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FOUNDATION AWARDS \$628,700 IN GRANTS

Canton, Ohio (June 11, 2013) The Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton has announced \$628,700 in grants for the first and second quarters of 2013.

“Several of these grants are in response to collaborative efforts connected to the Foundation’s long-term strategic agenda,” stated President Joni Close. “For example, the Stark County Park District represents a collaboration with *Live Well Stark County*, a committee that includes representatives from several local agencies and organizations working together to curtail the growing epidemic of health problems caused by obesity. This group worked with Foundation Program Officer Jean Van Ness to establish a small grant program designed to increase, expand, and sustain community gardens throughout Stark County. Grants to the Stark County Educational Service Center and the Regional Planning Commission were based on like efforts.” The grants awarded are listed below.

- **Akron Canton Regional Foodbank: \$50,000** to support the purchase of a cooler to house fresh produce that is distributed to client agencies free of charge
- **Boys & Girls Club of Massillon: \$50,000** matching grant over three years to support the *KidStop* summer program
- **Fund for Our Economic Future: \$50,000** over three years for economic development in Northeast Ohio
- **Mercy Medical Center: Up to \$250,000** matching grant over two years to support the Emergency and Trauma Services Expansion and Renovation project
- **Meta Morphosis 1: \$7,000** to support the rehabilitation and re-entry program serving men ages 18-21
- **North Canton Playhouse, *Spotlight on Youth*: \$7,200** over two years to support in-school performances on bullying prevention
- **Ohio Business Roundtable: \$50,000** to support the Early Learning Initiative
- **Stark County Educational Service Center: \$42,500** over two years to support a part-time Olweus Bullying Prevention coordinator
- **Stark County Park District: \$57,000** over two years to support the increase and expansion of community gardens in Stark County and establish associated programs to teach good nutrition



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- **Stark County Regional Planning Commission: \$45,000** over three years to support the expert assistance that the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County needs to achieve compliance with the requirements of the HEARTH Act of 2009
- **Your Human Resource Center: \$20,000** over two years to support the *Breaking the Barriers* employment program

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.

More information on the grant application process is available at www.scfcanton.org

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