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POTENTIAL

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

A Letter From Our Leadership



Dear Friends,

Potential. It's a powerful and optimistic word, replete with *what ifs* and *why nots*. It's also at the core of the Sisters of Charity Foundation's mission and focus.

The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine have never believed in just accepting the status quo; they have always understood that systemic change is the key to making a meaningful and lasting impact. In keeping with the Sisters' vision, everything we do is in service of potential.

Our mission guides us to simultaneously see what is and what could be, in order to effect meaningful change in each of our focus areas.

We stand proud and energized by all the progress made during our first 25 years. Through focused and intentional collaboration, the Foundation and its partners have made great strides toward impacting the root causes of poverty. Much of that progress was made possible by the dedication and commitment of outgoing President Joni T. Close, whose tireless focus on realizing potential has forever transformed our community. We thank her, and we promise her that we will make every effort to deepen the impacts made, in service to her legacy and that of the Sisters.

As we stand at this point of transition, we are committed to building upon the solid foundation that has been created. And we see nothing but possibility.

That's why we've invoked our vision statement throughout this report to shine a spotlight on some of our amazing grantees. They see the potential too, and they're realizing it, every day, throughout our community.

Great, impactful things are happening; we invite you to read on and see for yourself.

With Great Optimism,

Judge Sara Lioi
Board Chair

Marisa R. Rohn
President

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FOUNDATION-LED INITIATIVES:
FOCUSED ON SYSTEMIC CHANGE

ICAN Housing Stable Home, Stable Life

We've all heard the adage about walking a mile in someone else's shoes, but for ICAN Housing's Workforce Development Manager Keith Bialota, success is achieved by walking "shoulder to shoulder" with program participants. That includes participants like Vicky,¹ who came to ICAN at a very low time in her life. Keith's support is helping her reach her full potential. Vicky had nothing: she'd lost her kids, her home, and her vehicle. ICAN housed her and helped her get everything she needed to settle in. For the first three years, Vicky found herself unable to leave her apartment at all, except to go to necessary appointments. Agoraphobia and anxiety had made her life very small.

Systemic change starts with identifying the big challenges—and then creating and refining solutions.

Keith never gave up on Vicky. He stayed alongside her, shoulder to shoulder, encouraging and supporting her. While he never pushed her to do anything she wasn't comfortable with, he made sure to let her know that if she ever decided to make her life just a bit larger, he would be right beside her to help.

Keith and Workforce Development Coordinator Dionna Stokes-Ellis are the dynamic duo working alongside Vicky and the other participants in ICAN's *Stable Home, Stable Life* program. The Foundation has provided funding for the program; it's part of ICAN's permanent supportive housing programs, which have proven to be effective solutions for people experiencing major life challenges, including chronic homelessness, mental illness, and substance use disorders. Permanent supportive housing combines affordable housing with voluntary supportive services that help individuals live independently and seek their full potential. Those supportive services can make all the difference in cultivating long-term stability.



Keith feels the key to success is actively listening to determine which supports will help, so he takes the time to learn about each participant's work history, skills, and life challenges. They then collaborate to create a plan that's tailor-made to fit the individual's unique situation.

Whenever we promote innovative strategies for systemic change, we are realizing the Sisters' vision of impacting the root causes of poverty.

As for Vicky, she woke up one day and just knew that she could suddenly move forward. She went right to Keith and said, "I can't do this anymore. I want a job."

Keith was surprised and impressed. He took Vicky to Dunkin' Donuts, where he helped her fill out job applications. And after Vicky secured a job at a dollar store, Keith made sure she had the bus passes she would need to keep that job.

Those bus passes, and other retention services intended to help participants maintain employment, are sometimes provided for many months, or even longer than a year. That longer-term support is a uniquely effective feature of this program. Job retention can be a significant challenge for vulnerable individuals. Continued employment is key for fostering confidence, structure, and self-esteem, which are all necessary components of the main goal: the kind of long-term stability cultivated by the hands-on, caring approach of potential-seekers like Keith and Dionna.

