



**SISTERS of CHARITY FOUNDATION
OF CANTON**

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SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$1,918,898

Canton, Ohio (November 29, 2016) The Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton has announced **\$ 1,918,898** in grants for the third and fourth quarters of 2016.

President Joni Close stated, “the Foundation celebrated its 20th anniversary at a recent event, with nearly 300 community partners and friends listening to the wise words of Father Gregory Boyle. Father Boyle challenged us to create a “circle of compassion” that includes all of us, including the “easily despised and the left out.” Since its inception, the Foundation has worked to do exactly that, by investing more than \$53.5 million to improve the lives of the poor and underserved in Stark and surrounding counties. More importantly, we have worked collaboratively with so many to widen the circle of compassion and to be inclusive of all.”

Grants were awarded to:

Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank To explore opportunities for a food security hub in Stark County (in collaboration with the Stark Community and Paul and Carol David foundations)	\$5,000
Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank To support the implementation of a merger with Community Harvest (in collaboration with the Stark Community and Paul and Carol David foundations)	\$42,500
Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter To support one-time expenses that help clients to move out of shelters and into permanent housing, over two years	\$7,000
Alliance for Children and Families To support one-time expenses that help clients to move out of shelters and into permanent housing, over two years	\$16,600
Canton City Health Department To support the Stark County THRIVE comprehensive evaluation, over two years	\$75,000
Canton Local School District To support the Fresh Start program	\$1,000
Caring and Serving Together To support the CAST Apprenticeship and Mentoring Program (CAMP), over three years	\$9,600
CommQuest Services, Inc. For capital campaign support	\$100,000
CommQuest Services, Inc. to support one-time expenses that help clients move out of shelters and into permanent housing, over two years	\$11,200



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Community Legal Aid Services, Inc. to expand legal services for low-income individuals with housing issues	\$48,300
Early Childhood Resource Center to support professional development, family programming, SPARK in Canton and Minerva, and management of SPARK replication	\$454,912
Echoing Hills Village to offer young adults with developmental disabilities opportunities for hands-on experiences in the community	\$12,000
Faith in Action of Western Stark County to provide transportation, holiday dinners, and gift baskets for senior citizens, over two years	\$10,000
Friends of Stark Parks for administrative support to allow the Live Well Stark County coalition to continue increasing access to nutritious foods, promoting healthy lifestyles, and decreasing childhood obesity, over three years	\$27,420
Friends of Stark Parks to support the Fry Family Park project	\$100,000
Girl Scouts of North East Ohio to support the transition of several troops to a traditional troop model in Canton City schools, over two years	\$33,100
Homeboy Industries in honor of Father Gregory Boyle, the Foundation's 20 th anniversary celebration speaker	\$5,000
ICAN Housing Solutions, Inc. to support rapid re-housing services to move families with children out of shelters	\$77,330
Junior Achievement of East Central Ohio, Inc. to support the Career Connections program for Canton City high school students	\$6,560
Meals on Wheels of Wayne and Stark Counties to support the purchase of equipment and parts to repair its blast chiller	\$6,800
Mercy Medical Center to support the dental clinics at Mercy Medical Center and St. Paul Square, over three years	\$150,000
Mercy Medical Center for sponsor support for Mercy Service League's Harvest Ball	\$4,200
OneEighty, Inc. for implementation of a mobile application to support clients who are in recovery from addiction	\$38,000
Pathway Caring for Children to enhance a mentoring program for children involved in its foster care or mental health programs, over two years	\$8,500
Pegasus Farm to support expansion of its garden, compost operations, and community education, over two years, (in collaboration with the Stark Community and Paul and Carol David foundations)	\$46,880
Prescription Assistance Network of Stark County, Inc. to support operations, over three years	\$250,000



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Refuge of Hope to support one-time expenses that help clients move out of shelters and into permanent housing, over two years	\$24,000
Stark County Job and Family Services for new furnishings and equipment for its child and family visitation center	\$30,000
Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery to support suicide prevention efforts, over three years	\$185,000
Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery to support one-time expenses that help clients move out of shelters and into permanent housing, over two years	\$10,000
Stark Metropolitan Housing , to support a staff member's attendance at the <i>National Alliance to End Homelessness</i> conference in Washington, DC	\$870
Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown, Inc. to support 2016 Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown, in honor of the Foundation's 20 th anniversary	\$2,000
Warrior Beat for start-up costs for a therapeutic drum circle program for veterans	\$7,800
Wee Care Center to support the ongoing professional development required to maintain a four-star rating in the state's voluntary quality rating system	\$10,126
YWCA of Canton , to support the housing officer position, over three years	\$75,000
YWCA of Canton to support incentives to encourage staff of Continuum of Care-funded housing projects to complete online training on the social security income and social security disability programs available to clients	\$6,000
YWCA of Canton to support one-time expenses that help clients move out of shelters and into permanent housing, over two years	\$21,200
TOTAL	\$1,918,898

Established in 1996, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton is a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System. Based on the vision of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, the Foundation is committed to addressing the needs of the poor and underserved by understanding the root causes of poverty, nurturing the growth of healthy communities, emphasizing youth and family, and measuring the outcomes of these efforts.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton offers four grant cycles each year. More information on the grant application process is available at www.sfcanton.org

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