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### To be eligible to apply for An Extra Wish,

organizations must have been reviewed through a formal, competitive program at The Community Foundation in the last four years (Common Good Funds, Arts Fund, local funds, AIDS Fund, Grants to Green and Neighborhood Fund) and have an operating budget between \$30,000 and \$15 million. An Extra Wish covers the costs of essential items that would contribute to the success of an organization, but have been set aside because of more pressing needs. The Foundation's staff and Board have reviewed each request. Listed are the organizations we think might be of most interest to you.

### If you would like to grant An Extra Wish,

please contact your philanthropic advisor. Should you decide to respond to the request through means other than your fund at the Foundation, please let us know so that we can track wishes as they are fulfilled.

### If you have questions or want additional information about these requests, please

**call us.** Best wishes to you and your family and, as always, we appreciate your charitable service to the Greater Atlanta community.

## 7 Stages

1105 Euclid Ave. ♦ Atlanta, GA 30307 ♦ 404-522-0891 ♦ www.7stages.org

### 7 Stages is a professional, nonprofit theatre company

devoted to engaging artists and audiences by focusing on the social, political and spiritual values of contemporary culture. Founded in 1979, 7 Stages has produced more than 60 world premieres, 25 American premieres and countless regional premieres. One of 7 Stages' foremost educational programs is Youth Creates, which is offered for middle and high school students. Youth Creates provides an opportunity for students to learn and sharpen their acting, storytelling, dance, playwriting, technical and design talents. The program culminates each year with a student created production.

### 7 Stages gives primary emphasis to international work

and the support and development of new plays, new playwrights and new methods of collaboration. Within the last 12 months the theatre has brought Atlanta five world premieres. Also, last year marked the completion of a project with the Estate of Bernard Marie Koltès to bring new translations of his works to the American stage. Most recently, 7 Stages collaborated with the Dah Teatar of Serbia to present two works that brought important international issues to our local audiences.

### As a forward-moving theatre, 7 Stages incorporates a

wide range of media with a special focus to engage the youth involved with its educational programming. The theatre's current projector is outdated and no longer serves its purpose adequately. A new projector will help the organization communicate more effectively with student participants of Youth Creates as well as its various audiences. The requested item is a high priority at this time since Youth Creates groups will need to utilize the projector for summer activities.



### Extra Wish:

Mitsubishi  
Electronics Projector  
(#XD3500U);  
Mitsubishi  
replacement lamp  
(#MITVLTXD3200LP);  
Chief Manufacturing  
KITPS003 Projector  
Mount Kit  
(#CHIKITPS003)

### Cost:

\$4,239

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$653,540

## Agape Community Center

2353 Bolton Rd., NW, Ste. 100 ♦ Atlanta, GA 30318 ♦ 404-355-1877 ♦ www.agapecc.org



### Extra Wish:

Dell Vostro 230  
Slim Tower (#4  
BV1CS4X2)

### Cost:

\$4,236

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$855,000

**The mission of the Agape Community Center** is to help neighborhoods build communities. To accomplish this mission, the Center offers programs and facilitates community organizing for residents of the Northwest Atlanta community. The Center recognizes the need for resident self-determination and citizen empowerment; therefore all programs are developed from the feedback and suggestions given by members of the community.

**Two of Agape's major accomplishments in 2010** were the success of its Backpack Giveaway and its Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway. During the Backpack Giveaway held last August, Agape provided 1,000 students with backpacks filled with supplies to prepare them for the school year. Later in the year, the organization distributed 600 Thanksgiving baskets containing a turkey and side items to families in need throughout Northwest Atlanta.

**Being able to have access to a computer and/or the Internet** will open the door to new avenues that staff and volunteers can use to help students develop academically. Additionally, the requested computer will allow students participating in the afterschool program, many of whom lack a personal computer at home, to complete homework, research and projects. Lastly, a new computer with Internet access will facilitate and empower middle and high school students to research college and career opportunities to help make their futures brighter.

## Alliance Theatre

1280 Peachtree St., NE ♦ Atlanta, GA 30309 ♦ 404-733-4650 ♦ www.alliancetheatre.org



### Extra Wish:

Books – “The Ugly Duckling” by Hans Christian Andersen; “Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus” by Mo Willems

### Cost:

\$4,964

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$11,066,919

**Now in its fourth decade**, the Alliance Theatre has worked within the local, national and international communities to become one of the leading theatres in America. Reaching out annually to almost 200,000 patrons and members of the community, the Alliance Theatre is known for its high artistic standards and national role in creating significant theatrical works. In addition, Alliance offers high-quality education and outreach programs including an institute for teacher training, arts education programming in area schools, a teen playwriting program, a community-acting program and audience enrichment activities.

**Alliance is excited about another powerful season** of plays – comedy, drama, musicals and five world premieres. Its first production of last year, TWIST, directed by Debbie Allen with music by Tena Clark, exceeded aggressive attendance goals and has positioned Alliance for even larger audiences moving forward. Ticket sales for its most recent world premiere production, Pearl Cleage’s THE NACIREMA SOCIETY, exceeded the Alliance’s single ticket goal making it the highest grossing play since 2002.

