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## Foundation awards \$955,070 in grants

**Canton, Ohio** (December 1, 2009) The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton's Board has announced Responsive and Good Samaritan grants totaling \$290,105 to 12 local nonprofit and faith-based organizations and 6 strategic initiative grants totaling \$664,965, for a total of \$955,070 in grants for the third and fourth quarters of this year.

Board chair, Jackie Bollas Caldwell stated, "The Responsive and Good Samaritan grant program allows us to be responsive to our community and provide support as needs arise. These grants help us fulfill the Foundation's mission of providing services to the poor and underserved."

### Responsive and Good Samaritan Grants

A Community Christmas <i>Christmas voucher and gift program over two years</i>	\$6,000
Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity <i>Support for ¼ home in Alliance</i>	\$16,250
Coming Together Stark County <i>Support for a collaborative network to strengthen partnering agencies</i>	\$14,100
Family Economic Success Program <i>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program</i>	\$15,000
Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County, Inc. <i>Program operating support for the homeless shelter</i>	\$15,000
Hammer and Nails, Inc. <i>Support for salaries and professional development in fundraising over 2 years</i>	\$52,000
Liberty Center Connections, Inc. <i>Part-time case manager for transitional housing program</i>	\$5,000
National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) of Stark County <i>Funding for educational programs</i>	\$5,505

New Beginnings Foursquare Church <i>Faith House Re-entry program</i>	\$6,000
Rainbow Repertory Company, Inc. <i>Grant from retiring board officer</i>	\$250
Salvation Army of Massillon, Ohio <i>Support for new family life center</i>	\$125,000
SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) <i>Partial funding for services in Minerva</i>	\$30,000

“In addition to traditional responsive grant making, the Foundation responds to issues and needs through strategic initiatives, such as the Quality Child Care Initiative, Bethlehem Project for Oral Health and SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids),” stated Joni Close, President of the Foundation. “These initiatives represent long-term efforts to address the root causes of poverty and create systemic change.” Toward that end, the Foundation recently awarded \$664,965 for the following:

#### **Health Care Access Grants**

Community Services of Stark County <i>Expansion of oral health program to children participating in the SPARK program</i>	\$129,366
Mercy Medical Center <i>Support and equipment for the dental clinic and General Practice Residency in Dentistry Program</i>	\$150,000
Ohio Department of Health <i>Support for Stark County’s portion of state survey</i>	\$9,000

#### **Early Childhood Grants**

Early Childhood Resource Center <i>Operating support for 2010</i>	\$316,679
Foundation to Advance Childhood Education <i>Project management for Ohio’s ready schools effort</i>	\$49,920
Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families <i>Support for the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative over 2 years</i>	\$10,000

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, established in 1996, 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 the Foundation’s web site at [www.scfcanton.org](http://www.scfcanton.org).

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