Four months in, Vicky likes the job, is happy in her apartment, and loves spending time with her dog, a Chihuahua mix

ICAN's Stable Home, Stable Life program has three phases:

1. Stable Home (finding stable housing),
2. Income Gains (becoming employed), and
3. Stable Life (setting long-term goals and accessing the supports needed to achieve them).

To learn about ICAN Housing's programs and services, visit ican-inc.org/services/

To read about the research and philosophy behind supportive housing, visit bit.ly/pshinfo

named Elgin. She's transitioned into what looks like a pretty stable life indeed. She strongly feels none of this would have happened without Keith and ICAN.

When asked if she has advice for others experiencing similar challenges, she's quick to answer: "Don't give up. If it wasn't for ICAN, I don't see me being here. I would still be homeless."

Next, Vicky plans to earn her GED, in order to reach her full potential. She knows Keith and ICAN will be beside her, every step of the way.

¹ Vicky's name has been changed to protect her privacy.

Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Workforce Development Program

Between 2013 and 2019, demand for behavioral health services increased by 353% in Ohio, but the behavioral health workforce only grew by 174%. By 2019, nearly 2.4 million Ohioans were living in communities without enough behavioral health professionals.² Stark County is one of those communities. Since the pandemic began, the need has increased even further.

Since 2018, the Foundation has collaborated with Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery (StarkMHAR) to increase the number of behavioral health professionals available to serve our community.

One goal is to increase the number of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) serving Stark County. Behavioral health APRNs are in great demand. They can prescribe medication, which decreases the need for psychiatrists. Unfortunately, behavioral health agencies often find themselves competing with large hospital systems and physicians' offices when recruiting APRNs.



In collaboration with Kent State University, StarkMHAR recruited APRN students, offered them stipends to choose clinical rotations at StarkMHAR-affiliated agencies, and offered stipends to the agencies providing the required supervision services. Continued Foundation funding over the next two years will extend this effort.

Erin Morabito is an APRN at CommQuest Services. Even before participating in this program, she was highly qualified, with bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing and board certification as a primary care nurse practitioner specializing in adults and gerontology. Once she worked in a detox facility, she knew she'd found her calling. So she decided to pursue board certification as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

Between 2019 and 2021, Erin took classes at Kent State University. The stipend the program provided paid for her books, which are very specialized and therefore very expensive. The stipend also helped with the cost of living. The certification has been life changing for Erin—and also for the patients she serves, because not a lot of nurse practitioners are dual certified. It has enabled CommQuest to treat "dual diagnosis" patients—those in need of help for both mental illness and substance use disorders.

Erin feels she's found her niche; she finds the work highly rewarding. Her goal is to increase CommQuest's capacity even further, in order to meet the growing community demand for dual diagnosis services.

PRECEPTORS: THE KEY TO SUCCESS

Erin Morabito could not have earned her psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner credential without a *preceptor*: an

experienced licensed prescriber who teaches, supervises, and mentors the APRN student while the student completes the clinical hours required to earn the credential. Each intern must be supervised by a preceptor for hundreds of hours over multiple semesters.

While the preceptor is conducting their own work, they are shadowed by the intern and must pause repeatedly throughout the day to teach. This significantly increases the preceptor's workload and requires a great deal of time. Thus, preceptors are in woefully short supply.

The skills gained under preceptor supervision are critical, especially in behavioral health. While the classroom provides a solid foundation, there are numerous skills that can only be developed during patient encounters, like strategies for helping patients who are taking multiple medications for multiple conditions. Interns also learn soft skills: bedside manner, diplomacy and tact, developing a rapport, and trauma-informed care techniques (including ways to avoid triggering traumatized patients). Preceptors impart career path strategies they've developed after spending years in the profession, like methods of assessing whether a job that's been offered will be a good fit.