**The reading materials requested will support** the Institute for Educators/Georgia Wolf Trap Program. These books will be given to low-income children who will particularly benefit from receiving age-appropriate educational materials. Teachers will also receive a copy, further augmenting the students’ experience in the classroom, enhancing literacy and the desire to read. The request is timely because this year Alliance Theatre for Youth and Families is producing “HONK!”, an adaptation of “The Ugly Duckling.” Receiving a copy of the book that the play is based on will enhance the students’ experience when attending the production.

## Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children, Inc.

655 Ethel St., NW ♦ Atlanta, GA 30318 ♦ 404-876-2894 ♦ www.atlantadayshelter.org



### Extra Wish:

2-Speed Queen Commercial Homestyle Stack Washer/Dryer sets (#L TSA9 Stainless Steel Washtub and Galvanized Cylinder Gas Dryer)

### Cost:

\$4,199.98

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$866,035

**The Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children was founded in 1984** as a daytime resource center and safe refuge for homeless women and children. In the 26 years since its founding, and through the generosity of volunteers and donors, the organization has been able to grow from one room in the basement of a church to a 22,000 square foot facility. The Atlanta Day Shelter's mission is to restore hope and self-esteem in clients by providing the tools needed to overcome their situations and regain independence from shelter/street living. Open 365 days a year from 8 am to 4 pm, the organization welcomes 150 to 200 guests a day providing critical needs care, job readiness programs, education stipends, medical care, computer training, child care and mental health counseling.

**In 2010 the Atlanta Day Shelter served 68,903 meals** to our homeless guests. For some guests, the breakfast and lunch served at the shelter are the only meals they eat each day. The Atlanta Day Shelter has increased the number of meals it serves by almost 10,000 from the previous year and did so within a tight budget. This was accomplished through the generous donations of volunteers (who also cooked many of these meals) and through the Atlanta Day Shelter's partnerships with the Atlanta Community Food Bank and Second Helpings.

**One of the Atlanta Day Shelter's most utilized critical need services** is free access, five days a week, to its laundry room. Other shelters generally charge guests anywhere from \$1 to \$3 per load of laundry. Currently the organization has two household washing machines and three household dryers that have been donated. The condition of the current machines cannot keep up with the estimated 35 loads of laundry done each week. New, energy efficient machines will allow the Atlanta Day Shelter to meet the needs in a more energy- and cost-efficient manner.

## Atlanta Humane Society

981 Howell Mill Rd. ♦ Atlanta, GA 30318 ♦ 404-875-5331 ♦ www.atlantahumane.org



### Extra Wish:

Meiko Dishwasher (FV 40.2, Class 92.5)

### Cost:

\$4,739.84

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$4,849,491

**The mission of Atlanta Humane Society (AHS)** is to prevent neglect, abuse, cruelty and exploitation of animals to assure that their interests and well being are fully, effectively and humanely protected by an aware and caring society. AHS was founded in 1873, making it one of the oldest private charitable organizations in Atlanta and one of the oldest humane organizations in the country. Today, AHS offers services such as adoptions, charitable veterinary clinic, pet facilitated therapy, animal behavior hotline, low cost spay/neuter services, pet food bank and animal rescue from natural disasters and other dangerous situations.

**After several months of extensive, needs-based research,** AHS staff presented a plan to open a second facility, the first expansion in its 138 year history. Last July, the Board of Directors approved the expansion plan, authorizing AHS to locate and purchase property for a second shelter on Mansell Road in North Fulton. January 2011 the property was purchased and the facility is slated to be open January 1, 2012. This new building will double AHS's size and capacity to rescue, care for and adopt out homeless animals.

**Currently, food and water bowls** for the dog kennels, cat area, animal admissions and the hospital are washed manually. This activity takes close to 12 hours daily. An industrial dishwasher will cut this number to 2 hours daily, resulting in significant savings for the organization. The requested item will also help AHS ensure cleanliness of the serving items, thus reducing the number of animals that may become sick, as well as staff and the public possibly coming into contact with certain diseases such as giardia that can be transmitted to humans.

## Center for the Visually Impaired

739 West Peachtree St., NW ♦ Atlanta, GA 30308 ♦ 404-875-9011 ♦ www.cviga.org



### Extra Wish:

Eyeball with Functional Lens model (#W42569, 3B Scientific); Heart model (#G12, 3B Scientific); Mobile Aneroid Sphygmomanometer (# 7670-03, Blue Medical Supply)

### Cost:

\$970.44

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$4,043,588

**The mission of the Center for the Visually Impaired (CVI)** is to empower people impacted by vision loss to live with independence and dignity. CVI is Georgia's largest comprehensive, fully accredited organization serving visually impaired individuals of all ages. The organization serves more than 5,000 clients annually through multiple programs including early childhood development for infants and preschoolers; social, academic and recreational support for school-aged children; and independent living skills, emotional support, and computer and job-seeking skills for adults.

