



Community-Driven Decision Making

Many of you took the time to respond to our survey, attend a focus group, or speak directly with our facilitator to help us revisit and revise the Foundation's 2020 goals. Thank you so much for your participation in these important discussions about community needs. Your perspective, along with the perspectives of other respondents, has become a crucial element of our strategic planning process.

Rest assured, we've been hard at work turning your input into a blueprint for our work over the next several years.

We believe in Stark County, and we know you do as well. Thank you for investing your time in this important planning process.

To learn why we do what we do, what we plan to do in the coming years, and the ten strategic goals that will guide our work [click here](#)



Foundation Co-Hosts Seminar



On October 29, the Sisters of Charity Foundation and Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery (StarkMHAR) hosted a half-day seminar on board-staff partnership, held at the Foundation Centre.

The workshop, presented by BoardSource and facilitated by Markwood Partners, helped nearly fifty nonprofit leaders and board members learn ways to deepen and strengthen the board-staff partnership.

The goal? Results through productively shared leadership. Facilitator Dennis Johnson helped the participants gain a deeper understanding of:

- How to develop realistic expectations for board members and staff members,
- How to cultivate effective working partnerships, and
- How to ensure open, honest communication.
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The workshop was offered as part of the Foundation and StarkMHAR's commitment to helping local nonprofit organizations build capacity and sustainability.



Merry Christmas

Dear Friends,

May your Christmas season be a time of reconciliation and peace.

May the love of Christ be with you, and may his peace surround you.

May your Christmas season be a time of healing, giving, and sharing.

May Your spirit be with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Amen

*Board and Staff
Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton*

Is Your Organization Seeking Funding?

The first step in seeking funding from the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton is to complete our online Letter of Inquiry (LOI) Form. We accept LOI forms on a rolling basis. However, we must receive your form by the following due dates to be considered during the upcoming grant cycles:

- **Responsive grant applications:**
February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1
- **Good Samaritan grant applications:**
May 1 and November 1

Although it's not required, we strongly encourage first-time applicants to send a representative to our Grant Application Process Workshop held once per year. Participants learn about our grantmaking strategies, proposal guidelines, and application process. Foundation staff members will be on hand to answer questions.

The next workshop will be June 9, 2020. Reserve a spot by contacting: Liz Ford at (330) 454-5800 ext. 311 or lford@scfcanton.org.

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