



*Photo above:  
November 8-19, 2021, the  
Altrusa Club of Duluth,  
Minnesota supported a seven-  
person team to Kenya, East  
Africa where they delivered  
school supplies and clothing to  
the Masai in local village schools*

## Thank You to this year's Foundation Lamplighters

The Lamplighter Program recognizes Altrusans who contribute \$500 or more to the International Foundation in one fiscal or calendar year. They are recognized as a "Lamplighter" and receive the specially designed "Lamplighter" pendant.

Upon a Lamplighter member's 25th contribution of \$500 they will receive the "Hofmeister Pendant", specially designed in honor of the Foundation's longstanding Legal Advisor, Martha Hardwick Hofmeister.

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The Altrusa International  
Foundation, Inc.  
newsletter supporting  
Altrusans in service  
and leadership to their  
communities



Support your Foundation  
with a tax-deductible gift today.

Contributions can be made in honor or memory of someone. Once the "Lamplighter" level has been attained in one year, a diamond chip is awarded for each additional \$500 gift given in succeeding years.

After ten (10) such contributions have been made, the donor reaches the "Lucente Lamplighter" level and will receive the special Lucente Lamplighter pendant. Any Altrusa Clubs or Districts making a minimum contribution of \$500 in one fiscal year will reach the Lamplighter Award level and receive a special banner patch acknowledging this status.

### *2021-2022 Individual Lamplighters*

Beaman, Margaret L.  
Boone, Catherine  
Boyd, Tammy J.  
Brier, Lynley  
Brunson, Karen  
Buck, Mary Louise  
Callahan, Tena  
Condran, Anne S.  
Dalbey, Frances  
Day, Sheila  
DeVlieger, Christine M.  
Duris, Colleen M.  
Eberhard, Diane  
English, Ashley  
Erwin, Noreen  
Gilb, Denice R.

### 2021-2022 Individual Lamplighters continued

Gregory, Della D.  
Hardwick Hofmeister, Martha  
Hardy, Beverly  
Hauter, Rhonda  
Hegerfeld-Baker, Joan  
Howell, Larry "Chip"  
Johnson, Leslie  
Kuenzig, Mary  
Larkin, Mary Sue  
Larsen, Constance  
Lemieux, Pamela  
Mabry, Debbie  
Miller, Beth

Ogg, Joanie  
Raymer, Shirley  
Ring, Linda K.  
Rowan, Peggy  
Snyder, Ann Marie  
Stubbs, Judy H.  
Szarenski, Tina  
Telleria, Kathleen M.  
Thieman, Mary Kay  
Tolbert, Chris  
Ulincy, Kathryn  
Vierck, Dana  
Weber, Debby  
Yates, Linda  
Zoller, Patricia A.

### 2021-2022 Altrusa Club Lamplighters

Altrusa International of Anaheim, California  
Altrusa International of Anderson County, Texas  
Altrusa International of Chula Vista, California  
Altrusa International of Delta, Colorado  
Altrusa International of Fayetteville, Arkansas  
Altrusa International of Mansfield, Ohio  
Altrusa International of Montrose, Colorado  
Altrusa International of Oxnard, California  
Altrusa International of San Diego, California  
Altrusa International of Temple, Texas

### 2021-2022 District Lamplighters

Altrusa International of District Four  
Altrusa International of District Eleven

### WAYS TO GIVE TO THE FOUNDATION

You may click here to make an electronic contribution OR  
Text Altrusa Fdn to 41-444 to make a tax-deductible gift today!

## Acknowledging year-over-year Altrusa Club and District contributions

The Board of Trustees are happy to announce a year-over-year acknowledgment is added to the Club 21 and Lamplighter Programs.

The year guard example is shown on the right.

Upon the initial Club 21 contribution, a club or district receives a medallion for their banner. The first Lamplighter Program gift qualifies for a banner patch.

Beginning this year, Altrusa Clubs and Districts that contribute their second or later \$500 annual contribution to the Club 21 and/or Lamplighter Programs will receive a 2021-22 guard for their banner.



## Foundation Program Updates

Remember the cycle two due date for the Grants Program and Club 21 Program is **March 15**.

Click here for the updated application and guidelines for the Grants Program. Current applications must be used and submitted to [foundation@altrusa.org](mailto:foundation@altrusa.org).

The Club 21 Program will support children's camps this cycle. You may inform a local camp of the opportunity. Please keep in mind the application must be submitted by the camp, not an Altrusa Club or District.

Click here for the Club 21 Program application and guidelines.

The follow-up reports for the Grants Program and Club 21 Program is one year after the funds are received. You may not be eligible for additional funding if a follow-up report is not received at the Foundation office.

We ask you to keep the Foundation office informed on how Disaster Relief Aid funds are distributed. Photos, newspaper articles, and social media posts welcome!

