**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEWARK**

**INFORMATION & APPLICATION FOR ALLELUIA FUND SUPPORT**

**Return by September 15th at NOON †**

**via e-mail:** **jking@dioceseofnewark.org**

**via fax: 973-622-3503 (Attention: John A. King)**

**via mail: Alleluia Fund Grants c/o John A. King,**

 **Episcopal Diocese of Newark, 31 Mulberry St., Newark, NJ 07102**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER NOONTIME DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!**

***All information requested in the application must be provided for proposal to be considered.***

**Mission Statement**: The Alleluia Fund was created to give individuals and congregations an opportunity to participate with others across our diocese to make a significant and important difference in the lives of many. It gives us a chance to express our alleluias in a tangible way.

**Grant Proposals Sought**: The Alleluia Fund funds program proposals which address one or more of the following:

Food for the hungry; Shelter for the homeless; Education for youth and adults, serving underprivileged or at-risk individuals; and International programs supported by communities of faith in our diocese, or their members, providing relief and/or support of the Millennium Development Goals

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**Grant Request Cap: $15,000 [Cap instituted by act of Diocesan Council March 8th, 2023]**

**Grant Duration:** Grants will be awarded for a period of one year.

If grant funds are not disbursed within one year of the grant award, a written request for an extension must be submitted to the Board.

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**Effective April 1, 2023: Applicants to the Alleluia Fund may apply for no more than 3 consecutive years and may reapply after a hiatus of 2 years (if having applied for the maximum of 3 consecutive years) [Diocesan Council, March 8th, 2023]**

**This is not retroactive, and the "count" will begin with 2023 applications.**

**Grant Review Procedures:**

1. After acceptance of a proposal a liaison (1 or possibly more Board members), is assigned. The liaison will make either an on site visit to the project (or conduct a phone interview) and will inform the applicant of the time set for a hearing on the proposal before the full board. These visits are mandatory and should be completed no later than one week prior to the hearing date. If the visit is not completed your application will not be considered during this cycle.

The Board will review the proposal at its following meeting and prepare a recommendation for Diocesan Council. All applicants will be notified of the Board's recommendation to Council.

2. The Diocesan Council’s Engaging the World Action Team receives for consideration the Board's recommendations and the Diocesan Council ratifies the recommendations. In the event that the Engaging Action Team does not agree with a Board's recommendation, it is referred back to the Board for reconsideration in accordance with the procedures set forth in the 1986 Diocesan Journal, page 130.

3. Once a proposal has been submitted the amount requested cannot be modified.

4. The Alleluia Fund Board will notify the applicant in writing of the final recommendation.

**Evaluation Procedures for Alleluia Fund Grant Proposals**:

1. Proposals submitted by the deadline will be considered. Late applications will not be considered for funding.

2. At the Board's first meetings after the deadline, all proposals will be reviewed to determine whether they meet the following guidelines. If a proposal does not meet the criteria, the applicant will be notified immediately by mail of the reasons for the disqualification.

1. Copies of the operating budgets of the church or secular non-profit institution and of the project itself for the current and past year should be included.
2. Proposals should demonstrate that the applicant has researched other funding sources, including matching funds.
3. After a grant is made the Board, as part of its procedures, requires written reports on the project including financial accountability, evaluation of the goals and objectives and any problems encountered.
4. Before any changes in program design or costs are made during the life of the grant, written approval of the Alleluia Fund Board must be obtained.
5. In the event a project is not completed or is terminated, all remaining funds must be returned to the Board together with a written report of reasons for termination.
6. Where funds are committed to a project and that project does not start within 12 months, all funds will automatically revert back to the Alleluia Fund account for redistribution in the next granting period. The original proposal may be resubmitted, although it would then become one of any of received in the particular granting period.
7. The Board will provide assistance in writing proposals on request.

3. Grant requests for building repairs or construction and feasibility studies will not be considered for funding.

4. Alleluia Fund will only consider one proposal per institution for each granting period.

**Grant Agreement - Accountability for Alleluia Fund Grants**: The signing of a **grant agreement** will be required prior to the release of the funds after a grant is recommended and ratified. The terms of the agreement will be:

1. To use the grant to fund the initiative described in their proposal.

2. To keep financial records relating to this grant that the Alleluia Fund Board may request.

3. To return any unspent grant funds to the Alleluia Fund Board no later than one (1) month after the end of the grant calendar year.

4. If grant funds have not been disbursed within one year of the grant award, the organization must submit an updated request for funding.

**Payments of grant funds awarded will not be made before the receipt of the signed agreement.** (*The Grant Agreement will be mailed to applicant after funding recommendation has been made by Alleluia Fund Board*. *Recommendation will still require ratification from Diocesan Council.*)

**Safe Church Training:** If funding is sought for programs providing services to children and youth, completion of *Safeguarding God’s Children* on-line training must have been completed with the last five years for clergy engaged in ministry or service to the church, all paid personnel (whether employed in areas of ministry or other kinds of services in the church) and volunteers working or supervising children and youth in congregational settings.

