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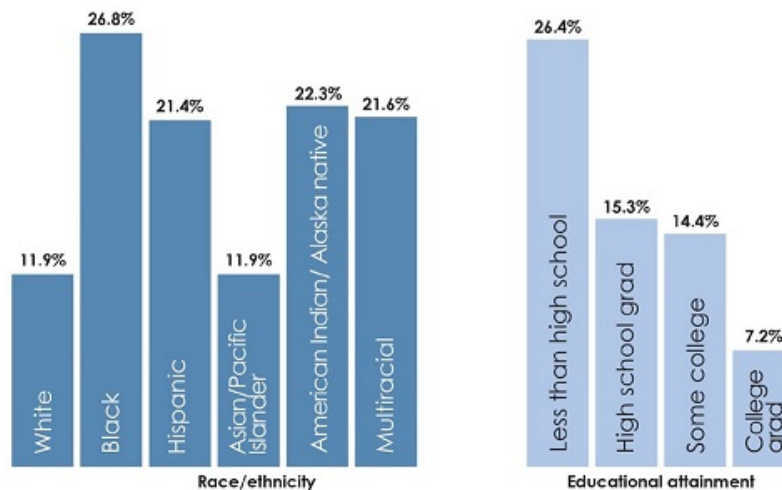
The Need for Quality Affordable Housing

One of the top priorities of the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County's strategic plan is increasing the supply of safe, quality affordable housing in Stark County. According to the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, (HPIO), low-quality housing is more likely to be a concern for people of particular races, ethnicities, and education levels. These unsettling disparities reinforce the Continuum's priority and can inform its efforts as it collaborates to create and preserve housing for the poor and underserved in Stark County.

The information below illustrates the issue. It's provided with permission from HPIO's *Ohio Health Value Review*.

Housing that is stable, affordable and in a safe neighborhood that provides opportunities for quality education, employment and recreation is associated with better health. As illustrated in the graphic below, people in Ohio with less than high school education and black and Hispanic populations are more likely to live in housing with severe problems.

Percent of households living in housing with severe problems*, by race/ethnicity and educational attainment, 2010-2014



*Severe housing problems include incomplete kitchen and/or plumbing facilities, overcrowding and severe cost-burden (spending more than 50% of household income on housing costs).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, as compiled by the National Collaborative for Health Equity, The HOPE Initiative

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 organizations 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.

Thanksgiving Prayer



O Heavenly Father,

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service.

May Thy gifts to us be used to serve others.

Amen

We wish you, your family, and
your friends a blessed Thanksgiving.

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