



**Photo above:**

Crystal Burton, an Individual Grant recipient supported by Altrusa International of Lexington, KY, received funding to support her pursuit of an Associate in Arts degree in Human Services.

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# The Impact

## Message from the Foundation Chair: LaVone Arthur

As I write this, severe winter weather continues to touch many parts of our country. We hold close the communities, families, and organizations facing long days, cold nights, and uncertain conditions. Extreme temperatures, powerful storms, and power disruptions can turn everyday life into a struggle, and our hearts are especially with those who are most vulnerable during this difficult season.



In moments like these, the true spirit of service shines brightest. Your generosity and compassion make it possible for the Altrusa International Foundation to respond quickly and meaningfully through our Disaster Relief Aid, offering hope and help to communities when they need it most. Because of you, support reaches people not as an abstract promise, but as real, timely assistance. We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in the Foundation and for the care you extend to others through your giving. Information about Disaster Relief Aid, including how to apply, is available on the Foundation website.

As we look ahead, we are also filled with anticipation as Altrusans prepare for one of the most meaningful times of the year—District Conferences! The Board of Trustees and Foundation staff are working hand in hand with District Foundation Liaisons to ensure every attendee understands the profound impact of donor generosity and how it fuels the Foundation’s mission to serve. We hope each of you leaves your Conference feeling uplifted, inspired by the lives you help change, and renewed in your commitment to service through Altrusa.

Thank you for being the steady presence communities can count on in times of hardship, for leading with compassion, and for helping ensure that help is always within reach when it matters most.

With sincere appreciation,  
LaVone Arthur

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# Congratulations Cycle One Grants Program and Club 52 Grant Recipients!

The International Foundation awarded **\$95,061** to 37 Altrusa and ASTRA Clubs and three international healthcare organizations during Cycle One.

District	Altrusa Clubs	Project/Individual Name	Amount Awarded
One	Portland, ME	Sue's Supper	\$600
One	The Seacoast, ME	Essentials for Empowerment	\$2,500
Two	Martinsville-Henry County, VA	Loads of Literacy Books for All	\$2,000
Two	McKeesport, PA	Neighborly Necessities	\$2,500
Three	Charlotte, NC	Books for Bright Futures	\$2,500
Three	Monticello, FL	Helping Underprivileged Children in Monticello, FL	\$2,500
Three	North Georgia, GA	Forsyth Community Clinic Women's Health Education	\$2,500
Four	Clarksville, TN	Altrusa Boosts Project Fuel	\$2,500
Five	Hamilton ASTRA Club	My Own Book 4	\$2,500
Six	Fox Valley, IL	Expanded Hygiene Closet for Hased House	\$2,500
Six	Muncie, IN	Birthday Kits for Preschools	\$2,500
Six	Quincy, IL	Quincy Children's Museum Book Vending Machines	\$2,500
Six	Warsaw, IN	Little Libraries for All	\$755
Seven	Door County, WI	Reading Friends	\$2,500
Seven	Marshfield, WI	Book Vending Machine for Children's Hospital	\$2,500
Seven	Omaha NE	Birthday Bags for Homeless Children	\$2,500
Seven	St. Paul, MN	Altrusa International of St. Paul Supports Students and Families in Guatemala	\$2,500
Eight	Chickasha, OK	Altrusa Summer Stay Sharp Project	\$1,900
Eight	Salina, KS	The Wellness Tote Project	\$2,500
Eight	Sikeston, MO	Get a New Book	\$2,500
Eight	Stillwater, OK	Backpack Buddies	\$2,500
Nine	Austin, TX	Celebrate Hope	\$2,500
Nine	Greenville, TX	First Night Packs for Children in Crisis	\$2,500
Nine	North San Antonio, TX	Fisher House-A Home Away from Home	\$2,500
Nine	Richardson, TX	The Power of Story: Inspiring Kindness in Young Readers	\$2,500
Nine	The Chisholm Trail, TX	Welcome Home	\$2,500
Ten	Clovis, NM	Carolyn Muffley Scholarship	\$2,500
Ten	Delta, CO	All Ages Library	\$2,500
Ten	Monstrose, CO	First Grade Book Giveaway Holiday Edition	\$2,200
Eleven	Chula Vista, CA	Grant a Wish for Teachers	\$2,500
Eleven	Reno Sparks, NV	Senior and Family Outreach	\$2,500
Eleven	Anaheim, CA	Hands on Biology Project Support	\$2,500
Twelve	Coeur D'Alene, ID	Welcome Home Essentials for Household Support for Habitat for Humanity Families	\$2,000
Twelve	Longview-Kelso, WA	Safe Haven Life Skills for Trafficked Young Women in Belize	\$2,500
Fourteen	Guanica, PR	Altrusa Library	\$2,500
Fifteen	Ashburton, NZ	Yoga Lessons for Former Afghani Refugees	\$1,200
Club-at-large	Madras, India	Digital Classroom Project	\$2,000

