



Grant Focuses on Behavioral Health

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton and the Austin-Bailey Foundation have funded a collaborative grant of \$97,800 to help the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Stark County transform behavioral health needs in the community.

These funds will support an assessment of area agencies to ensure resources will be used in a manner that will produce the best possible patient outcomes amid tightening budgets, changing policies, and evolving clinical and business practices. The funds will also be used to support succession planning services to ensure smooth transitions of executive leadership.

Some of the organizations that will benefit from this grant include Community Services of Stark County, Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health, Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center, and Quest Recovery and Prevention Services.



Fund Raising School Sharpens Skills

For years, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton has been making it possible for area nonprofit development and fundraising professionals to attend the Principles & Techniques of Fundraising course at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, The Fund Raising School® at Indiana University. Participants learn methods for helping their nonprofit organization achieve its financial goals. Each participant who completes the training receives a certificate in fundraising management.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation has awarded grants to send several local development officers to this program, including Thomas Turner, president of the Mercy Medical Center Foundation, and Marisa Rohn, vice president of marketing and fund development at Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland & East Central Ohio. Both said they were grateful for the opportunity.

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"I was pleasantly surprised as I started thinking about the financial giving to Goodwill. Most people think of giving materials and not money," says Ms. Rohn. "These courses are helping me on our fund development plan moving forward."

According to Mr. Turner, one of the biggest benefits of attending was meeting professionals from organizations all over the country.

"The Fund Raising School is the benchmark for philanthropy best practices. You get new ideas and learn from each other."

Ms. Rohn and Mr. Turner plan to collaborate to offer a workshop to share their findings with other local development professionals.

*At Thanksgiving
let us be grateful ...*

That every gift comes from God and to give thanks with our hearts
for all that God has given.

For the miracle of life, for the earth and the amazing grace of our history.

For the gift of each child born into a world filled with ever fresh and radiant possibilities.

For the universe with its beauty, richness, and diversity of people and cultures that surround us.

For the love which our faithful God has lavished upon us and to ask for help in
sharing God's graciousness with all those who need a touch of generous love.

For what God has provided for us, that we have the means and ability to hear the cries
of the poor and to respond with our abundance.

For God calling us to work with our gifts and thankful that we can be of service.



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