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**SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION awards $1,168,310**

**Canton, Ohio**(**May 29, 2018)** The Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton has announced **$1,168,310** in grants for the first and second quarters of 2018.

As stated by Foundation President Joni Close, “We continue to focus on understanding the root causes of poverty, nurturing the growth of healthy communities, emphasizing youth and families, and measuring the outcomes of our efforts. We look forward to continued partnerships that further Foundation-led initiatives in early childhood and homelessness; strategic collaborations in employment, leadership development, bullying prevention, food security, and infant mortality; and responding to other community needs through responsive grantmaking.”

Grants were awarded to:

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| **Alliance City Schools**, to support the purchase of long, flame-resistant welding jackets for the Alliance Career Center’s welding program  | $650 |
| **Alliance for Children and Families**, to support a staff member's attendance at the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington, DC | $1,000 |
| **Aunt Susie’s Cancer Wellness Center for Women**, to support transportation to medical appointments for Stark County women who have mobility issues and are undergoing cancer treatment | $5,000 |
| **Canton City Health Department**, to support the THRIVE project evaluation and administrative expenses, over two years | $150,668 |
| **Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health**, to support training and onboarding of new clinical staff  | $75,000 |
| **Community Legal Aid Services**, to expand legal services for low-income individuals with housing issues, over three years | $135,000 |
| **CommQuest Services**, to support the Samaritan's Table Resource Center |  $2,500  |
| **CommQuest Services**, to support expansion of opioid treatment services at its Market Avenue building in Canton | $100,000 |
| **Compassion Delivered**, to support equipment for its meal delivery program | $9,000 |
| **Domestic Violence Project**, for emergency assistance  |  $2,500  |
| **Domestic Violence Project**, to support a staff member's attendance at the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington, DC | $1,000 |
| **Golden Key Center for Exceptional Children**, to support a program to help children with food issues | $16,058 |
| **Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio**,to support leadership development | $5,000 |
| **ICAN Housing**, to support a long-term strategic goal to improve quality assurance in the organization’s operations, over three years | $163,630 |
| **ICAN Housing**, to support employment collaborative program for Rapid Rehousing clients | $85,304 |
| **ICAN Housing**, to support a staff member's attendance at the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington, DC | $1,000 |
| **JRC**,to support its capital campaign project at the JRC Campus at Meyers Lake | $350,000 |
| **Mercy Medical Center**, to support the Immigrant Health Outreach program | $25,000 |
| **Siffrin**, to support installation of fully automatic handicapped accessible doors at its front entrance | $6,000 |
| **Stark County Hunger Task Force**, to support the kids’ pantry for its *Backpacks for Kids* program | $15,000 |
| **Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery**, to support a homeless hotline staff member's attendance at the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington, DC | $1,000 |
| **Voyager Program,** to support the Batterer Intervention Program and succession planning for the organization | $12,000 |
| **Warrior Beat**, to support the purchase of drums and equipment for the Rhythm and Wellness Center | $5,000 |
| **YWCA of Canton**, to support a staff member's attendance at the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington, DC | $1,000 |

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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