



Women's Giving Circle

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Thank you for accepting our invitation to apply for a grant from the Women's Giving Circle (WGC), an initiative of the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Cleveland. Please respond clearly and concisely and adhere to the word limits below.

Organization Name: [Fatima Family Center - Catholic Charities](#)

[St. Martin de Porres Family Center - Catholic Charities](#)

Address of Organization:

6600 Lexington Ave. Cleveland, OH 44103
1264 E. 123rd St. Cleveland, OH 44108

Organization Snapshot (75 words max)

Briefly describe your organization's mission, whom you serve, and where you serve.

Catholic Charities embodies the call of Jesus to care for those in need with individual and family services in the eight counties of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. We strengthen families at Fatima Family Center, St. Martin de Porres Family Center, and Good Shepherd Family Center and in programs that support pregnant women, children and youth, people with disabilities, migrants, and seniors. Catholic Charities also helps people meet their basic needs and achieve self-sufficiency at centers across the Diocese.

Project Summary (100 words max)

Describe the specific project or program for which you are requesting Women's Giving Circle support.

Fatima Family Center and St. Martin de Porres Family Center offer a haven for families in the Hough and Glenville neighborhoods of Cleveland. Each day, the centers are filled with kids learning through games and field trips, older adults eating together and engaged in healthy activities, and parents learning how to strengthen their family. At Christmas, both centers offer Toyland/Joyland, an event that gives low-income families what they need to relieve the financial stress of the holidays. Directors work with families and volunteers to secure toys, clothes, food, and gift cards, to create a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Community Need (100 words max)

What need does this project address, and why is it important at this time?

Families living in Hough, Glenville and nearby neighborhoods struggle to make ends meet. At least half of households earn less than \$25,000 per year, and parents are focused on food, shelter, health care, care for elderly parents, and childcare for their children. Christmas is a stressful reminder of these financial struggles, and times are hard. In 2025, SNAP benefits stopped for a month in November, followed by a cold winter with higher housing costs. Health insurance costs have spiked, and childcare is more expensive. The programs and opportunities at the family centers, including Toyland/Joyland, impacts every generation to strengthen the whole family.

Impact & Outcomes (100 words max)

What impact do you expect this project to have? Include one or two measurable outcomes

Fatima Family Center and St. Martin de Porres Family Center will help 200 families meet their unique needs for Christmas. Requests will include essential clothing, like coats, hats and mittens, toys, or gift cards to allow families to buy the items that fit their circumstances. Both centers will have celebratory events, with Christmas decorations and food. Families will be less likely to enter 2027 with an enormous credit card bill, which leads to more financial challenges. Staff at the family centers, and our volunteers, also will experience the joy of giving to people who they have walked with throughout the year.

Use of Women's Giving Circle Funds (75 words max)

How will Women's Giving Circle funds be used?

Catholic Charities seeks \$18,000, which includes \$9,000 for Fatima Family Center and \$9,000 for St. Martin de Porres Family Center to support Toyland/Joyland. For each center, this includes \$5,000 for 100 gift cards (\$50 each), \$3,000 for children's toys and clothing, and \$1,000 towards the costs of the celebratory events associated with Toyland/Joyland.

Alignment with Catholic Values (75 words max)

How does this project align with Catholic values or Catholic Social Teaching?

In his Apostolic Letter, Bishop Malesic calls the people of God the front-line workers for Christ in our society. What better time to serve as Christ's front-line workers than at Christmas. The Holy Family also reminds us of the importance of family in building the kingdom of God. At Fatima Family Center and St. Martin de Porres Family Center, we create a wider family, where we find peace and joy together, regardless of material need or social struggle.

Partnerships (50 word max, if applicable)

Briefly describe any project partnerships.

We partner with St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima, St. Agatha-St. Aloysius, and other local and suburban parishes, schools, and colleges, including John Carroll University. We partner with our city and county councilpersons, first responders, public health agencies, and libraries, Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, and dozens of community agencies.

Funding Request

Amount Requested: \$ 18,000

Total Project Budget: \$ 18,000

Signature:



Name: Dan Horrigan

Title: Interim President & CEO

**Catholic Charities
Fatima Family Center & St. Martin de Porres Family Center
Toyland/Joyland Budget
May 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**

Expense	Projected Budget	Actual Expenses	Difference to Budget
Fatima Family Center			
Gift Cards:100 x \$50	\$5,000.00		
Coats/Hats	\$1,500.00		
Toys: various	\$1,500.00		
Celebratory events	\$1,000.00		
Sub-total	\$9,000		
St Martin de Porres FC			
Gift Cards:100 x \$50	\$5,000.00		
Coats/Hats	\$1,500.00		
Toys: various	\$1,500.00		
Celebratory events	\$1,000.00		
Sub-total	\$9,000		
TOTAL REQUEST	\$18,000		
Other Funding Sources			
Catholic Charities operating funds	Family Center leadership and staff throughout the year.		
Individual donations	Generous donations throughout the year.		