Tara Davis is a nurse practitioner who served as a preceptor for some of the interns in the program. She feels the preceptor stipends were very effective at convincing more of her colleagues to make the commitment.

Tara herself was very thankful for the stipend, saying, "The grant was just fabulous—very helpful—you feel more valued."

² bit.ly/mhas933

STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS:
FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Capacity Building Grants Cultivating Stability and Sustainability

Systemic change is only possible when the organizations that serve our community are strong. That's why we prioritize helping organizations to build and strengthen their capacity to carry out their work.

Foundation capacity building grants meet a wide range of needs. Each grantee is different: some need help with leadership development or succession planning, in order to foster stability amid transition. Some need assistance to ensure each board member fully understands the organization's structure and vision—and their individual role. And some have infrastructure needs, such as software solutions that will increase efficiency and streamline operations.

Our power is magnified through partnership. Collaboration enables us to accomplish goals that none of us could tackle alone.

By helping an organization to strengthen or increase its capacity, we are helping that organization to reach its full potential to serve the community, while also realizing our vision of systemic change.





Adaptive Sports Ohio Capacity Building Grant for Technology

Wooster-based Adaptive Sports Ohio enables individuals with physical disabilities to engage in recreational and competitive sports, both in schools and throughout the community. The organization was founded by a mom on a mission to help her son reach his full potential by ensuring he had access to the same opportunities as other student athletes. Thirteen years later, Adaptive Sports has grown; it now serves hundreds of athletes living in numerous Ohio counties.

Because the organization must manage so many different operational components, it relies heavily on software to help ease logistical challenges. Two particular tools are key:

- **Salesforce** is used to manage donor and athlete information, and to track the more than 1,700 pieces of equipment rented to athletes and used at numerous sites.
- **LeagueApps** is used to enroll participants and coordinate scheduling. The user-friendly interface allows athletes to register for practice sessions and competitions and report in real time whether they will attend.

Separately, each tool is important for operations. But to make the greatest impact, Adaptive Sports Ohio needed the programs to connect with each other. With Foundation support, the organization hired a web developer to create code that enabled these cloud-based tools to share information.

Communication between Salesforce and LeagueApps will dramatically decrease the amount of staff time devoted to data entry, enhance reporting and analysis, and aid in program improvement efforts. It also will help the staff communicate to all stakeholders in one click, eliminating several steps and ensuring the staff have the time they need to serve athletes and help them meet their potential.

Capacity Building Through Connection

Adaptive Sports Ohio Executive Director Lisa Followay had shared with Foundation staff that her organization uses its nonprofit status to access many free and highly discounted tools to manage numerous aspects of operations.

Many Foundation capacity building grant applicants had sought funding to purchase costly software, including donor management programs and point-of-sale tools that support events.

Foundation program officers initially connected individual organizations to Adaptive Sports Ohio to help them learn more. But the need continued to emerge.

It became clear that this was an opportunity to be innovative.

Foundation staff invited Lisa and her team to share their knowledge in an online presentation. Twenty representatives from 17 local organizations attended. The feedback was extremely positive. We thank all those who participated, and we're considering ways to provide similar opportunities in the future.

Early Childhood Education Alliance Professional Development

The Early Childhood Education Alliance (ECEA) is a collaboration of Alliance City Schools, the University of Mount Union, and the City of Alliance. This collaboration uses research-based best practices to ensure children are ready to reach their full potential in school.

Since 2008, ECEA has operated the Alliance site of the SPARK program, which sends home visitors known as *parent partners* into homes once a month to help parents get their young children ready for kindergarten. ECEA also helps Alliance's other early childhood programs enhance their quality and increase their capacity.

Many early childhood professionals have found it challenging to deal with increased mental and behavioral health concerns brought on by the pandemic. The Foundation has recognized this need and has stepped in to help.

Foundation support for ongoing professional development is helping the SPARK parent partners and Alliance's other early childhood professionals to better understand trauma and trauma-informed care, and is equipping them with strategies for addressing children's behavioral health needs. This will build the capacity of Alliance's early childhood system to better meet the needs of families for years to come.

