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**SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION awards $1,544,388**

**Canton, Ohio**(**December 3, 2019)** The Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton has announced **$1,544,388** in grants for the third and fourth quarters of 2019.

Foundation President Joni Close stated, “The Foundation’s Board and staff continue to be focused and intentional in our grantmaking. As we enter the holiday season and reflect on our blessings, we are grateful for our colleagues serving in nonprofit agencies that provide a safety net of services for those in need. The collaborative spirit in Stark County is alive and well.”

Grants were awarded to:

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| **Foundation-Led Initiatives: Our efforts to develop and hone programs focused on systemic change. Total: $753,144** | |
| **Beacon Charitable Pharmacy**,to support operations, over three years | $195,000 |
| **Early Childhood Resource Center**,to support the SPARK program in Canton and Minerva | $260,000 |
| **Early Childhood Resource Center**,to support early childhood workforce development in Stark County | $100,000 |
| **Early Childhood Resource Center**, to sponsor the *First Day of School* Fundraiser | $4,526 |
| **ICAN, Inc.**,to support an employment program for participants of Stark County’s rapid rehousing programs, over two years | $126,618 |
| **Stark Housing Network**, to support 2020 operations | $67,000 |

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| **Strategic Collaborations: Our work alongside others to launch programs that build capacity and increase effectiveness in community services. Total: $659,344** | |
| **Akron Canton Regional Foodbank**, to support the Stark County campus capital campaign | $100,000 |
| **Canton City Public Health**, to support a contracted grantwriter for the THRIVE infant mortality reduction effort | $2,100 |
| **Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health**, to support implementation of a quality improvement strategy, over three years | $282,244 |
| **Hammer and Nails,** to provide operating and capacity building support, over three years | $125,000 |
| **Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery**, to support Six Sigma consultation and project management services, over two years | $150,000 |

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| **Responsive Efforts: Our commitment to respond to specific or short-term community needs.**  **Total: $131,900** | |
| **A Community Christmas**, to support the Christmas Giving Center, over three years | $3,000 |
| **Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity**, to support renovation of a building that will become a Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Alliance | $50,000 |
| **Coleman Professional Services**, to support the *Changing Destinies* permanent supportive housing project | $13,200 |
| **Faith In Action of Western Stark County**,to provide transportation, holiday dinners, and gift baskets for seniors, over two years | $10,000 |
| **Hartville Migrant Ministry**, to support an emergency fund to feed migrant families | $500 |
| **Mercy Medical Center**, to sponsor the annual Harvest Ball | $4,200 |
| **Pegasus Farm**, to support marketing for the Military Family Center | $5,000 |
| **Pegasus Farm**, to support the Military Family Center and farm irrigation system | $36,000 |
| **Stark County Hunger Task Force**, to support operations, along with the purchase of a fresh produce cooler | $10,000 |

Established in 1996, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton 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.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton offers four grant cycles each year. Information on the grant application process is available at [**www.scfcanton.org**](http://www.scfcanton.org)

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