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**FOUNDATION AWARDS \$1,675,358 IN GRANTS**

**Canton, Ohio** ([December 3, 2012](#)) The Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton has announced \$1,675,358 in grants for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2012.

According to Foundation President Joni Close, “The board and staff of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton continue to identify ways to be proactive in our work and responsive to community needs. We are blessed to partner with other foundations and nonprofit organizations in this work. The Foundation’s focus is to address the root causes of poverty and requires that we maintain a high level of collaboration and deep commitment in order to make a lasting impact.”

**GRANTS AWARDED**

**Alliance Family YMCA**

\$25,000 to support phase 2 of the capital campaign project

**Canton City Schools**

\$1,500 to support Ready School activities at Clarendon Elementary

**Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties**

\$1,500 to support the purchase of a refrigerator and freezer for the food pantry

**Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) America**

\$2,350 to support the Early Childhood Education Working Group

**Community Services of Stark County, Inc.**

\$303,175 to provide parent partners for the Alliance, Canton, Massillon, and Minerva SPARK programs

**Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio**

\$2,500 to honor 2012 Humanitarian Award recipient Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA

**Early Childhood Resource Center**

\$269,000 for operating support

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\$84,000 to support new and enhance existing parenting education programs to serve the developmental needs of young children, over eighteen months

**Hammer and Nails**

\$2,500 for operating support, in lieu of a holiday gift for the Foundation Board of Directors

**The Golden Key for Exceptional Children**

\$150,000 toward the purchase of its facility

**Goodwill Industries of East Central Ohio, Inc.**

\$85,000 to support a central intake coordinator as part of phase 2 of an effort to implement a common intake and electronic referral system for area nonprofit organizations, over three years

**Greater Stark County Urban League**

\$14,500 to support the adult graduation program

**Guidestone**

\$20,000 to support technology expenses associated with the merger between Personal and Family Counseling Services and Guidestone

**Massillon Public Library**

\$3,700 to support the library's *Ready to Read* early childhood literacy training program

**Men's Challenge of Alliance**

\$7,800 start-up support for a training and employment program

**Mental Health and Recovery Services of Board of Stark County**

\$200,000 to support Phase 2 of a project to strengthen the information technology infrastructure of community behavioral health providers in Stark, Wayne, and Holmes counties, over two years

**Mercy Medical Center**

\$105,000 for the general operating and equipment needs of the Dental Clinic and General Practice Residency Program, over two years

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\$100,000 to support construction costs and educational materials for Mercy Primary Care at Saint Paul Square

**Multi Development Services of Stark County**

\$5,000 to support the Career Club Program

**Pegasus Farm**

\$31,500 to support technology infrastructure

**Prescription Assistance Network of Stark County, Inc.**

\$125,000 in operating support, over two years

**Refuge of Hope**

\$23,000 to support the meal ministry and marketing and donor development, over two years

**Stark Development Board, Inc.**

\$38,333 in operating support for economic development in Stark County, over two years

**Third Sector New England**

\$15,000 to support the national Early Childhood Funders Collaborative, over three years

**Western Stark Free Clinic**

\$9,000 for equipment and supplies related to ear, nose, and throat services

**YMCA of Central Stark County**

\$4,000 to support the Carroll County YMCA Child Care Project

**YWCA of Canton**

\$47,000 in operating support for Canton Preschool, over eight months

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.

For more information on the application process, visit [www.scfcanton.org](http://www.scfcanton.org)

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