



SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION
of Canton

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Canton, Ohio (June 15, 2009) The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton's Board has announced Responsive and Good Samaritan grants totaling \$417,563 to 18 local nonprofit and faith-based organizations and 2 strategic initiative grants totaling \$133,000, for a total of **\$550,563** in grants awarded this year.

Board chair, Ronald Young stated, "The Responsive and Good Samaritan grant program allows us to respond to community needs that may vary and change over time. These grants help us fulfill the Foundation's mission of providing services to the poor and underserved."

Recently awarded **Responsive and Good Samaritan Grants** in the amount of \$417,563 include:

AAA Basketball <i>Academic progress and college readiness program</i>	\$5,000
Catholic Charities of Stark County, Inc. <i>Sponsor Bridges out of Poverty Symposium</i>	\$2,500
Central Catholic High School <i>Gift on behalf of a retiring officer</i>	\$250
Christian Children's Home of Ohio <i>Training of staff in intensive trauma therapy treatment</i>	\$11,066
Community Services of Stark County, Inc. <i>Support to increase organizational efficiencies and effectiveness over two years</i>	\$80,000
Das Deutsch Center <i>Access to healthcare for special needs children in Holmes County and surrounding area over two years</i>	\$22,500

Mercy Medical Center <i>Immigrant Health Outreach program over two years</i>	\$90,000
Northeast Community Center <i>Gymnastics program serving low-income children</i>	\$10,547
Ohio Association of Free Clinics <i>Sponsor Ohio Free Clinics Conference</i>	\$500
P.A.L. Mission (Preparation for Adult Living) <i>Upgrade tracking system for client progress and program evaluation</i>	\$5,000
Project REBUILD, Inc. <i>Support for green build construction training and student tools</i>	\$10,000
Traumatized Child Task Force (Fiscal Sponsor - Stark County Family Court) <i>Support for a community trauma and loss specialist over two years</i>	\$70,000
The Village Network <i>Start-up support for volunteer coordinator position</i>	\$25,000
Viola Startzman Free Clinic <i>Matching grant for the dental clinic program</i>	\$20,000
Voices for Ohio's Children <i>Sponsor Ohio Covering Kids and Families Conference</i>	\$1,000
Westark Family Services <i>Geriatric case management and senior outreach over two years</i>	\$10,000
Western Stark Free Clinic, Inc. <i>Operating support</i>	\$26,700
W.A.T.O.E.S. (We Are Troubled On Every Side) <i>Funding for year-round children's camp over two years</i>	\$10,000

Organizations wishing to apply for funding should visit the Foundation's web site at www.scfcanton.org for information on the application process.

"In addition to traditional responsive grant making, the Foundation responds to issues and needs through strategic initiatives, such as the Bethlehem Project for Oral Health and SPARK," stated Joni Close, President of the Foundation. "These initiatives represent long-term efforts to address needs and create systemic change." Toward that end, the Foundation recently awarded \$133,000 for the following:

Healthcare Access Grants

Ohio University – Institute for Local Government Administration and Rural Development <i>Evaluation of the Bethlehem project for oral health over two years</i>	\$33,000
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Early Childhood Grants

SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids)

\$100,000

Expansion funds to add a fifth school in Canton City over two years

About the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton

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.

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