**A recent accomplishment for CVI** has been its collaboration with Prevent Blindness Georgia (PBGA). Last year, CVI began leasing space from PBGA within its building in Atlanta's Midtown area. This arrangement has resulted in financial benefits for both organizations and the opportunity for CVI to work more closely with a strategic partner with a complementary mission and services. Benefits of this collaboration have included increased referrals to CVI and additional opportunities to increase community awareness of both organizations and the needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

**CVI's Diabetes Services Program** is the only diabetes program in Georgia designed specifically for patients with vision loss. In order to best serve CVI's clients who have or are at risk of developing diabetes, the organization is in need of two tactile models, an eye and a heart, for one-on-one diabetes education with clients. In addition, CVI also requests a mobile Sphygmomanometer, a blood pressure meter, so that its diabetes resource coordinator can assist clients with blood pressure education and management.

## Community Action Center

P.O. Box 501298 ♦ Atlanta, GA 31150 ♦ 770-552-4889 ♦ www.ourcac.org



### Extra Wish:

2 Work Tables with Backsplash, Galvanized Legs & Crossbracing (stainlesssteelstore.com)

### Cost:

\$1,963

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$1,539,381

**The mission of Community Action Center (CAC)** is to provide compassionate assistance to Sandy Springs and Dunwoody residents offering financial support, meeting basic needs and promoting self-reliance. CAC focuses on hunger and homeless prevention, addressing the immediate needs and connecting clients with other human service providers to facilitate a family's move to a more stable situation. Each year, CAC provides rent and utility assistance, food, clothing, school supplies and educational programs to more than 1,000 families.

**The year 2010 was the most challenging year** CAC has faced. The number of calls for assistance and the complexity of the cases grew. Clients struggled with unemployment barely making ends meet. The need brought a climate of stress to clients, staff and volunteers. Last year, CAC helped more than 1,200 families stay in their homes and maintained a high quality of care and compassion to individuals and families in difficult situations.

**CAC distributes more than 25,000 pounds of prepared food** rescued from restaurants, caterers, stores and schools to low income and homeless individuals each month. This food is packaged in smaller portions by volunteers who work tirelessly on tables made of particle board and Formica. Because of the height of the current tables, volunteers must bend over to work resulting in back discomfort. The requested tables have a counter height more conducive to packaging work, and the stainless steel material of the counters will make them easier to disinfect.

## The Cottage School

700 Grimes Bridge Rd. ♦ Roswell, GA 30075 ♦ 770-641-8688 ♦ www.cottageschool.org



### Extra Wish:

Weatherbug Total  
Lightening Package

### Cost:

\$4,730

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$3.3 million

**The mission of The Cottage School is to build** a sense of self for students with special learning needs through academic and experiential programming and to prepare these students for fulfillment of their true potential as confident, productive and independent adults. The Cottage School's history of success repeatedly demonstrates that students who come to the school disillusioned or discouraged – some to the point of giving up on education – flourish in the school's environment and emerge as independent, capable and successful young adults. The Cottage School's curriculum is carefully designed to meet State of Georgia high school graduation standards as well as HOPE scholarship requirements.

**Last year marked the 25th anniversary** of the founding of The Cottage School. For a quarter of a century, the school has changed lives providing students with the keys to education, independence and success.

**With the addition of the Weatherbug Total Lightening Package**, students will have additional protection and security against lightening strikes and storms that can harm them while playing outdoor sports or even on their way to class. The notification beacons will allow coaches and staff to be forewarned of any potential dangers to students and remove them from the path of danger. Furthermore, the students will have the opportunity to track lightening strikes and storm systems and discuss these weather issues in their science and math classes. As students engage in real time activity, they become increasingly open to the presentation of scientific concepts. Applied technology such as this is one of the best ways to engage students in the learning process.

## Creative Community Services, Inc.

4487 Park Dr., Ste. A ♦ Norcross, GA 30093 ♦ 770-469-9677 ♦ www.ccsgeorgia.org



### Extra Wish:

2 Automated  
Electronic  
Defibrillators (AED  
Plus from Zool  
with prescription);  
24 Arm Blood  
Pressure Monitors  
(Luminoscope  
#1133); 24 Home  
Sphygmomanometer  
with Attached  
Stethoscope  
(#100-21)

### Cost:

\$4,942.40

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$6.5 million

**The mission of Creative Community Services (CCS)** is to improve the quality of life for children, adults and families who are facing special challenges through community-based support and services. Established in 1982, CCS serves adults with developmental disabilities and children in foster care with developmental disabilities and intense mental health needs through four program areas: Developmental Disabilities, Therapeutic Foster Care, Respite Care and STEP, which provides life coaching and youth group activities for teens aging out of the foster care system.

**This year CCS was awarded a competitive grant** from The Community Foundation's grantmaking program, the Common Good Funds. CCS is constantly working to improve quality of services, organizational efficiencies and adhere to best practices in nonprofit management. Receiving this "seal of approval" as well as re-accreditation by the Council of Accreditation in the same year has not only provided transformational funding for the organization but it has also strengthened its position with other funders and partners in efforts to build a diversified base of support.

**CCS recently experienced the loss** of a client in its care due to a heart attack. To better serve and protect clients with developmental disabilities, the organization is putting preventive mechanisms in place and working to outfit each of its host homes with blood pressure monitoring equipment. All the requested equipment will positively impact individual clients as well as strengthen CCS's organizational capacity to provide high-quality and possibly life saving care to the people it serves.

