

Introducing the 2017 Impact Grant recipients. This year the ENF awarded a record breaking 74 Impact Grants. **New projects are marked in blue.**

**Cahaba Valley, Ala., Lodge No. 1738** will start *Cahaba Valley Expressing Loving Kindness & Support for Homeless Veterans*, a project designed to provide support to veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Mountain Home, Ark., Lodge No. 1714** will continue *Project Uplift*, a mentoring program for students in need local schools.

**Fayetteville-Springdale, Ark., Lodge No. 1987** will continue *Serving Those Who Served Us*, a project that supports formerly homeless veterans.

**Coolidge-Florence, Ariz., Lodge No. 2350** will expand *EFELT (Elks Feeding Empty Little Tummys)*, their weekend meal program for kids in need.

**Fresno, Calif., Lodge No. 439** will continue the *Mt. Olympus Challenge*, a school-based program that teaches teens at risk of dropping out the importance of community service.

**Santa Barbara, Calif., Lodge No. 613** will continue the *Bring a Vet to Lunch* project, which helps the Lodge become the go-to support organization for local veterans in need.

**Santa Monica, Calif., Lodge No. 906** will start *Operation Veteran Support*, a program designed to help veterans in need transitioning from a local VA hospital.

**Orange, Calif., Lodge No. 1475** will continue *The Reading Promise!* a reading literacy project for fourth graders.

**Santa Maria, Calif., Lodge No. 1538** will establish *Elks 1538 Helping Families Thrive*, a program to provide critical non-food items for local families in crisis.

**Placerville, Calif., Lodge No. 1712** will run a *Veterans Stand Down* for homeless veterans in El Dorado County.

**Blythe, Calif., Lodge No. 1799** will continue *Harmony Kitchen*, a weekly meal program at a soup kitchen.

**San Clemente, Calif., Lodge No. 2068** will continue *Homeless Prevention Project*, which provides hygiene and home cleaning supplies for a family resource center.

**Naugatuck, Conn., Lodge No. 967** will continue the *Senior Home Work* project, which enlists high school students in helping with repairs to homes for seniors in need.

**Dover, Del., Lodge No. 1903** will continue *Elks 1903 Pantry* project, which coordinates a mobile pantry for individuals experiencing homelessness.

**Tampa, Fla., Lodge No. 708** will continue *Club Chivalry*, a high school based mentoring program.

**Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1141** will start the *Mentoring for Addiction Recovery* project, which partners Lodge members with women in addiction recovery for support and mentoring.

**Bradenton, Fla., Lodge No. 1511** will continue *EFELT (Elks Feeding Empty Little Tummys)*, their weekend meal program for kids in need.

**Vero Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1774** will continue *Kids of Character*, a program that supports a local elementary school.

**Florida Keys, Fla., Lodge No. 1872** will continue *Vets on the Water*, a program that provides outings for disabled veterans.

**Holiday Isles, Fla., Lodge No. 1912** will start the *Welcoming Homes for Hospitalized Vets* project, designed to provide support for veterans transitioning from a VA hospital.

**Brandon, Fla., Lodge No. 2383** will start the *Bags of Brotherly Love for The Homeless*, a program that will provide support to individuals experiencing homelessness.

**Viera, Fla., Lodge No. 2817** will continue *Wheelchairs 4 Kids*, a program that supports children with physical disabilities.

**Cartersville, Ga., Lodge No. 1969** will establish *Project Safe Harbor*, which is designed to support the food and material needs of a local homeless shelter.

**Caldwell, Idaho, Lodge No. 1448** will continue the *Elks Care about Foster Care* project, which supports children in the foster care system.

**Fairview Heights, Ill., Lodge No. 664** will start the *Shades of Gray Program*, a monthly support group for elderly community members in need.

**Elmhurst, Ill., Lodge No. 1531** will continue *Elks Giving Families a Hand Up for Hygiene*, a program that provides vital non-food items to local food pantry clients.

**Augusta, Maine, Lodge No. 964** will continue the *Augusta Youth Elks Mentoring Project*, which matches Lodge members and mentees from the Boys and Girls Club.

**Beverly/Salem, Mass., Lodge No. 1309** will continue *Tools for Schools*, a project designed to provide food and school supplies to area children in need.

**Traverse City, Mich., Lodge No. 323** will start the *Summer Care Packs for Kids* program, which will provide meals to kids in need over the summer.

**Manistique, Mich., Lodge No. 632** will continue the *Elks Service Park* project.

**Tawas Area, Mich., Lodge No. 2525** will start *Alternative Educational Academy (AEA) of Iosco County*, a youth mentoring program.

**Winona, Minn., Lodge No. 327** will continue the *Healthy Eating and Gardening* project, which encourages individuals with disabilities to try gardening.

**Hopkins, Minn., Lodge No. 2221** will continue *Teaming Up for Teens*, a support program for teens experiencing homelessness.

**Hutchinson, Minn., Lodge No. 2427** will begin to build the *Elks Inclusive Play Park*.

**Columbia, Mo., Lodge No. 594** will continue the *Angel Food Pantry* project, which provides food to children at a local elementary school.

**Blue Springs, Mo., Lodge No. 2509** will continue *Dignity Pantry at St. Michael's Veterans Center Support* project, which provides critical non-food items to veterans transitioning from homelessness.

**Osage Community, Mo., Lodge No. 2705** will continue *School 1st Responders*, which supports teachers throughout their local school district.

