

Columbus REALTORS® Foundation 2020 Community Grant Recipients

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The Columbus REALTORS® Foundation Board of Trustees has awarded **11 project grants** to local non-profit organizations for a total of **\$50,000 invested** in the central Ohio community.

Community Shelter Board

[www.csb.org]

CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. Columbus REALTORS® Foundation funding will help support food services, including nutritious food and kitchen staff, for homeless families and individuals being served by CSB's Emergency Shelter System.

Family Mentor Foundation

[www.familymentorfoundation.org]

Family Mentor Foundation connects community resources with children that need them most. This grant will help support FMF's Buddy Boxes program, which provides weekly boxes of kid-friendly, nutritious, nonperishable food to children facing food insecurity.

Franklinton Rising

[www.franklintonrising.org]

Franklinton Rising teaches life skills, job skills, and belief systems to at-risk youth living in the Franklinton area of Columbus, OH (the oldest and poorest neighborhood in central Ohio) and other nearby inner-city neighborhoods. This year's grant will go to support their project to rebuild two vacant houses in Franklinton, providing training opportunities for 12-20 at-risk youth.

Furniture Bank of Central Ohio

[www.furniturebankcoh.org]

The mission of the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio is to reduce the impact of poverty by providing furniture to central Ohio families and individuals struggling with severe life challenges. Columbus REALTORS® Foundation funding will support their "Furniture for Families" program to help provide families in need with furniture and household items.

Gracehaven

[www.gracehaven.me]

Gracehaven fights against domestic minor sex trafficking in Ohio through community collaboration, prevention education and awareness, intervention training, and survivor care and support. This grant will help support the installation of new privacy perimeter fencing for Gracehaven's therapeutic residential campus for minor victims of human trafficking in Ohio.

Joseph's Coat

[www.josephs-coat.org]

Joseph's Coat of Central Ohio serves their neighbors by providing clothing, furniture, and household goods to individuals and families in central Ohio struggling to achieve stability and self-sufficiency. This grant will help Joseph's Coat provide items such as mattresses, foundations, bed linens & household essentials to families in need.

Melissa's House

[www.melissashouse.org]

Melissa's House restores hope for those with mental illness by updating and renewing the community spaces in which they live or receive care so they have warm and comfortable surroundings in which to heal. Columbus REALTORS® Foundation funding will be used to help update and paint the common spaces at PEER Center East, a daily drop-in center for individuals with mental illness.

MidOhio Habitat for Humanity

[www.habitat.org/us-oh/columbus/midohio-hfh]

This global nonprofit housing organization builds strength, stability and self-reliance in partnership with families in need of decent and affordable housing. Columbus REALTORS® Foundation funding will help support HFH's Home Repair program that helps low-income homeowners maintain the interior and exterior of their homes.

Move to PROSPER

[www.movetoprosper.org]

Move to PROSPER makes affordable rental housing available in neighborhoods that offer access to opportunities, such as good schools, safe neighborhoods, employment and other indicators of opportunities, so that all families at all income levels in central Ohio have a true choice to live in a community of opportunity. In the final phase of a three-year partnership, Columbus REALTORS® Foundation will once again support this innovative housing study hosted in conjunction with the Ohio State University.

Netcare Access

[www.netcareaccess.org]

Netcare Access is Franklin County's 24-hour mental health and substance abuse crisis intervention, assessment and referral service. This grant will provide partial funding of a project to renovate and upgrade the outdoor areas of Miles House, a residential treatment facility in the Hilltop typically serving low-income adults coping with mental health or substance abuse issues.

YWCA Columbus

[www.ywacacolumbus.org]

YWCA Columbus is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all, including providing emergency shelter and meals for homeless families. Columbus REALTORS® Foundation will provide funding to purchase 130 new chairs for the YWCA community room at The Family Center where families gather to eat meals and outside groups provide engagement activities.

Learn more about what makes each of our recipients special by visiting their websites!

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