## CURE Childhood Cancer

1117 Perimeter Center West, Ste. N402 ♦ Atlanta, GA 30338 ♦ 770-986-0035 ♦ www.curechildhoodcancer.org



### Extra Wish:

50 Gas cards for families traveling to receive cancer treatment or follow-up care

### Cost:

\$5,000

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$2 million

**CURE Childhood Cancer's mission** is to conquer childhood cancer through research, education and support of patients and their families. Founded as a grassroots organization in 1975, CURE has focused its efforts on improving the care, quality of life and survival rate of children with cancer. Since that time, the organization has raised millions of dollars to fund cutting edge research at the Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory University School of Medicine, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Through innovative programming, CURE also provides support for stricken families, aiming to address families' most critical and urgent needs.

**CURE provided emergency financial assistance** to 247 families of children with cancer who were struggling financially as a result of their child's diagnosis. The organization's goal with financial assistance is always to help stabilize families by easing some of the financial burdens caused by their children's ongoing treatment. With the financial burdens lessened, families can better focus on the organization's caring for their ill child and managing the needs of family and work, which usually requires all their time and energy.

**Families of children with cancer** who must travel for care are under extraordinary stress. Today's cancer treatment is administered mostly on an outpatient basis and travel to the Aflac Cancer Center, where more than 90% of Georgia's children with cancer are treated, can involve daily trips of 100 miles or more. Even for families living within the metropolitan Atlanta area, with the already mounting expenses related to direct care, food and childcare, the additional fuel costs are quickly overwhelming families already in the throes of crisis. CURE is working diligently to meet the needs of these families.

## Elaine Clark Center

5130 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. ♦ Chamblee, GA 30341 ♦ 770-458-3251 ♦ www.elaineclarkcenter.org



### Extra Wish:

20 Stackable Kiddie Cots;  
20 Rest Mats (Tri-Fold, 1" thick, with Sheets);  
9 SafetyCraft Hardwood Cribs;  
vendor: School Outfitters

### Cost:

\$3,815.23

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$1,206,500

**The Elaine Clark Center's mission is to enable children** of all abilities to become confident and contributing citizens of the community through an innovative model of education, therapeutic play and experiential opportunities. Programs include early intervention, NAEYC-accredited, inclusive childcare, camps, afterschool enrichment, respite care, pediatric nursing, occupational, physical and speech therapies, and GAC accredited K-12 educational programming for children with special needs emphasizing functional life skills and vocational training.

**This October marked the one year anniversary** of the Elaine Clark Center and Heart of Hope Academy's merger. Now operating cohesively, Elaine Clark has stronger staff expertise, augmented services that reach more families and the opportunity to serve individuals with special needs comprehensively from birth to adulthood. With programs filled to capacity, the organization's leadership conducted a feasibility study and strategic planning process that identified the organization's readiness to enter a capital campaign. The campaign has a four year goal of \$3.5 million, which will increase the organization's service offerings to meet the needs of twice as many children.

**The nap mats, cots and cribs at the Center** serve 142 children annually. These items have lasted over a decade, and now there are 20 cots and mats and 9 cribs that need to be retired and replaced with quality bedding. With new bedding materials, teachers will be able to place their entire focus on the development of the children they serve and not be encumbered with equipment repairs.

## Families First

1105 West Peachtree St. ♦ Atlanta, GA 30309 ♦ www.familiesfirst.org ♦ 404-853-2800



### Extra Wish:

1 Full, two-day session of Playmaking for Girls by Synchronicity; 3 laptop computers (Dell Mobile Broadband Vostro V13)

### Cost:

\$4,900

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$10 million

**Families First exists to ensure the success of children** in jeopardy by empowering families. It accomplishes this mission by focusing on three impact areas: Child and Youth Permanency; Family Sustainability & Empowerment; and Healthy Families & Relationships. Families First's programs and services support metro Atlanta children and families during challenges and transitions in their lives. The organization has helped build strong families for more than 120 years and serves more than 40,000 people per year. Families First has remained the leading human service organization in Georgia by adapting and responding to the community's needs.

**Michael was placed at the Cherokee Cooperative** group home for boys when he was 15 years old. He entered the program as a very angry and defiant young man with trust issues stemming from abandonment by his mother. Now, three years later, he is a graduating senior and has earned a full football scholarship to attend a major university where he will enroll this fall. His story is an example of why permanency and placement are critical elements to a child's success.

**Children in Families First's permanency cooperatives** have been removed from, and in some cases have never been able to connect with, their families. The requested items will help them deal with abandonment issues, anger, depression and negative peer interaction through the arts. They will be encouraged to excel educationally while living in an environment that promotes healing and gives stability, which increases academic performance and curbs violent behavior in school.