# Spotlight an Altrusa Club

*Altrusa International of Québec, Canada | District One*

“Why choose to help La Maison Zoé Blais?” For the Altrusa Club of Québec, it has been a story of heart and partnership ever since it was established by Les Soeurs du Bon-Pasteur more than 35 years ago. They had clearly felt the need to help women living in poverty in neighborhoods where they owned property. Thousands of women have been welcomed and assisted in getting out of poverty, assimilate into a new environment and overcome difficult situations for themselves and their families. Workshops are offered where they can socialize while developing new skills. The women benefit from the weekly food assistance provided by the Moisson Québec food bank. The sisters put all of their heart and energy into improving the lives and circumstance of all of their guests. They were supported by generous volunteers, including several members of the Altrusa club of Québec who have combined their talents and time to ensure that the women they help and their families could improve their quality of life in meaningful ways. With the pandemic changing our lifestyle, the needs are even greater and we knew La Maison Zoé-Blais needed additional help.

The primary mission of Maison Zoé-Blais is to help women in situations of poverty or other difficulties. The objectives are to provide each guest with a warm welcome, listen and support their needs and enhance their personal resources. Since the women come with very different needs, the staff focuses on taking the time to understand and assess the desires of each guest. Women from as many as eleven different nations have sought refuge at the house so language is an obstacle that is over come with time and patience.

The pandemic brought many new challenges so, Sister Raymonde, director of la Maison Zoé-Blais and a member of the Québec Club, designed a program that could be adjustable to the circumstances. With the volunteers from La Maison Zoé-Blais, they made sure all the necessary sanitary and other material (carts to carry the food, etc.) were available. They also responded to requests for assistance from mothers in emergency.

Despite the circumstances caused by the pandemic, each Altrusan played an active role in the smooth running of the project:

- They prepared the catalog for the Christmas Sale, posted it on Facebook and took orders. The La Maison staff took care of delivery.
- each week, Altrusans picked up additional food to complement the food pantry and sorted and distributed the food;
- Books were purchased, wrapped and given out to the children for Christmas.
- Special gifts such as chocolate for special occasions such as Valentine’s Day, Easter and Mother’s Day were donated by club members to the weekly food pantry.
- Workshops were held, when possible and many Altrusans shared their talents and skills with the residents at la Maison Zoé-Blais. These special workshops were appreciated and appreciated.
- The Club also posted photos of the project on Facebook and messages of thanks to the Altrusa International Foundation.

**“The \$4,000 grant from Altrusa International Foundation was a real blessing as it allowed us to get through the pandemic without having to restrict assistance to ladies in need of our community,”**

said Sr Raymonde Dumont, director of La Maison Zoé-Blais.

The grant received from the Altrusa International Foundation helps to purchase the items required to support these women and their children.



*Sewing and food preparation by the women and volunteers of la Maison Zoé-Blais*





## *Altrusa International of Québec, Canada | District One*

Grants of \$250 to \$4000 are available through sponsoring Altrusa Clubs from the Altrusa International Foundation to improve the economic well-being and quality of life through the foundation's commitment to community service and literacy.

La Maison Zoé-Blais was "kept alive by: the Altrusa International Foundation grant, the funds collected from the Facebook Christmas sale, the Québec Club's email fundraising activity and by the generous supporters from the community (Tanguay) who provided food baskets at Christmas and by Moisson Québec for the weekly food pantry. Altogether, the community partners were able to ensure that the women of la MAISON ZOÉ-BLAIS and their families would get through the pandemic in the best way possible.

Sister Raymonde and her Altrusa Sisters/Brothers are more than satisfied with the result. Indeed, the program has enabled the mission of Maison Zoé-Blais to provide women in situations of poverty and their families a better quality of life. It kept the Québec Club Altrusans very busy while creating a closer partnership with volunteers and donors of the community.

La Maison Zoé-Blais, the Bon-Pasteur Sisters owners of la Maison, the women and their families are very grateful for the volunteer hours and financial support provided during the project by Altrusa Club of Québec and to the Altrusa International Foundation for its generous support. Because it has been a love affair with La Maison Zoé-Blais for so long, the Altrusa Club of Québec will continue to be involved both financially and actively.

Established as a charitable corporation in 1962, the Altrusa International Foundation is committed to the service of goals and objectives of Altrusa International, Inc. Its sole purpose is to be an avenue through which Altrusans can assist Altrusa Clubs and other worthy organizations throughout the world, to carry out their programs of community service and assistance to those in need.

Georgette B. Rondeau – Altrusa International of Québec  
Leslie Johnson – Altrusa International Foundation Board of Trustees



*Christmas Sale of articles made by the women and volunteers of la Maison Zoé-Blais. Active altrusan on the phone to take orders.*



# Disaster Relief Aid Distributions 2021-2022

Disaster Relief Aid enables Altrusa to respond immediately to the trauma of natural disasters with swift aid anywhere in the world. There are three facets to the program that enable the Foundation to respond to requests initiated by a District Governor. The Foundation Chair is able to give up to \$2,500 immediately. Any higher requests will go to the Board of Trustees for approval. Click here for to apply for Disaster Relief Aid.