## Club 52 Awardees



Club 52 Program	Project Title	Amount Awarded
Andando	Keeping Kids in School and Empowering Women Senobowal Garden	\$4,906
Ghana Health and Education Initiative (GHEI)	Mother Mentor for Child Development Through 23	\$2,500
Tandana Foundation	Community Health and Wellbeing in Otavalo Ecuador	\$2,500

# Cycle Two Grant Deadline Approaching

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A reminder that the application deadline for Cycle Two Grants, including Club projects, individual grants, ASTRA projects, and Club 52, is **March 15**. The Club 52 funding focus for this cycle is camps for children with disabilities or those affected by disease. Applicants must use the most recent forms available on the Foundation website. Altrusa Clubs and children's camps previously funded must have all required six-month and final reports submitted and received to be eligible to apply this cycle. For complete guidelines, eligibility details, and application materials, visit the Foundation website at: <https://foundation.altrusa.org/project-grants/>

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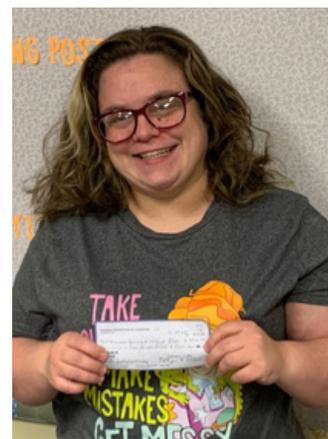


## Ask Dorothy

### Altrusa International Foundation Trustee, Grants Chair

Twice a year the work of the Altrusa International Foundation - Grants Committee is recognized when grant awards are announced. But what happens before and after the grants are funded? Are projects verified as being effective and completed?

First, let's review the Foundation's processes from application filing to grant payment and reporting. Secondly, let's take a look at a grant awarded during the March 2025 Cycle and the impact of the grant. The grant is an "Individual Grant" processed as a part of the Project Grant applications.



Meet the recipient, Crystal, and learn a bit about her journey and her outreach because of Altrusa International Foundation Grant assistance.

Grant application processing: Applications are submitted by the filing deadline to the Altrusa International Foundation office via email. Each application is reviewed by staff for completeness. Review involves several steps: receipt by the filing deadline, inclusion of authorized signatures, and use of the correct and current forms for the type of grant being requested. Additionally, have previous grant results been properly reported to the Foundation office (6-month interim and closeout reports) and the required documentation submitted?

The staff then distributes electronically all the eligible applications to the entire Grants Committee, which includes two Foundation Board members and three additional Grant Readers. Each member of the Committee reads and scores each application using established criteria and score sheets, (the only review and scoring exceptions are applications submitted from a Committee members' District are never scored by that Committee member).

Scores are tallied, averaged, then listed by the highest score to the lowest. The Grants Committee meets via Zoom to review all scores. The Committee makes its funding recommendations to the Foundation Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees makes the final funding determinations. Thus, the basics of Grant processing are in its simplest form. Please understand that the work of the Foundation Grants Committee requires many hours of personal time each Cycle. Our committee is dedicated to helping our Clubs achieve success and support positive impacts on their communities. When you see or speak with a Grants Committee member, please let them know you appreciate their time and effort on behalf of all Altrusans.

Along with project grants (our most active field of grant awards) during the project application cycles a Club may in some instances seek a grant to assist an individual in pursuit of training or retraining, purchasing equipment for self-employment, higher education to start a career, etc.

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A great example of an Individual Grant with results for the awardee along with benefits for the community was awarded to the Altrusa International Club in Lexington, Kentucky, District Six. The \$2,500 was requested and awarded during the March 2025 Cycle for Project Grants. The Club submitted the following Abstract: “Crystal first participated in the Residential Program at New Opportunity School for Women; she candidly stated that she was once broken and lost. As a teen mom, Crystal wanted her daughter to see the best in her.”

Crystal has pursued her continuing education while working and has progressed from Program Graduate to Intern, to Apprentice, to Program Assistant and lastly, to Program Coordinator. Her goal is helping women find their “true selves.” Adding continuing education to her passion and experience enhances her skills.

Crystal has become skilled in client advocacy, mentoring, and program development. The additional schooling enabled Crystal to be more “hands on.” This enabled her to work closely with Therapy Staff in providing individualized services to the women participating in the New Opportunity School for Women programs. The Mission: to provide under-resourced Appalachian and Kentucky women with tools to help them grow in self-knowledge, build confidence and access resources to improve their financial, educational and personal circumstances.

Crystal is now helping countless individuals in her community to reach their self-betterment. Thank you, Crystal. Thank you to the 58 members of the Altrusa International Club of Lexington, Kentucky, for recognizing that a helping hand to Crystal would in turn help many more.

AND THANK YOU MEMBERS OF ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL AND YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS TO THE ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAMS!!!  
“The Foundation does not exist without the support of our members.”



## Why I Give...



**Dana Vierck**  
**Altrusa International of Fox Valley, IL**

As a proud 25-year member of Altrusa International and Past Foundation Trustee, my reason for donating to the Altrusa International Foundation is clear – it’s an investment in the future of our mission of service in our communities. Every dollar that is generously given by our membership is returned twofold to our Altrusa Clubs for service projects, to Club 52 for international service projects and children’s camps, and for Disaster Relief needs.