## Fayette Care Clinic, Inc.

1260 Hwy 54 W, Ste.101 ♦ Fayetteville, GA 30214 ♦ 770-719-4620 ♦ www.fayettecareclinic.com



### Extra Wish:

A1C NOW + Diabetes Monitor 20/Bx (#202411 from PSS); 2-Pulse OX Handheld Adult (# 226717 from PSS); Cordless Composite Curing Light (#708-4312 Patterson Dental)

### Cost:

\$2,024

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$499,372

**Fayette Care Clinic provides quality healthcare** to residents of Fayette County who are uninsured and living below the federal poverty level. When originally established in 2006, the organization served only medical patients just one night a week. Currently, Fayette Care Clinic provides medical, dental, vision, physical therapy, dermatology and patient education three to four times weekly. The organization has since established a collaborative care team made up of eight nonprofits; increased services, revenue and reporting capabilities; and continues to enhance and build new relationships.

**The success stories of patients** represent great accomplishments for the organization. One particular patient had a cancer growth on her face. The large growth could not be removed in the clinic. One of the Fayette Care Clinic's partnering dermatologists removed this growth, after which a plastic surgeon provided services to assist her as well. This outcome could not have been possible without the organization's successful partnerships.

**The requested items will help Fayette Care Clinic** continue its work to provide quality service to clients. The diabetes monitor will provide the clinic instant feedback regarding diabetic control and help prevent diabetic complications. Pulse OX will prevent needless referrals to the ER providing on-the-spot oxygen levels. Lastly, the curing light will allow the clinic to complete patient examinations more quickly, ultimately allowing the organization to serve more patients.

## Georgia Justice Project

438 Edgewood Ave. ♦ Atlanta, GA 30312 ♦ 404-827-0027 ♦ www.GJP.org



### Extra Wish:

100 Backpacks; addiction recovery educational materials; desktop copier (brother MFC-8890dw Series)

### Cost:

\$5,000

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$800,000

**Founded in 1986, Georgia Justice Project (GJP)** works to ensure justice for the indigent criminally accused and their families and assist them in establishing crime-free lives and becoming productive citizens. This is done through building relationships with clients starting with providing high-quality legal defense at no charge. At the same time, GJP offers clients and their families access to social work staff and a range of resources such as substance abuse treatment, GED tutoring and employment support, so that a crime-free life is actively supported. In the event that clients must serve time in prison, GJP continues a relationship with them through regular communication and arranging family visitations.

**In addition to maintaining a low recidivism rate** (less than one-third the national average), GJP has made progress in two significant areas over the last twelve months. First, the organization is close to achieving its policy goal of revising the expungment statute, which will remove costly roadblocks and allow people with an arrest record but no conviction the chance to work and become taxpayers instead of tax burdens. Secondly, the organization has made difficult but financially prudent programming decisions that will allow it to be a better steward of donated dollars.

**The requested backpacks** stocked with age-appropriate school supplies will support GJP's Annual Back-to-School event, which helps children of clients better prepare for academic success. In addition, the requested educational materials and desktop copier will help clients and families in GJP's Coming Home program. This civil justice restoration initiative was created to address the plight of indigent Georgians faced with civil consequences of arrests and convictions.

## Jewish Family & Career Services

4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. ♦ Atlanta, GA 30338 ♦ 770-677-9300 ♦ www.yourtoolsforliving.org



### Extra Wish:

1,296 Care Kits, which include toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss and educational materials

### Cost:

\$2,430

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$12,693,489

**Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS)** provides health, career and human services to support and enhance the well-being of individuals and families across all ages, faiths, cultures and lifestyles. JF&CS provides non-sectarian services to increase self sufficiency, improve health and foster community engagement to approximately 22,000 Atlanta individuals and families annually. To achieve these outcomes JF&CS provides programs and services through five divisions, including Career and International Services, Older Adult Services, Developmental Disabilities Services, Clinical Services and Specialty Services including its Ben Massell Dental Clinic (BMDC).

**During the past year JF&CS has provided** approximately 24,000 free dental services as well as oral health prevention education, mental health assessments, emergency assistance and other services through BMDC. Other successes include development of a new enrollment process to include partnership agencies that can screen patients for eligibility and provide additional resources and services; more intense focus on volunteer recruitment resulting in 20 additional dental volunteers; and achievement of its goal to move to a paperless system and successfully educating doctors, volunteers and staff on how to use the system.

**Since its beginnings in 1929**, BMDC has provided comprehensive dental care to those Atlantans who would otherwise not have access to these essential services. The requested kits will allow the clinic to continue to meet the needs during these difficult economic times supporting BMDC patients who often cannot afford even the most basic personal hygiene supplies for themselves or their families. In addition, the educational materials will allow the clinic to educate clients on oral health during and between visits.

## Joseph Sams School

280 Brandywine Blvd. ♦ Fayetteville, GA 30214 ♦ 770-461-5894 ♦ www.josephsamsschool.org



### Extra Wish:

GBC Pinnacle 27  
EZload Laminator;  
2 Rolls 3mil Nap-  
Lam II Clear film

### Cost:

\$2,963

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$1,363,351

**The Joseph Sams School (JSS) is dedicated** to the education and life skills development of children who are intellectually, physically or developmentally challenged. Programs and services include: Early Intervention, Primary program, Elementary/Intermediate program, Upper Grades program, Autism Spectrum Module, Speech/language program, Occupational/Physical Therapy program/MOVE (Mobility Opportunity via Education), Fine Art program, Readiness/Tutorial Clinic, Extracurricular programs and Partnerships (ASPIRE After School program, Kool Kidz Summer Camp and High School Internship programs).

