

**Diocese of Bethlehem  
Talbot Hall Fund**

The Church Home, formerly known as Talbot Hall, has since its founding in 1881, been an institution of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, living and serving its purpose with devotion in the climate of each of the times of its life - first as an institutional orphanage, and then, as Talbot Hall, a home for the care and rehabilitation in an institutional setting of children and young persons whose own home lives has been so disrupted, or become so intolerable, as to necessitate specialized care and training. A larger sense of public sector responsibility, together with new techniques and approaches for combating social problems and dislocations of the young, particularly in rural setting, created a climate in which Talbot Hall no longer functioned within the framework of its original institutional objectives. Although the Corporation governing Talbot Hall has been dissolved, its mission, to serve the needs of “desolate children” wherever they may be found, and at the time and place that they may best be aided, continues through grants from the designated interest generated by the Fund.

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**OUR MISSION:**

To provide spiritual, emotional, educational, cultural, physical, and social opportunities for children who may not have experienced these blessings.

**FUNDING:**

Funds are granted once a year in November. Monies may be drawn as needed during the funding year upon our receipt of authorized vouchers. Our unrestricted grants are for programs not part of the on-going maintenance or operation of the organization. We are interested in pilot programs that have the potential to become self-sufficient, and in collaborative projects between organizations.

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**GUIDELINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**GRANTS** will be made to new projects/programs which serve the socially, emotionally, physically or intellectually handicapped from birth to age eighteen years. Grants will not be made for capital improvements.

**GRANTS** will be made within the geographic area covered by the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, which includes the counties of Northampton, Lehigh, Berks, Monroe, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Luzerne, Pike, Carbon, Schuylkill and Lebanon.

**NEW** requests will be reviewed once a year. **Grant applications will be sent to all parishes by electronic mail by August 15, and must be received before October 15 to be eligible for consideration.** Four to six grants may be awarded annually; \$5,000 will be the maximum amount awarded to any program.

**INQUIRIES** about the Fund and requests for assistance in completing an application should be directed to the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, Talbot Hall Fund, Attn: The Ven. Howard Stringfellow, 333 Wyandotte Street, Bethlehem, Pa. 18015. Telephone: 610-691-5655 Ext. 222 or e-mail [archdeacon@diobeth.org](mailto:archdeacon@diobeth.org).

**COMPLETED DOCUMENTS should be returned to the Archdeacon.**