Faith in Action of Western Stark County Organizational Assessment

For more than two decades, Massillon seniors have depended on Faith in Action for the transportation services that enable them to remain living independently. Trained, caring volunteers take the seniors shopping, to appointments, and on personal errands. Clients also benefit from regular check-ins, birthday cards, an annual resource fair, Thanksgiving dinner, and Christmas gifts. The continued independence and human connection can make all the difference to a homebound senior who might otherwise feel isolated and alone.

This very small organization has continued to serve its clients despite the considerable challenges of operating and raising funds during a pandemic. The Foundation believes that with some support, Faith in Action can reach its full potential. A Foundation-supported organizational assessment will yield a road map for organizational efficiency, make the board stronger and more prepared, and guide future communications efforts.

Greater Stark County Urban League Succession Planning

The Urban League offers a spectrum of programs, services, and outreach efforts that help Stark County's most vulnerable citizens reach their potential. Efforts focus on addressing five community needs: workforce development, education, health, housing, and social justice.

The organization has faced significant challenges in recent years, including several leadership transitions. As a result, programs and services have been affected. There's a sense of history here: the Urban League has faithfully served our community for over a century. Times of transition require support to ensure stability into the future.

Whenever we work in concert with other organizations toward a strategic goal, we are enhancing community connections to realize the Sisters' vision.

Since 2019, the current president and CEO has worked hard to stabilize finances and expand the capacity to provide high-quality programming. Now, she's shifting her focus to consider longer-term organizational stability. Foundation support for succession planning will equip the organization's next leader with the skills and strategies needed for success. This will position the Urban League to continue helping, guiding, and supporting our friends and neighbors in need, well into the future.



RESPONSIVE EFFORTS:
FOCUSED ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

A Whole Community

A Whole Community collects, sorts, organizes, and redistributes imperfect produce from Wayne County farms to local food pantries, hot meal sites, and low-income neighborhoods and housing complexes.

Every day, organizations on the front lines are working hard to serve our community, with support from the Foundation and other local funders.

Because it's largely rural, Wayne County has plenty of farms growing fruits and vegetables. Perfect produce goes to stores and markets, but produce with slight imperfections is considered unsellable. A Whole Community rescues this imperfect (yet perfectly good) produce, thereby increasing access to nutritious food. Even imperfect food can nourish our community!

Now, instead of discarding or composting imperfect produce, farmers set it aside. A local trucking company volunteers to deliver it to A Whole Community's facility, where volunteers sort, organize, and package it for distribution to the community. Some farms donate produce, while others are paid a modest amount to compensate farmers for their time and labor. Foundation support will help A Whole Community continue to provide the food our friends and neighbors need to reach their potential.



Since 2017, A Whole Community has distributed more than 365,000 pounds of produce to food pantries, housing complexes, and a domestic violence shelter.

The food goes to approximately 3,000 people each month.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Ohio

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Ohio primarily serves economically disadvantaged students who live in eight school districts across Carroll and Tuscarawas counties. Many are still dealing with the effects of the pandemic, including learning loss and mental health struggles, which are greatly compounded by the challenges of living in poverty. Foundation support is helping the organization provide school-based mentoring to these students.

Any student between the ages of five and 18 can become a mentee, or a “Little,” after being referred by a teacher, counselor, or parent.

Mentors, or “Bigs,” are local high school or college students who gain school credit or volunteer experience through mentorship. The national organization (Big Brothers Big Sisters of America) provides standards for screening, training, matching, and supervising Bigs and Littles. Bigs help Littles improve their academic performance by helping with homework, encouraging regular school attendance, and emphasizing promptness in turning in assignments. Additional activities based on state standards strengthen Big-Little relationships and provide the Littles greatly needed social-emotional support.

For the Littles, these matches make quite a big impact.

Each Little’s performance is tracked in a number of categories, including academics, number of serious school infractions, and attendance.