**The JSS Readiness/Tutorial Clinic** was created to provide one-on-one intensive instruction in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to prepare children for a classroom setting, as well as individualized special education instruction to enhance their academic performance. Additionally, the positions of principal and operations manager were added to the JSS staff. This change coupled with enhanced board development will ensure that the organization will grow and adapt to the changing needs of its student population.

**JSS uses a laminator for a variety of projects** throughout the school day, the most important of these being the Picture Exchange Communication System. PEC is a form of augmentative or alternative communication that teaches children and adults with autism and other communicative deficits to initiate communication and express their wants and needs. Due to the heavy use of PECS, it becomes necessary to duplicate and laminate pictures throughout the school day. Thus the laminating machine is a critical component of the school's daily functions.

## Living Room, Inc.

341 Ponce de Leon Ave. ♦ Atlanta, GA 30308 ♦ 404-616-7718 ♦ www.LivingRoomAtl.org



### Extra Wish:

560 MARTA  
Breeze Cards

### Cost:

\$4,995

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$2,222,063

**Serving more clients living with HIV** than any other housing agency in the region, the Living Room helps low income people living with HIV access and maintain permanent, affordable housing. In achieving its mission, the agency serves approximately 2,000 individuals a year. After 15 years of growth, the agency serves HIV+ clients through five key programs: centralized intake for all HIV-supportive housing in the region; tenant-based rental assistance; special needs housing for vulnerable populations; emergency financial assistance and supportive services.

**Preliminary data of 2010 outcomes** indicates that 94% of clients who received emergency financial assistance achieved stable housing three months after receiving assistance. Another major accomplishment for the organization was the implementation of an outcome measurement system for its Emergency Assistance Program. This system measures the effectiveness and impact of the program by determining the percent of households that remain stably housed after receiving emergency financial assistance with past due rent or a utility bill.

**The Special Needs Housing Assistance Program** is an innovative service providing supportive housing and intensive case management to homeless people living with HIV who also have an addiction or mental illness. The Living Room must stabilize these clients before they are eligible to enter other agencies' subsidized housing. Stabilization requires that they attend medical appointments, mental health sessions and substance abuse treatment. The requested cards will help relieve the financial costs of providing transportation for these clients.

## Odyssey

1424 West Paces Ferry Rd., NW ♦ Atlanta, GA 30327 ♦ 404-367-5150 ♦ www.odysseyatlanta.org



### Extra Wish:

20 calculators (TI-30X IIS Scientific);  
12 card tables;  
24 decks of cards;  
basketball goal  
(Lifetime 90005  
Elite Power Lift XL)

### Cost:

\$1,742.99

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$723,621

### Odyssey is an educational nonprofit organization

partnering with the Atlanta Public Schools to serve students in grades 3-12 from economically disadvantaged communities. Established formally in 2000, today Odyssey offers a free, six-week academic summer program for more than 300 students, 85% of whom attend APS schools. The organization's academic enrichment program, featuring an experiential thematic curriculum, focuses on students with unmet potential, preparing them for high school graduation and supporting them on their path to college.

**The summer of 2010 was Odyssey's fifth year** since the completion of its strategic plan, in which the organization reconfigured its curriculum and expanded the number of students served. Last year the 30 students in Odyssey's first eighth grade cohort entered their senior year. To meet the needs of these students, Odyssey recruited community volunteers to serve as Odyssey College Quest mentors to guide them during the year-long college application and admission process. This program has been very successful and Odyssey anticipates great results this May when students graduate.

**The requested calculators will support students** in the Odyssey Apprentice program who develop businesses and compete in a stock market game. The requested card table and cards will support Odyssey's instruction of the game bridge to students, an integral part of the Odyssey Apprentice curriculum, which teaches students non-verbal communication, etiquette, math and self discipline. Lastly, the basketball goal will help Odyssey recruit students for summer programming giving them a fun activity to combat potential "book fatigue."

## Open Hand (formerly Project Open Hand/Atlanta, Inc.)

176 Ottley Dr. ♦ Atlanta, GA 30324 ♦ 404-419-1111 ♦ www.projectopenhand.org



### Extra Wish:

Gray insulated  
food carrier bags  
(#124FCARRIER at  
The Webstaurant  
Store);  
1,000 Styrofoam  
Coolers (#265002,  
ID 3550 at  
SouthEastern  
Paper Group)

### Cost:

\$4,821

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$10.7 million

**The mission of Open Hand (OH)** is to help people prevent or better manage chronic disease through Comprehensive Nutrition Care, which combines home-delivered meals and nutrition education. Founded in 1988 to meet the nutrition needs of people living with HIV, in 2000 OH decided to "make more room at the table," expanding its mission to provide meals and nutrition services for homebound seniors and individuals with other critical illnesses or disabilities. Currently, OH prepares and delivers more than 5,000 meals a day and provides nutrition counseling to clients, helping them achieve their goals for good health.

**Open Hand received a first time \$50,000 grant** from the Coca-Cola Foundation allowing the organization to expand its nutrition education and coaching efforts so more Atlanta citizens in need will have a better understanding of the connection between healthy eating and good health.

