewood Ave. NE, Suite 1800, Atlanta, GA 30303  |  lsga.org

Wish List:
14 infant car seats: $910
70 convertible car seats: $3,360
48 booster car seats: $720
Total: $4,990

MIDTOWN ASSISTANCE CENTER
Operating budget: $642,650

Help is a phone call away at Midtown Assistance Center. The organization gets almost 10,000 calls each month from residents in midtown, downtown and westside Atlanta who are desperate for rent money, utilities assistance and food. By focusing on basic needs, the center helps those who need it most make it through difficult times. Follow-up phone calls to landlords reveal that 90 percent of families who get help with rent are able to remain in their homes. The organization also provides MARTA passes and work attire. Midtown Assistance Center is requesting work pants, work shoes, underwear and socks, the so-called below-the-belt necessities for men who are going on job interviews and starting new jobs. For these men, the right pants and shoes can mean the difference between getting and keeping a job or remaining unemployed.

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

Wish List:
50 pairs of work pants: $1,500
50 pairs of work shoes/boots: $2,500
500 pairs of underwear and socks: $1,000
Total: $5,000
OUR HOUSE
Operating budget: $3,208,862

Our House gives homeless families a path to self-sufficiency by providing an urgently needed service: full-day childcare. The organization also provides shelter for up to six months for mothers with newborns and their families. While at Our House, mothers can train to work in childcare. They may also receive rent and utilities assistance, transportation, educational opportunities and other services that help families become independent. Our House serves more than 500 people each year. The Early Childhood Education program provides high-quality care to as many as 151 children from birth to age 5. The organization needs commercial washers and dryers to meet the needs of 18 families living in its shelter and to wash the bedding used by the childcare centers. Families need clean clothes as they take the steps to reclaim their lives and provide for their children.

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

RAINBOW VILLAGE
Operating budget: $2,416,450

Homeless families can live in Rainbow Village’s furnished apartments for up to two years. Upon moving out, Rainbow Village continues working with them for up to five years. This long-term commitment is what helps families break out of crisis mode and build a stable life with renewed confidence and dignity. The organization works with about 90 people a year. While at Rainbow Village, residents learn to budget, plan for their financial future, maintain homes and cars and build their credit. Young children attend the organization’s daycare center and school-age children get help with their homework, mentoring and the opportunity to try new things. Rainbow Village is adding music production to its after-school program and needs 16 sets of headphones as well as music-production software. Kids will learn a 21st-century skill while experiencing the therapeutic benefits of music.

3427 Duluth Highway 120, Duluth, GA 30096 | rainbowvillage.org

“Each year during Chanukah, our family denotes at least one night as ‘charity night.’ Last year we decided to look through the Extra Wish book to see where we would donate. Everyone felt strongly about being able to pick their own charities to donate to. We all made thoughtful choices and felt, with the Foundation’s help, we were making a difference.”  – Susan and Brian Banner
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