**Grand Island, Neb., Lodge No. 604** will start *Grand Island Lodge Food Pantry for Victory Apartments*, which will provide critical items to veterans transitioning from homelessness.

**Nashua, N.H., Lodge No. 720** will continue *Feed the Hungry*, a program that supports a local soup kitchen.

**Princeton, N.J., Lodge No. 2129** will establish the *Age-Out Support Initiative*, which will provide critical training and support to adult volunteers and young adults aging out of the foster care system.

**Lordsburg, N.M., Lodge No. 1813** will start *Educate, Learn, Know, Succeed*, a mentoring, reading literacy and GED prep program for young adults in need.

**Lockport, N.Y., Lodge No. 41** will continue to run *Camp Happiness* for children and young adults with disabilities.

**Mid-Westchester, N.Y., Lodge No. 535** will continue the *Social Group for Teens* project, which provides social opportunities for teens with disabilities.

**Keeseville, N.Y., Lodge No. 2072** will establish *WELKome to STEM*, a program designed to encourage skills in science, technology, engineering and math for local students.

**Reno, Nev., Lodge No. 597** will start the *Disabled Veterans Kayak Program*, which hopes to bring outdoor activity opportunities to wounded and disabled war veterans.

**Laughlin, Nev., Lodge No. 2872** will continue their reading literacy program, *Read to Succeed*.

**Asheville, N.C., Lodge No. 608** will start *Elks Clothesline for Kids*, which hopes to provide kids in need with supplies and clothes for school.

**Hickory, N.C., Lodge No. 1654** will continue the *Helping Hands* project, which provides meals to a soup kitchen.

**Morehead City - Beaufort, NC 1710** will start *Giving a Hand Up One by One*, a material support project for families in need.

**Morganton, N.C., Lodge No. 1852** will continue *End Hunger on Weekends*, which feeds students experiencing food insecurity at home.

**Hillsboro, Ohio, Lodge No. 361** will continue the *Impact a Life* program, which provides hands-on job training to teens and young adults in need.

**Ashland, Ore., Lodge No. 944** will continue the *Veterans No Place Like Home Kits* project, which supports homeless veterans transitioning to permanent housing.

**Corvallis, Ore., Lodge No. 1413** will continue their *Community Impact Brunch* project, which provides a hot meal to those in need when the soup kitchen is closed on Sunday.

**Coos Bay, Ore., Lodge No. 1160** will continue to reach out to children in need with the *Weekend Share Bear Snack Pack* project.

**Burns, Ore., Lodge No. 1680** will continue to feed the hungry once a month with the *Harney County Chuckwagon* project.

**Independence, Ore., Lodge No. 1950** will establish *New Beginnings Boxes*, a project designed to support homeless veterans.

**Allegheny, Pa., Lodge No. 339** will continue the *Yellow Glove Project*, which aims to fill the gap food stamps leave behind for local families.

**Washington, Pa., Lodge No. 776** will start *Skills & Inspiration*, a program for individuals at a local shelter.

**Woonsocket, R.I., Lodge No. 850** will continue their project, *From the Heart of the Woonsocket Elks*, which provides material support to a local homeless shelter.

**Bristol County, R.I., Lodge No. 1860** will continue *East Bay Cares*, a food and supply project for area food pantries and other social service organizations.

**South Kingston, R.I., Lodge No. 1899** will continue to help local seniors, families in need and individuals with disabilities care for their homes through the *Home Maintenance and Repair Assistance* project.

**Pendleton, S.C., Lodge No. 2861** will continue with *On a Mission*, a series of events and trips for teens in need.

**Johnson City, Tenn., Lodge No. 825** will start *Boxes of Love*, a support program designed to help families taking on foster children.

**San Antonio, Texas, Lodge No. 216** will continue the *San Antonio Fitness Club for Veterans*, a running and fitness club for veterans.

**Mc Allen, Texas, Lodge No. 1402** will establish the *Elks Enrichment Programs for Youth*, a series of summer camps for youth in need.

**Garland, Texas, Lodge No. 1984** will continue to help families living in poverty through the *Food Pantry and Clothes Closet* project

**Kerrville, Texas, Lodge No. 2081** will continue to support community members with mental illness through the *Bridging the Gap* project.

**St. George 'Dixie,' Utah, Lodge No. 1743** will continue to reach out to three groups of students in need with the *Youth in Crisis* project

**Everett, Wash., Lodge No. 479** will start the *Elks In-V.E.S.T.* project, which is designed to support veterans in need.

**Gig Harbor, Wash., Lodge No. 2560** will expand their *Weekends Without Hunger* backpack project to provide kids experiencing food insecurity with meals all year.

**Wheeling, W.V., Lodge No. 28** will continue to ensure Wednesday nights at the soup kitchen are family friendly with the *Just for Kids* project.

**Lewisburg, W.V., Lodge No. 1758** will start *Rainelle's Community Gathering*, a support group for families devastated by flood.

**Oshkosh, Wis., Lodge No. 292** will run the *Feed, Read & Arts Program* for kids at a local homeless shelter.

*The Elks National Foundation helps Lodges serve their communities in significant and ongoing ways by awarding Impact Grants of up to \$10,000. Any Lodge can apply for these competitive grants. To find out more about Impact Grants and the Community Investments Program, visit [www.elks.org/enf/community](http://www.elks.org/enf/community).*