**The requested carrier bags** will help OH safely transport home-delivered meals to clients. Its current inventory of bags is several years old, worn and in need of replacement. In addition, the requested Styrofoam coolers will allow OH to leave meals for clients at the door in the event they are not home. If a client has a doctor's appointment, he or she will not fear missing a meal delivery. The requested items will help OH clients directly by keeping food chilled for safety and providing them with more flexibility in their schedules.

## Our House, Inc.

PO Box 1304 ♦ Atlanta, GA 30031-1304 ♦ 404-378-0938 ♦ www.ourhousega.org



### Extra Wish:

Early Childhood  
Activity Loft  
(#70335;  
KaplanCo.com)

### Cost:

\$4,199.95

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$1,303,997

**Our House's mission is to break the chains** of homelessness by providing free, quality early childhood education and comprehensive support services for families. The organization's main programs are: Early Childhood Education (a nationally accredited preschool serving 79 children daily, ages six weeks-five years); Family Advocacy (case management, practical support and counseling to connect parents with necessary resources); and a Parent Intern program (providing clients opportunities to gain job experience, secure employment and enhance their job skills).

**Our House is proud to have successfully** filled all of its newly created positions and begin the process of transitioning to a more normalized operation following the completion of its renovation and construction.

**The requested play loft will provide children** the opportunity for imaginative play and pro-social behavior, as well as help with social/emotional development providing a retreat and quiet space away from classroom chaos. In addition, the loft will also help in increasing literacy skills of children by providing an interesting and fun area where children can read and explore books independently. The ladder leading up to the loft will also help increase motor development and coordination as children practice climbing up and down.

## Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA)

4151 Memorial Dr., #205D ♦ Atlanta, GA 30032 ♦ 404-622-2235 ♦ www.RRISA.org



### Extra Wish:

50 sets of Civics  
Flash Cards for the  
New Naturalization  
Test, 2009; 150  
Paperback Basic  
Oxford Picture  
Dictionaries  
(Monolingual  
English)

### Cost:

\$3,137.50

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$3,383,641

**The mission of Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA)** is to heal and rebuild the lives of displaced and uprooted people. The organization's vision is that refugee families will become stable, financially independent and productive members of the community, while preserving the ethnic and cultural identity that supports their dignity and self-esteem. RRISA's immediate goal is to enable families to become economically self-sufficient. The organization currently provides services to approximately 2,100 refugees, asylees and victims of human trafficking annually.

**Over the past year, RRISA resettled 619 refugees** and Haitian medical evacuees and helped them start new lives in Atlanta. RRISA takes a comprehensive approach to working with families as they achieve self-sufficiency. To this measure, RRISA provided more than \$1 million in direct client aid, served more than 150 youth in its afterschool program, offered hundreds of hours of adult education classes, and helped more than 300 individuals find gainful employment. In addition, RRISA's professionally trained immigration staff represented 1100 individuals on their road to U.S. citizenship.

**Refugee families have a strong track record** of pursuing and achieving the "American Dream." They start their own businesses, buy homes, become citizens and send their kids to college. However, the first few years are critical to learning how to survive in a new country. Fluency in English is a key factor in this success. Many refugees arrive knowing limited English and overcoming this barrier can feel overwhelming. To address this need, RRISA offers adult education classes including financial literacy, job readiness, health workshops and civics education. The requested items will allow RRISA to support its clients allowing them to more rapidly reach their goals.

## Senior Services North Fulton, Inc.

490 Sun Valley Dr., Ste. 202 ♦ Roswell, GA 30076 ♦ 770-993-1906 ♦ www.ssnorthfulton.org



### Extra Wish:

3 Vostro 320 All-in-One Desktop Computers (Dell);  
3 Fellowes Underdesk Keyboard drawers (Office Depot);  
HP LaserJet Professional (P1102w Monochrome Laser Printer) (Office Depot)

### Cost:

\$2,796.96

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$1,163,031

**Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year**, Senior Services is the only agency in north metro Atlanta dedicated to serving older adults. Case management staff coordinates care for clients, including Meals on Wheels, transportation and supportive in-home services such as personal care assistance, homemaker services and respite. The organization offers senior health and wellness initiatives, advocacy, resource and referral services and transportation to preventive and required health care appointments. Senior Services North Fulton operates Neighborhood Senior Centers in Alpharetta, Roswell and Sandy Springs. In 2011 the organization will open its fourth center in North Fulton.

**Last year, Senior Services delivered 48,162 Meals on Wheels**, served 24,002 lunches at Senior Centers, provided 4,391 hours of case management, 7,271 hours of homemaker services, 2,824 hours of personal care, 2,500 hours of respite care and 1,268 round trip rides through its Transportation Options Program for Seniors (TOPS). Looking toward another successful year, the organization is especially proud of the opening of its fourth senior center in North Fulton.

**Adults coming to Senior Service's centers** would greatly benefit from computers and access to the Internet. Many of the organization's clients are immigrants, so access to this technology will allow them to stay in touch with family and friends back in their home country. Seniors will also be able to explore hobbies, learn more about their personal health issues and play educational and learning games. Statistics show that stimulating the brain of older adults can help stave off early dementia. Providing them these tools will open up a whole new world to clients.