I believe in the impact that the Altrusa International Foundation has made around the world through the Club Project Grants, Disaster Relief, and Club 52 Grants. The Foundation mission aligns with my personal values – service to those in need and strengthening our communities. When you make your donation to the Foundation, you know that your support contributes directly to positive outcomes! You are shaping the kind of world you want to live in for all people.

Even small donations can make a huge difference! Your donations when combined with the generosity of others will have major impact. You can donate any amount you can at any time, and it will accumulate and when you reach the \$500 level, you receive the Lamplighter designation. For those who cannot donate \$500 at one time, you can donate weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually for your thoughtful gift. Through the Foundation donations, we invest in hope, progress, and leading to a better community!

# Club 52 Charter Members

Donations received between July 25, 2025 – January 31, 2026



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# Lamplighters Fiscal Year 2025-2026



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# Lamplighters Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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## Clubs and Districts

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Altrusa International of Evansville, IN  
Altrusa International of Fort Worth, TX Foundation  
Altrusa International of Reading-Berks, PA  
Altrusa International of San Diego, CA Foundation  
Altrusa International of Temple, TX

## Hofmeister Donors

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**We proudly recognize our Hofmeister Donors for their enduring support and commitment**

The Hofmeister Lamplighter was established in 2021 at the Altrusa International Convention in Charlotte, NC. Each donor who attains the Hofmeister level receives a Hofmeister pendant engraved with their name and the number denoting their order of recognition.

1. Martha Hardwick Hofmeister
2. Debby Weber
3. Della Gregory
4. Debbie Mabry
5. Anne S. Condran
6. Judy Tharp
7. Shirley Raymer
8. Beverly Hardy
9. Colleen Duris
10. Carolyn Rash
11. Elaine Wolf
12. Christine DeVlieger
13. LaVone Arthur
14. Dana Vierck
15. Jane Hart
16. Dr. Barbara Ann Hughes
17. Jill Morris
18. Beverly Herzog

# Calling All Lamplighters

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We appreciate all our Lamplighters and the support that they provide to our Foundation. Our goal is to keep our current Lamplighters engaged and to encourage and support other Altrusans to become Lamplighters. This is your Foundation and the monies raised are used to support Club projects, Altrusa awards, scholarships, children's camps, and disaster relief efforts.

Some of the questions that we get as Board Trustees and staff include is this an annual giving program, is Lamplighter recognition a lifetime recognition, and how does this work for individuals that do not have \$500 to donate at one time? To answer the first question, once a Lamplighter always a Lamplighter, however, it is an annual giving campaign and just as grants, scholarships, awards, etc. are provided annually, there is a need to continue to raise funds for these activities on an annual basis. Districts and Clubs honor individuals by giving them a Lamplighter pin. Hopefully this recognition is given with the anticipation that the individual will continue to support the Foundation through annual giving. We also realize that for some Altrusans, a lump sum contribution may not be feasible. On the Foundation website, individuals can donate weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. An annual Lamplighter donation amounts to \$42.00 a month, not an insignificant amount, but certainly money well spent.

Currently, only 3% of Altrusans are Lamplighters and, with your help, we can raise that percentage. The Lamplighter program is your opportunity to support the good work done by local Clubs and individuals through the Foundation. Thank you for your generosity and for your support of the Foundation.

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## VIP Lamplighter Reception

**Join us at the 2027 VIP Donor Recognition Reception** during the International Convention in Columbus, Ohio, as we honor the incredible generosity of our Lamplighters. This special reception is dedicated to celebrating those who make a lasting impact through their commitment to annual giving during the biennium.

Eligibility is simple: **Altrusans who make a Lamplighter-level donation of \$500 (US) each fiscal year of the biennium (June 1–May 31) are invited to attend.** The Lamplighter Program was created to recognize annual generosity, and this reception is our way of showing our appreciation. Lamplighters are acknowledged in each quarterly Impact newsletter, where we proudly publish the names of those who give during the current biennium. Your generosity fuels our mission, and we are honored to celebrate it together.

Questions about your Lamplighter status? Please contact [foundation@altrusa.org](mailto:foundation@altrusa.org). We look forward to recognizing you in Columbus!

# Convention Donor Recognition Event

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As stated in previous articles, the Lamplighter program began in 1987 as an **annual giving** program of \$500 USD. The first VIP Donor Recognition Reception was held in 2021 at the Convention held in Charlotte, NC to recognize the Lamplighter donors.

In the next few months, the Foundation trustees and staff will begin planning the donor recognition event to be held at the 2027 Convention in Columbus, OH. Eligibility for the event will be donors who contributed \$500 USD or more **each of the two years** of the biennium between June 1, 2025-May 31, 2027.

Donations made at the Convention held in Quebec City and the upcoming 2026 spring District Conferences fall within the first year of this biennium of 2025-2026. Donations can be made by check, at the spring Conferences or online. For those who cannot make a \$500 at one time can break up the donation and give monthly or weekly to reach the \$500 Lamplighter level. We don't want to leave anyone off the VIP donor recognition invitation list so make your 2025-2026 donation, if you have not already done so.

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