



Rainbow Village, Inc.

# Press Release

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## Rotary Club of Gwinnett County Gifts \$2,000 to Rainbow Village

Nonprofit Dedicated to Breaking the Cycles of Homelessness, Poverty and Domestic Violence Receives Technology Resources Grant to Provide Free Wi-Fi to Residents

**Duluth, GA, July 31, 2018** – As a result of its fundraising efforts and a charitable endowment established through the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia, the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County awards grants to local non-profits each year. To identify deserving entities, the Club's Charitable Giving Committee conducts a formalized granting process – encouraging grant applications from across the community and giving each request careful consideration. Grant requests must align with Rotary's key areas of focus: Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution; Disease Prevention & Treatment; Water & Sanitation; Maternal & Child Health; Basic Education & Literacy; and Economic & Community Development. This year, Duluth-based Rainbow Village – a nonprofit dedicated to breaking the cycles of homelessness, poverty and domestic violence in Georgia – was honored to be included among the recipients of a grant from the Rotary Club of Gwinnett.

“We are so grateful to the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County for selecting Rainbow Village as one of this year's grant recipients,” said Reverend Melanie Conner, CEO of Rainbow Village. “With those funds, we will be able to purchase equipment that will boost a Wi-Fi signal to the five apartment buildings on our campus. In each apartment lives a family who has recently faced homelessness and is endeavoring to get their lives back on track through the programming we offer here like life skills training, free childcare, mentoring and more. It may seem like a small thing to many of us, but something like free Wi-Fi is something of a miracle for these people – allowing their children to take part in digital learning days and the adults to conduct job searches, search for online workforce development opportunities and find their next home once they graduate from our program. We pride ourselves in being a community of transformation, and Rotary Club of Gwinnett County is helping us transform lives.”

In a press release to announce all of the recipients of this year's gifts, Rotary Club of Gwinnett County President Jennifer Hendrickson shared, “This is just one way of the many ways our Rotary Club has worked to live out our theme this year,



Rotary Making A Difference. Our grants fund real needs in our community. This year we sought to fund projects that targeted efforts that support those living in poverty in our community. Rotary's motto is Service Above Self. As Rotarians we serve through the giving of our time, talent and treasure. These grants are just one of many ways our 100+ members make a difference every day in our community. It is our privilege to gift these grants out to such worthy causes to empower their great work and positively impact the lives of thousands."

To learn more about Rainbow Village or make a donation to support Rainbow Village's mission to break the cycles of homelessness, poverty and domestic violence in Georgia, please visit [www.rainbowvillage.org](http://www.rainbowvillage.org).

**About Rainbow Village:** Established in 1991 and based in Duluth, Georgia, Rainbow Village is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization devoted to breaking the cycles of homelessness, poverty and domestic violence. Committed to serving as a "community of transformation", Rainbow Village applies a holistic, two-generational approach to serving homeless families with children. With the goal of helping families achieve emotional stability and financial independence, Rainbow Village provides housing, early childhood education and after-school care, child and youth programming, financial planning, career counseling, workforce readiness, mental health counseling, community events and more. Rainbow Village accepts applications from homeless families with minor children throughout Georgia. To learn more about Rainbow Village, register as a volunteer or make a donation, visit [www.rainbowvillage.org](http://www.rainbowvillage.org).

**About Rotary Club of Gwinnett County:** Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all vocations. Rotary Club membership is by invitation only. Founded on May 2, 1973, The Rotary Club of Gwinnett County is the oldest Rotary Club in the County.

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