**Application Cycle.** The Board will receive and consider grant applications on an annual basis.

**Contact Information.** For information, comments or suggestions please contact Mr. John A. King, Grants Administrator at jking@dioceseofnewark.org

**Submit Application by NOON on the deadline date (via Email or regular mail) to:**

Alleluia Fund Grants

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Person Completing Application: *John Norcross*

Title: Rev. / Ms. / Mr. / Mrs. / Dr. /  *Mr.\_*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_*havenofhopeforkids@gmail.com*\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: *908-797-7948*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_9\_\_ / \_\_\_9\_ / \_\_\_\_\_2025\_\_\_

1. Information About the Organization and the Grant Request:

Name:  *Haven Of Hope For Kids (HoHfK)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Purpose of Grant: To provide and deliver: 5-day Vacation; Food & Coats; Fun & Family Memories; Education-Arts-Drama, for children with a life-threatening condition and/or are on the Autism Spectrum. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Requested for Current year: $15,000\_\_\_\_(**not to exceed $15,000**)

The following lists the **Alleluia Fund Grant Priorities.** Please put an **X** in the box to indicate the category that most closely applies to the planned use of your grant request. Special consideration will be given to Episcopal-based entities.

Note that at this time the Alleluia Fund cannot support individual scholarships or fund program start-up costs.

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| **Alleluia Fund Grant Categories** |
| Food / personal care items | X |
| Shelter / housing | X |
| Education / occupation | X |
| International |  |
| Other : (please explain below) | X |
| Arts, Crafts, Drama; Music, Winter Coats. Area tours of local interest. |

1. In one or two sentences, state your organization’s mission: *For our 22nd season, to demonstrate kindness, caring and love and help create happy family memories via a 5-day/night vacation in rural NW New Jersey, at zero cost to the guest family. Families arrive and depart using a round-trip private professional service, State Shuttle, of NJ.*
2. How will this grant be used? *To enable the above mission to be accomplished, as well as support the program operations and readiness.*
3. If your Organization does not receive an Alleluia Fund Grant, what will you do? *Struggle, but we will find alternative sources. The children will not be the victims.*
4. If you are applying for funding for a program that was funded by the Alleluia Fund or other Diocesan program in the past, please describe the activities/progress and provide a statement showing how the funds were used. *We are grateful for funds received in the past from the AFG and ACTS/VIM. Most other raised/donated funds are used to cover costs of health & safety maintenance, insurance and payroll.*
5. Goals and Objectives – Please describe the goals and objectives for your organization for the program granting year. If Applicable, include your relationship to other Diocesan organizations and how your goals fit with the overall mission and ministry of the Diocese. *Our goals are to host, escort and entertain (customized to the age, limitations and interests) of the sick child(ren) and their immediate family providing care for them. Our goals are supported by other Diocesan congregations (and the Township of Hope Community) in the way of funds and serving as Hosts for BBQ’s. Additionally, our HoHfK program is actively supported by multidenominational organizations. Our Board of Trustees include members of local Episcopal, Methodist and Catholic congregations. A significant resource is our cadre of volunteers. These are unsung heroes to us for providing.....Lasagna meal (night of arrival), Cookies and Pies (daily), emergency repairs to Cottage power, plumbing and Van.*

**G**. Evaluative Criteria – What criteria do you use to measure the success of your program? *We request each family parent to complete a Satisfaction Survey English or Spanish), at the completion of their vacation. In addition, we receive unsolicited verbal feedback and cards from both children and parents. HoHfK has a web presence on Facebook and Instagram, approved photographs are posted of each family visit.*

**H**. Income and Expense information. Please provide the following information for your organization (church or secular non-profit):

1. Your organization’s previous year actual income and expenses
2. Your organization’s current year budgeted income and expense
3. Comments *(optional)*: *We are finding that the families we serve are in need more than ever before in our 22 years of operation. Often a family comprises of a single parent who works this of course creates a huge responsibility and burden on the children and siblings. If there is a risk to our program it is burnout. We occasionally lose volunteers and even staff members due to stress and workload. We all at Haven of Hope for Kids appreciate our Diocesan grants, more than words can do justice. Thank you for considering our Application. God Bless.*

*Thank you for your interest in the Alleluia Fund. All requests will be given consideration. Members of the Alleluia Board will contact you regarding site visits. Presentation dates and times for your organization will be forthcoming.*

**Volunteer Network:** We provide a listing to our churches and youth groups of volunteer opportunities with the organizations that receive Alleluia Fund grants.  Please indicate if your organization would like volunteers from the Diocese of Newark \_\_X\_ **YES** \_\_\_ **NO**

*(A separate volunteer information sheet will be supplied to interested applicants)*