In 2021, all of the Littles served sustained or improved their level of performance in at least four categories, and 98% sustained or improved their performance over a four-year period.

Catholic Charities Serving Portage & Stark Counties

Catholic Charities extends the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by providing tangible assistance to affirm human dignity, meet basic human needs, strengthen families, build communities, and empower others to transform their lives. This past year, the Foundation supported two programs in particular:

- The **First Step** program provides supplies and parenting supports to young Stark County families. Families receive bottles, clothing, formula, bedding, and diapers—but they also learn about infant and child development and strengthen their parenting skills. While the program was created to provide basic baby care supplies and information, it’s now offering longer-term support, including case management services and referrals to organizations that meet families’ concrete needs.
- The **Adult Day Services** program offers a safe, secure environment for older adults while family caregivers are attending to other responsibilities. The program enhances quality of life by providing opportunities for socialization, planned activities, meals, and basic health services at the St. Joseph Senior Living campus in Louisville.

Tri County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Tri County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates (JOG) serves youth who have dropped out of high school or who are at risk of dropping out. The program's supports help participants graduate and transition to job training, employment, or post-secondary education.

During this critical time in a young adult's life, the right support can make all the difference in life direction. JOG's guidance and support helps individuals reach their full potential. JOG takes a holistic approach, supporting basic needs like food and hygiene supplies while also providing academic intervention, counseling, employment readiness and career development services, and job or educational placement services. JOG also partners with local employers to help inspire and motivate participants to explore career pathways and develop the concrete skills that are in demand.

Many participants don't have support systems in place that will keep them on a successful path. To foster continued stability, JOG provides support for a full year after they graduate, start a job, or enter college.

A Foundation grant enabled the addition of two staff members to serve students at McKinley High School and Choices Alternative School, where waiting lists for JOG services were especially long. The funding also supports professional development activities for participants and incentives for reaching specific milestones (including graduation and employment retention).

In Stark County, JOG serves students at Alliance High School, the ASPIRE GED program, Choices Alternative School, McKinley High School, and Washington High School.

In 2021, 93% of JOG participants graduated from high school, and 80% got full-time jobs.

OhioGuidestone

OhioGuidestone's Tuscarawas County office offers school-based and community-based behavioral health services. It also operates a residential treatment facility for women and a domestic violence shelter.

Foundation funding has helped OhioGuidestone serve Tuscarawas County's burgeoning population of Hispanic immigrants, including many minors attending public schools. These youth, largely from Guatemala, typically travel to the United States to do farm work while living with a sponsor (often a family member, family friend, or acquaintance from their hometown).

Whenever we respond to emerging needs, we are realizing the Sisters' vision of social justice by serving as a community change agent.

As behavioral health challenges began to emerge, a local high school Spanish teacher invited OhioGuidestone's behavioral health specialist, who speaks Spanish, to meet with these students. Many experienced trauma during their journey to the U.S., and they live with many fears and anxieties while being far from home and family.

Thanks to Foundation funding, which supports approximately 140 hours of direct service, the specialist now helps approximately 50 individuals (primarily youth) by listening to them and equipping them with the healthy communication and coping skills they will need to meet their full potential.



2022 Grant Recipients

Total Grants:

\$3,084,378

Foundation-Led Initiatives Total: \$1,152,238

EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVES

TSNE Mission Works | \$15,000

To support general operations of the national Early Childhood Funders Collaborative, over two years

Other | \$115,508

Early childhood program-related expenses

Total: \$130,508

HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES

ICAN Housing | \$250,000

To support capital renovations to the Cherry Grove permanent supportive housing project

Stark Housing Network | \$201,021

To support operations, over two years

YWCA of Canton | \$4,000

To support attendance at the 2022 National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington, DC

Other | \$79,102

Homelessness program-related expenses

Total: \$534,123

MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery | \$360,500

To support the Behavioral Health Workforce Optimization Initiative, over 22 months

