



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: [Honey from the Rock](#)

Address of Organization: 2201 W110th Street Cleveland, OH 44102

Organization Snapshot (75 words max)

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

Honey from the Rock exists to provide support to children experiencing foster care and the families who say yes to them. As Cleveland's first foster care closet, we serve children across Northeast Ohio by meeting urgent needs with clothing, essentials, and care during their journey in foster care. We continue walking alongside children and families beyond placement, reunification, adoption, or aging out of the foster care system.

Project Summary (100 words max)

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

Women's Giving Circle support will help create the Kid Zone, a trauma-informed play space within our expanding Foster Care Community Hub. During shopping appointments, the Kid Zone will provide a safe, welcoming environment where children can play with newly selected toys, books, and stuffed animals while caregivers shop privately and connect with experienced foster parents. The space will also be used during monthly caregiver support groups, allowing adults to participate fully while children are safely engaged nearby. This investment transforms crisis response into a

compassionate experience that supports children and the caregivers walking alongside them.

Community Need (100 words max)

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

The Kid Zone addresses the need for a safe, welcoming space for children who accompany caregivers to our foster care closet. Appointments often involve meaningful conversations and important decisions, yet children currently do not have a dedicated area designed for their comfort and engagement. The Kid Zone will provide space for children to play safely with the new toy, book, and stuffed animal they selected during their appointment while caregivers focus on choosing other essentials and receiving support. This space will also be used during monthly support groups, allowing caregivers to fully participate. As we continue serving more families, the Kid Zone ensures a calm, trauma-informed environment that supports the whole family.

Impact & Outcomes (100 words max)

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

The Kid Zone will support more than 600 children annually by providing a safe, supervised space where they can simply be kids. Measurable outcomes include tracking the number of children actively engaged in the Kid Zone and monitoring caregiver participation in support conversations and monthly peer groups. By reducing children's stress and allowing caregivers to focus on critical needs, the Kid Zone strengthens placement readiness, improves family stability, and ensures every child experiences dignity and comfort during one of the most vulnerable transitions in foster care.

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

How will Women's Giving Circle funds be used?

Women's Giving Circle funds will be used to create the Kid Zone by purchasing child-safe furnishings, seating, storage, toys, activity tables, and décor. This dedicated space will allow children to safely play while caregivers shop the closet, receive emotional support, and participate in monthly support groups. Funds will directly support building a welcoming environment that promotes safety, dignity, and stability during the transition through foster care.

Alignment with Catholic Values (75 words max)

The Women's Giving Circle supports projects that respect the dignity of the human person, serve those most in need, and contribute to the common good. Please describe how this project reflects these values and how its activities are consistent with the mission and teachings of the Catholic Church.

Honey from the Rock reflects Catholic teaching by upholding the inherent dignity of every child, especially those most vulnerable. Children entering foster care are in crisis, and we respond with compassion, tangible support, and respect for their worth. By meeting urgent needs and walking alongside families, we serve the common good and strengthen our local community. Our work embodies the Church's call to care for the least among us with mercy, justice, and love.

Partnerships (50 words max, if applicable)

Briefly describe any project partnerships.

The Kid Zone project is supported through partnerships with local organizations and individual donors. We have received both grants and in-kind donations for services and materials.

Funding Request:

Amount Requested: \$5,000 Total

Project Budget: \$60,000

Signature: *Kathy DiVincenzo*

Name: Kathy DiVincenzo

Title: Executive Director

Area	Description	Estimated Cost
Demolition	Testing and wall and ceiling removal	Donated
Construction	Rebuilding and ceiling light repairs	10,000
Kitchenette	Cabinets, Dishwasher, sink + faucet, countertop, backsplash, table + chairs, and labor	10,000
Sensory Sensitive	Tactile supplies, seating, lighting, rugs, toys, black out curtain, and sound machine	10,000
Kid Zone Room	Couch, chairs, table, storage units, tv/AV, toys, rugs, wall murals, play houses, disney+ subscription	20,000
Flooring		10,000