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A Safe, Stable Place

The Sisters of Charity Foundation has been involved with homelessness since 1997. In the past few years, our efforts have ramped up significantly. Homelessness is now addressed via a Foundation-led initiative requiring long-term funding, support, staff involvement, and evaluation.

At its August meeting, the Sisters of Charity Foundation Board welcomed special guests Commissioner Janet Weir Creighton, Board Chair of the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County, and Marcie Bragg, Executive Director of Stark Housing Network.



On Stark Housing Network's [website](#), it states ***No one should experience homelessness. No one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.*** As Marcie states, without that safe, stable place to call home, no interventions will get someone's life back on track.

No single organization can solve the problem alone. It's a complex, community-wide challenge that requires a closely coordinated collaborative effort from many organizations.

In 2017, Stark County received over \$3 million in federal funding for homelessness. Stark Housing Network serves as the collaborative applicant that applies for federal funding on behalf of the multiple organizations serving Stark County. Along with the challenges of addressing homelessness, the Network develops policies and procedures that meet a detailed set of U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements. The Network prioritizes homelessness programs, makes funding recommendations to HUD, and monitors the funding that is distributed.

Funding is typically directed toward two kinds of projects:

- **Permanent supportive housing** is for the most vulnerable chronically homeless people. It pairs housing with longer-term case management and supportive services.

- **Rapid rehousing** is for those who need help exiting homelessness, but don't need intensive and ongoing supports.

Of course, local funders, including the Sisters of Charity Foundation, have invested significantly in efforts to meet the needs of Stark County's homeless individuals. Marcie is grateful for the difference those funders make. She thanked the Foundation Board, stating, "I can see the impact that the Sisters of Charity Foundation has had on homelessness. I don't know where we would be without their work...it means a lot to all of us."



Grant Application Process Workshop

The Foundation holds grant application process workshops twice each year. All nonprofit organizations who intend to apply for funding and who have not completed an application on the Foundation's online grant system instituted in 2015, are encouraged to send a representative to the workshop. Participants will learn about the Foundation's grantmaking structure, guidelines, and online grant application process. Grant seekers will have an opportunity to ask questions and get answers from Foundation staff to help them with the grant application process.

The next workshop is scheduled for: **Tuesday, September 11, 2018** The workshop will be held from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Foundations Centre, First Floor Conference Room, 400 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio 44702

To register for the workshop please contact: **Trudy Brown, Office Assistant**
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