## Truancy Intervention Project Georgia, Inc.

395 Pryor St., SW, Ste. 4122 ♦ Atlanta, GA 30312 ♦ 404-224-4741 ♦ www.truancyproject.org



### Extra Wish:

500 round trip fares on MARTA

### Cost:

\$3,682

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$650,533

**Truancy Intervention Project Georgia (TIP)** provides advocacy and other resources to Georgia's children and their families to prevent school failure. TIP strives to fulfill its mission through an Early Intervention Program, its court-based programs, including education neglect and truancy cases, and through its Diversion Program. Collectively, TIP works to combat truancy early and works with children and their families to keep students in school. TIP's efforts additionally address teen pregnancy, juvenile and adult crime, future welfare dependence and low self-esteem. Since its beginning, TIP has gone beyond the prevention of school failure for thousands of children and has worked to combat the subsequent consequences through advocacy and education.

**For almost 20 years**, TIP has impacted the educational lives of more than 6,200 children from metro Atlanta. During the 2009-2010 school year, TIP served a record breaking 877 children and is currently tracking the success of those students. During the 2008-2009 school year, 76.5% of TIP clients had no further court involvement after their participation, and clients served through the Early Intervention program boasted a success rate of 90% or better. Because of unprecedented demand, this year TIP has agreed to serve ten additional schools from both the Atlanta Public Schools and the Fulton County School System, increasing the total number of schools served to 35.

**TIP's clients and families struggle oftentimes** to meet basic needs. Transportation is one obstacle that prevents clients from attending enrichment programs, after-school initiatives and special events designed to promote school attendance and reward clients who successfully navigate TIP programs. The requested items will aid clients with transportation to and from various programming opportunities, as well as events such as the Back-to-School function at Zoo Atlanta and the organization's Holiday Adoption Party at Cascade Family Skating.

## VOX Teen Communications

229 Peachtree St., Ste. 725 ♦ Atlanta, GA 30303 ♦ 404-614-0040 ♦ www.voxrox.org



### Extra Wish:

6 Flip Cameras;  
2 Canon Rebel XS  
10.1 MP Digital SLR  
Cameras

### Cost:

\$3,957.98

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$519,391

**VOX Teen Communications is a youth development organization** through which Atlanta-area teens from diverse backgrounds develop skills to express themselves effectively and build a strong community. As both a publication and afterschool program, VOX serves more than 80,000 local youth. Its program office is open in downtown Atlanta six days a week and offers a space for teens to communicate their unique perspectives, work toward a common goal among a diverse peer group, hone vital skills for life after high school and train to be effective leaders. Founded in 1993, VOX has grown to include afterschool programming for 100 teen participants, 200-300 workshop participants and 80,000 teen readers in more than 350 schools and organizations.

**Despite the economy, VOX has continued to grow** through a bold new strategic plan that calls for strengthening infrastructure to meet increasing demand and prioritizing online publishing and technology training for teens. In addition, the plan called for strengthening VOX's business structure with the addition of an operations manager. These improvements led a successful 2009-2010 school year: 141 teens visiting the newsroom more than 2,000 times, approximately 107 teens successfully trained to use new technologies, and enhanced community collaborations between VOX's JUSTGeorgia Coalition and Georgia's EmpowerMent Program for adjudicated youth.

**As metro Atlanta's only citywide voice for youth,** VOX needs to supply teens with today's communications tools, not only to create content that will inform and inspire their audience of peers, but also to properly prepare them for the workforce and the ever-changing communications field. Students must embrace new technologies to properly reach their peers and create their identities as leaders. The requested items will enable VOX teens to train in the most relevant tools of today, learning to become "all in one" journalists, record their views and those of their peers and develop leadership in the community in a way that is progressive and necessary.

## Year Up Atlanta

730 Peachtree St., Ste. 900 ♦ Atlanta, GA 30308 ♦ 404-249-0300 ♦ www.yearup.org



### Extra Wish:

25 \$100 MARTA  
Breeze Cards;  
80 \$25 Kroger  
gift cards

### Cost:

\$4,500

### Annual Operating Budget:

\$4,320,000

**Year Up Atlanta is a life changing workforce and youth development model** that provides promising 18 to 24 year old high school and GED graduates with the education, skills and experience they need to succeed. The organization's mission is to close the opportunity divide by providing the skills, experience and support to empower students to reach their potential through professional careers and higher education. This one year program combines marketable information technology skills, college credits, behavior management, internships and multi-layered support specific to at-risk graduates with demonstrated potential.

**Recently, Year Up Atlanta was selected to receive** the 2011 Hosea Williams Award for Community Activism. The ultimate goal and outcome of Year Up Atlanta will be measured by the organization's ability to train and prepare each class for successful internship experiences and employment that allows them to break into the economic mainstream. To date, 73 students have graduated from Year Up. This year, the organization hopes to enroll 80 students to join its fifth class of students.

**One of the main barriers that prevents** Year Up students from completing the program is transportation. The requested MARTA cards will provide crucial support to these students. In addition, the Kroger cards will help many of the students who struggle financially on their way to self sufficiency.

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