Other | \$127,107

Mental health program-related expenses

Total: \$487,607

Strategic Collaborations Total: \$555,881

CAPACITY BUILDING

Adaptive Sports Ohio | \$9,300

To provide technical support and web development services for existing online fundraising and program tracking tools

Community Legal Aid Services | \$15,000

To support the cost of an organizational development consultant

Early Childhood Education Alliance | \$14,163

To support training on trauma and behavioral health for Alliance early childhood professionals and SPARK parent partners

Faith in Action of Western Stark County | \$4,000

To support an organizational assessment

Greater Stark County Urban League | \$10,000

To support succession planning and related costs

NAMI Stark County | \$12,000

To support an organizational assessment, a volunteer management system, a fundraising development plan, and related costs, over two years

Phoenix Rising Behavioral Healthcare and Recovery | \$9,700

To support board development services and technological needs

Serving Area Military | \$10,000

To support strategic planning, executive coaching, professional development, and board development services, over two years

Total: \$84,163

EDUCATION

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health | \$100,000

To provide on-site behavioral health services at 10 after-school and four summer programs offered by the YMCA of Central Stark County and the Boys and Girls Club of Massillon

Lighthouse Ministries of Canton | \$7,560

To provide mental health services for students enrolled in after-school and summer programs

YMCA of Central Stark County | \$70,033

To implement evidence-based reading and math curriculums at summer camps in the Alliance City, Canton City, and Plain Local school districts

Total: \$177,593

INFRASTRUCTURE

Domestic Violence Project, Inc. | \$294,125

To provide support needed due to federal funding cuts and to address long-term infrastructure needs, over two years

Total: \$294,125



Responsive Efforts Total: \$1,376,259

RESPONSIVE GRANTS

Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity | \$24,000

To support a new part-time assistant construction manager position, over two years

ArtsinStark | \$25,000

To support the SmArts program in the Alliance, Canton, and Massillon city school districts and in local parochial schools

A Whole Community | \$10,000

To support the community food program

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy | \$200,000

To support general operations of the pharmacy, over two years

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Ohio | \$15,000

To support school-based mentoring services for students living in eight school districts across Carroll and Tuscarawas counties

Boys and Girls Club of Massillon | \$375,000

To support capital funding for construction of a new building

Canton City Public Health | \$119,259

To support evaluation of the THRIVE infant mortality program, over 16 months

Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties | \$35,000

To support adult day services and the *First Step* program that provides parenting supports to young families, over two years

Crown Point Ecology Center | \$25,000

To support an increase of fresh produce grown in the winter, to be donated to the Stark County location of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, over two years

Echoing Hills | \$50,000

To support construction and renovation of five six-bedroom homes for Stark County clients with disabilities, over 15 months

Golden Key Center for Exceptional Children | \$350,000

To support facility renovation and expansion

OhioGuidestone | \$37,500

To support mental health services for undocumented immigrants in Tuscarawas County, over three years

Our Lady of Peace Elementary School | \$25,000

To support a summer program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade

Pegasus Farm | \$30,000

To support operations of the Military Family Center

Tri-County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates | \$20,000

To support an additional two staff members serving students at McKinley High School and Choices Alternative School

Total: \$1,340,759

SPECIAL PROJECTS

A Community Christmas | \$3,000

To support the Christmas Giving Center, over three years

Adaptive Sports Ohio | \$500

In appreciation of Lisa Followay's presentation to local nonprofits

CommQuest Services | \$2,500

To support the purchase of food-related equipment and supplies for Wilson Hall, a men's rehabilitation treatment center, and Samaritan's Table, a hot meal program

Domestic Violence Project, Inc. | \$5,000

In honor and recognition of Joni T. Close's 25 years of exemplary servant leadership

EN-RICH-MENT | \$5,000

In honor and recognition of Joni T. Close's 25 years of exemplary servant leadership

Golden Key Center for Exceptional Children | \$5,000

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Greater Stark County Urban League | \$5,000

