

THE CATHERINE KENNEDY HOME FOUNDATION

The Foundation's Beginnings

The Catherine Kennedy Home Foundation was chartered in 2001 with proceeds derived from the sale of the buildings and property known as The Catherine Kennedy Home and from the endowment funds of the Home. The Catherine Kennedy Home, which was located at the corner of Third and Orange Streets, was believed to have been the oldest retirement home in the United States.

In different Wilmington locations from its original incorporation in 1852, the Home was designed to originally house women in need of housing, social activities, and physical and spiritual care. Its non-profit status meant that the Home was dependent on the Wilmington community to subsidize the care of its residents, many of who were indigent, and to contribute to the physical expansion of the facility. Through the years, Wilmington residents heeded the call and two wings were added for residential rooms. Area residents continued to support the work of the Home through personal visits to residents, many of whom had no family, hosting social activities, providing fresh meat and produce to the kitchen, and promoting the mission of the home to local residents.

In the late 1990's, increasing expenses of running and maintaining the Home and the competition from new facilities which provided different levels of care for the elderly, made it difficult to keep the Home in operation.

The decision to close the home was made, and subsequently, the property was sold to First Presbyterian Church, located across the street from the Home.

The memories of the Catherine Kennedy Home of the past gave inspiration to the Board of Trustees for a Catherine Kennedy Home of the future as envisioned through use by the Church of the existing facilities not only for the elderly of the community but by all generations to come. It was felt that the Home would provide a much needed facility for the growing downtown Church. The Home is currently used as classroom space for Church activities. Its kitchen and dining facilities allow for the feeding of many community groups in need.

Its housing capabilities include hosting youth mission groups. The multiple capabilities of the large facility will allow for the work of the Church to continue to expand into uncharted areas, and as such, will be used for the betterment of people of all ages. The sale to the Church was essentially a perfect match for the Home and the Church.

Foundation Objectives

In order to continue to affirm founder Catherine Kennedy's philosophy of promoting the glory of God and the welfare of the people wherein, The Catherine Kennedy Home Foundation was created with the intent of supporting, through charitable grants, those qualified nonprofit charitable organizations or groups engaged in activities meeting the needs and enriching the lives of the elderly in southeastern North Carolina by providing physical, social, and spiritual services. For the purpose of this foundation, the term "elderly of southeastern North Carolina" is defined as those persons 62 or older, residing in New Hanover, Brunswick or Pender Counties.

Eligible Organizations

An organization may be eligible for a grant from The Catherine Kennedy Home Foundation if it is qualified for taxation exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is not a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

A governmental agency may also qualify for a grant if it is involved in providing services to improve the general health or welfare of the elderly residents of southeastern North Carolina.

Grants will not be made to individual persons.

Grant Proposal Requirements

The applicant must clearly identify and quantify those elderly who would be served by their proposal. The applicant must further specifically describe how the project serves the needs of the elderly, consistent with the purpose of The Catherine Kennedy Home Foundation. To do so, applicants must complete a grant application provided by The Catherine Kennedy Home Foundation.

Other Grant Requirements

Grant monies will normally be awarded for a one year period, with applicants having the option to reapply at the end of the year for further funding.

However, applications for the granting of monies for up to three year terms may be submitted for consideration by the Foundation.

Grants usually will not be awarded when they are the total means of financial support, but preferably will be made in conjunction with other sources of support, particularly local funds.

At the time of applying for a grant, applicant organizations will be required to provide copies of their most recent financial statement. Organizations which receive grants will be required to sign a Grant Contract, setting out certain terms and conditions as to receipt and use of grant monies. The Foundation retains the right to make on-site visits to groups receiving grants, as well as, upon request, having the group provide to the Foundation up-to-date financial data and reports of the status of monies granted to the organization for a particular use.

If an organization does not use the funds granted to them within the time frame agreed upon in the Grant Contract, the Foundation retains the right to have all granted funds returned to the Foundation.

How To Apply

Qualified organizations wishing to apply for grant monies from the Foundation should request a Grant Application through written request to: The Catherine Kennedy Home Foundation, P.O. Box 4782, Wilmington, N.C. 28406.

An original and one copy of the entire completed application must be submitted to the Foundation and must be postmarked by the last day of February, or by the following Monday, if the final day of February falls on Sunday. It is important that all the guidelines in the application process be followed and have been completed upon receipt of the mailed application or the application will not be reviewed by the Trustees. The Board will evaluate the proposals and decide which proposals to fund. Applicant organizations awarded grant monies will be notified by the end of May.

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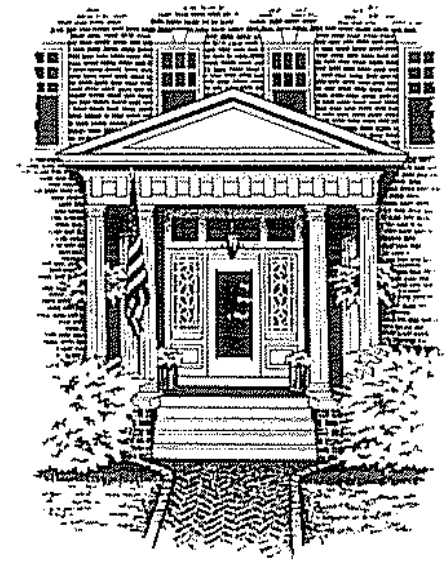
The hope of the Trustees of The Catherine Kennedy Home Foundation is that the recipient organizations will be reminded of the mission of our founder, Catherine Kennedy, and will “care for those we used to care for, for those we loved and we continue to love, just in a different place.”

GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Assistance League of Greater Wilmington
- Bread for Life Ministries
- Brunswick Senior Resources
- Cape Fear Literacy Council
- C.A.R.E.
- Child Advocacy & Parenting Place Exchange
- Davis Health Care Center
- Domestic Violence Shelter & Services
- Elderhaus
- Fannie Norwood Home
- First Fruit Ministries
- Good Sheperd Center
- Harbor United Methodist Church
- Hope Harbor Home
- Katie B. Hines Senior Center
- Livingston Tabernacle
- Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard
- Oak Island Senior Center, Inc.
- Pender Adult Services
- Pender County Christian Services
- Pilot Club of Wilmington
- St. Mary/Tileston Outreach Ministry
- South Brunswick Interchurch Council
- Southport/Oak Island Interchurch Council
- The Salvation Army
- Tileston Health Clinic
- VOCAL
- Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM)
- Wilmington Family YMCA
- Wrightsboro Baptist Church Meals On Wheels

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***Grant Application
Guidelines***

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