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**SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION awards $1,062,289**

**Canton, Ohio**(**May 29, 2020)** The Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton has announced **$1,062,289** in grants for the first and second quarters of 2020.

Foundation President Joni Close stated, “The first quarter grants were awarded through the Foundation’s traditional grantmaking process, focusing on areas of interest related to our mission and goals. In mid-March, however, the world changed. From then on, grants were awarded through a community collaboration of more than a dozen foundations and donors working together in response to the pandemic. We are proud of the quick response from our community partners. The diversity of the organizations serving our community is impressive. And most importantly, we recognize, support, and honor all of the first responders and community organizations making a difference on the front lines.”

Grants were awarded to:

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| **Foundation-Led Initiatives: Our efforts to develop and hone programs focused on systemic change. Total: $365,000** | |
| **Groundwork Ohio**, to support public opinion polling, coordinate and analyze a supply-and-demand study of Ohio’s child care services, and develop and disseminate a report on the economic impact of investing in high-quality early childhood services | $15,000 |
| **Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery**, to support the sustainability of Stark County’s behavioral health organizations, over three years | $350,000 |

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| **Responsive Efforts: Our commitment to respond to specific or short-term community needs.**  **Total: $121,000** | |
| **Christian Children's Home of Ohio**,to support its *Thrive* art therapy program | $10,000 |
| **Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio**,to support its parenting program | $40,000 |
| **OhioGuidestone**,to support the renovation of a building in Dover that will be the new home of Harbor House Residential Treatment Facility | $25,000 |
| **St. Anthony/ All Saints**, to support the *Building Bridges* Hispanic ministry program, over three years | $36,000 |
| **Stark County District Library**, to supportfree books for young children across Stark county from the Dolly Parton and Ohio Governor’s *Imagination Library* program | $10,000 |

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| **Our funding in partnership with the COVID19 community collaborative. Total: $564,789** | |
| **Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank**, to support Stark County food pantries | $27,500 |
| **Alliance Family Health Center**, to supporton-site medical services provided at all local shelter sites | $2,500 |
| **Association for Better Community Development**, to support the purchase ofpersonal protective equipment, disinfecting supplies, and professional vehicle cleaning services | $4,000 |
| **Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health**, to supportthe purchase of cleaning supplies and services, cell phones, and operations | $35,000 |
| **Coleman Professional Services**,to support the purchase of cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, laptops, and client phone cards | $ 2,500 |
| **CommQuest Services**,to support cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, enclosing the receptionist area at the Cleveland Avenue location, and deep cleaning the Alliance outpatient office | $15,660 |
| **Domestic Violence Project, Inc.**,to support the purchase offood, diapers, formula, baby wipes, cleaning supplies, and shelter utility costs | $3,250 |
| **Domestic Violence Project, Inc**.,to support operations from June 1 through October 31, 2020 | $35,000 |
| **Early Childhood Resource Center**, to support summer remediation programming for students in kindergarten through third grade | $25,000 |
| **Faith In Action of Western Stark County**, to support rent, payroll expenses, and gas cards for volunteers | $2,500 |
| **Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio**, to support Community Campus salaries and operating costs | $200,000 |
| **Greater Stark County Urban League,** to support the purchase, packaging, and distribution of household cleaning and hygiene products for high-poverty households in Canton, Alliance, and Massillon | $2,000 |
| **ICAN, Housing**, to support security, unpaid tenant rent, and remote work needs | $13,500 |
| **JRC**, to support payroll expenses, operating costs, and equipment | $6,250 |
| **Massillon Family YMCA**, to support pandemic child care at the Massillon and Navarre sites | $10,000 |
| **Pathway Caring for Children**, to support operations and program expenses for foster parents | $35,000 |
| **Project Rebuild**, to purchase twenty tablets and keyboards for students | $3,000 |
| **Siffrin**, to support rent and vehicle leases | $35,000 |
| **Stark County Community Action Agency**, to support the purchase of household cleaning and hygiene products | $2,000 |
| **Stark Community Support Network**, to support client services, rent, utilities, and supplies | $6,500 |
| **Stark County Catholic Schools**, to support technology | $11,000 |
| **Stark Housing Network**, to support cleaning services for shelters | $16,500 |
| **The Workshops (TWi)**, to support gas cards for staff, staffing and materials for new activities for virtual day participants, and resources for 24/7 participants | $5,000 |
| **United Way of Greater Stark County**, to support the emergency assistance fund for individuals in need of mortgage and rental assistance | $20,000 |
| **Vantage Aging**, to support costs associated with the purchase of shelf-stable foods for clients | $23,129 |
| **YMCA of Central Stark County**, to support the North Canton site’s function as a temporary pandemic child care center | $20,000 |
| **YWCA of Canton**, to support unpaid rent of tenants in the rapid rehousing program | $3,000 |

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| **Additional COVID grants provided through President’s discretionary grants. Total**: **$11,500** | |
| **Association for Better Community Development**, to support transportation for individuals living in a Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County shelter or housing project who need medical transportation | $2,500 |
| **Canton City Public Health**, to support care packages containing cleaning, disinfection, and personal hygiene supplies for individuals with chronic disease | $4,000 |
| **Stark Housing Network**, to support cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment for shelters | $5,000 |

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 reviews grants on a rolling basis. Information on the grant application process is available at [**www.scfcanton.org**](http://www.scfcanton.org)

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