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Little Pink Ribbon Girl | \$2,500

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St. Anthony/All Saints Parish | \$2,500

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Total: \$31,000

BOARD HONORARIUMS

Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank | \$1,000

For operating support, a holiday gift from the Foundation Board of Directors

JRC | \$1,500

For operating support, a holiday gift from the Foundation Board of Directors

St. Anthony/All Saints Parish | \$1,000

For operating support for the *Building Bridges* Hispanic Outreach Ministry, a holiday gift from the Foundation Board of Directors

She Elevates | \$1,000

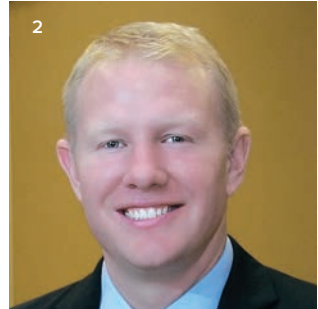
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Total: \$4,500

Board of Directors



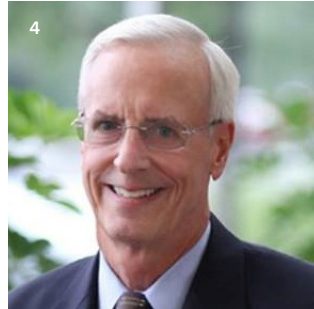
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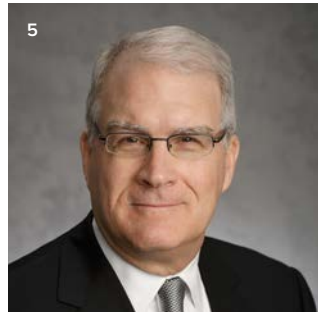
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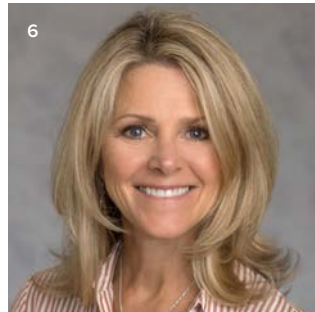
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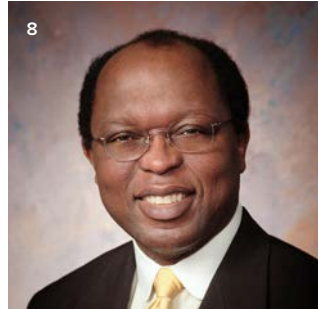
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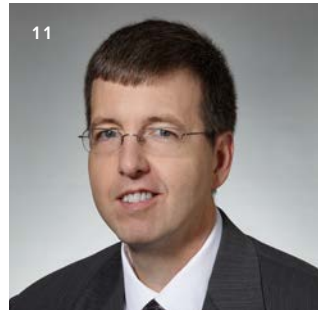
08 Albert T. Domingo
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09 Susanna H. Krey
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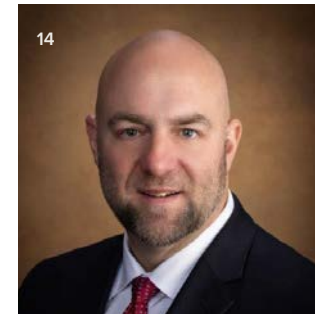
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12 Janelle Lee



13 C. Todd Locke



14 Joseph R. Luckring



15 Janice G. Murphy,
RN, BSN, MSN, FACHE
(ex officio)



16 Reverend Benson C.
Okpara



17 Elaine Russell Reolfi



18 Marisa R. Rohn
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Mission

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton supports and furthers the mission and ministry of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. The principal components of their ministry are health, education, and social services. The Foundation's focus is on issues of social justice relating to the poor and underserved in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Vision

To improve the quality of life of the poor and underserved so they can live to their fullest potential, by initiating systemic change, enhancing community connections, serving as a community change agent to advocate for the poor, and promoting innovative strategies to impact the root causes of poverty.



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