## 2021-2022 Distributions by District

Four	Bayou Boeuf Elementary	\$ 2,500
Six	Tri-State Food Bank	\$ 5,000
Six	Graves Board of Education	\$ 2,500
Six	Northside Christian Church	\$10,000
Eight	Salina Emergency Foodbank	\$ 2,500
Eleven	Foodbank of Santa Barbara	\$ 2,500
Eleven	San Diego Food Distribution	\$ 2,500
Eleven	Carson Valley Food Closet	\$ 2,500
Eleven	Valley View Food Bank	\$ 2,500
Fifteen	New Zealand Red Cross	\$ 2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$35,000</b>



Cindy Green, Club President of New Albany, Indiana, presents a \$10,000 Disaster Relief Aid grant to Northside Christian Church to support rebuilding homes after tornadoes hit the area.

Submitted photo: The Altrusa International Foundation accepted applications for grants to help rebuild areas of western Kentucky the aftermath of the devastating tornadoes in December 2021. Cindy Green, President of Altrusa International Club New Albany, wrote a grant for \$10,000 to assist Northside Christian Church, New Albany, in conjunction with other churches and two nonprofits to rebuild homes of uninsured and under-insured families in western Kentucky. Green is presenting the check to Outreach Pastor Doug Newland.

Altrusa Club of Evansville, Indiana presents Disaster Relief Aid to the Tri-State Food Bank.



## District Liaisons link the Foundation to Altrusa Membership

The Board of Trustees are grateful for the support of the 2021-2023 District Liaisons. The District Liaisons are vital to providing Foundation resources to Altrusa Clubs and Districts. Be sure to find them at your District Conference!

*"The Altrusa International Foundation is what glues all our clubs together and makes Altrusa International a cohesive international organization. My favorite program is the project grant awards because it's a way for all our local clubs to support each other's service projects, allowing us to make a bigger impact than we would on our own,"*  
said Danielle Robello, District Eleven Liaison.



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“Over the years, I’ve served as Foundation Liaison twice. I appreciate the resources the Foundation Board creates for current Liaisons to share in our districts through individual club consultation and workshops. I enjoy spending time with clubs and hearing about their community project needs, linking them to Foundation resources, and helping them tweak grant applications before submitting their proposal to the Grants Committee. At the 2022 Conference, I look forward to meeting members who carry out funded projects, and learn about their progress and community impact. Through our Foundation Workshop, clubs can showcase projects, share tips for successful project development, and seek input for future projects. All these activities affirm the value Altrusa provides local communities and always lifts my spirit ,” said Margaret Beaman, District Eight Liaison.

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# Time to nominate members to the Foundation Board

According to the Foundation Bylaws & Policies, to nominate Altrusa members to the Board of Trustees:

(i) Eligible Districts shall select nominees, a slate of which will be presented to the delegate body at International Convention. Each District shall establish its own policy as to how its nominee shall be selected. A District may be represented by no more than one of its members on the Board of Trustees, although this limitation does not affect the Past Treasurer and the Immediate Past Chairperson. Each delegate entitled to vote at the Convention shall be entitled to cast one vote for each of the positions to be filled at such election.

(ii) The Governor of an eligible District will make a single nomination to the Foundation. A head shot photo in color, an express representation that the nominee qualifies as provided at Article III, Section 3(b), and a maximum one-page typed biography of the nominee must be provided to the Foundation Director at any time after October 1st of a non-Convention year and, in any event, by no later than January 15th of the Convention year.

Qualifications for Nominees. Each candidate for Trustee must meet each of the following criteria:

- (i) Must be an Active or Active Retired member in good standing of an Altrusa Club, including Clubs-at-Large;
- (ii) Must have current or prior experience with a charitable corporation or foundation, serving in an elected or appointed position with policymaking responsibility;
- (iii) Must have served a full term as president of an Altrusa Club or a full term as president/chairman of an Altrusa Club Foundation; and
- (iv) During all or part of the term for Trustee for which he/she is standing for election, he/she must not serve as (aa) An Association officer; (bb) an Association board member; (cc) a chair or member of an Association standing or special committee; or (dd) an Association special appointee. Service in such positions of the Association's Districts shall not disqualify a candidate (except during his/her term as Governor of a District).
- (v) The Board of Trustees may appoint a member of the Board to serve on a task force or committee with Association appointees, when the subject matter to be evaluated may have a direct impact on the Foundation.

**Submit nominees to [foundation@altrusa.org](mailto:foundation@altrusa.org) no later than January 15, 2023.**

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