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**SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION awards $2,209,166**

**Canton, Ohio**(**November 30, 2018)** The Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton has announced **$2,209,166** in grants for the third and fourth quarters of 2018.

As stated by Foundation President Joni Close, “These grants reflect our mission to focus on social justice issues affecting the poor and underserved. Our grantmaking strategies emulate the Sisters’ belief that we cannot do this work alone. We look forward to continued partnerships that further Foundation-led initiatives in early childhood, health access, and homelessness; strategic collaborations addressing childhood obesity, chronic disease, employment, nonprofit and governmental leadership development and capacity building, food security, infant mortality, and mental health; and responding to other community needs through responsive grantmaking.”

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| **Responsive Efforts: Our commitment to respond to specific or short-term community needs.** **Total: $204,946** |
| **Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio**, to support adaptive sports programs in Stark and Wayne counties |  $15,000  |
| **Boys and Girls Club of Massillon**, to support after-school programs, over two years |  $61,346  |
| **Dueber United Methodist Church**, to support the Kids’ Club after-school program, over two years |  $15,000  |
| **EN-RICH-MENT**, to support programming, over two years |  $5,000 |
| **Family & Community Services**, to support the Foster Grandparent Program |  $5,000 |
| **Hannah's House 119**, to support in-school and after-school mentoring programs  |  $15,000 |
| **Mercy Medical Center,** for sponsorship of the annual Harvest Ball | $4,200 |
| **Phoenix Rising Behavioral Health and Recovery**, to support the purchase and installation of safety glass in the reception area |  $10,900 |
| **Project REBUILD**, to support classroom supplies and fees needed for students to obtain Occupational Safety and Health Association certifications |  $3,000  |
| **Serving Area Military**, to support the purchase of lodging kits for veterans transitioning from homelessness to housing |  $10,000  |
| **Stark Economic Development Board**, for operating support, over three years |  $60,500  |

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| **Strategic Collaborations****: Our work alongside others to launch programs that build capacity and increase effectiveness in community services. Total: $1,187,153** |
| **Access Health Stark County**, to support the Community Health Worker project, in partnership with local foundations (with leadership from the North Canton Medical Foundation), over three years |  $300,000 |
| **Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio**, to support the *Dream to Achieve* employment program |  $118,253 |
| **Northern Ohio Charitable Gift Planners**, to support capacity building workshops, over five years |  $18,000 |
| **Pegasus Farm**, to support the horticulture manager, in partnership with Stark Community Foundation’s Food Security Initiative, over two years  |  $33,500  |
| **Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery**, for continued support of nonprofit and governmental leadership programs, over three years |  $99,000  |
| **Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery**, to support the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Initiative, over two years |  $300,000  |
| **YMCA of Central Stark County**, to support *Healthy Eating and Active Living* pilot program in Alliance, over two years |  $75,000  |
| **YWCA of Canton,** to support the organization’s strategic plan focused on ensuring quality improvement at all levels, including governance, operations, and programming, over three years |  $243,400 |

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| **Foundation-Led Initiatives: Our efforts to develop and hone programs focused on systemic change. Total: $817,067** |
| **Early Childhood Resource Center**, to support SPARK programming in Canton and Minerva |  $260,067  |
| **Early Childhood Resource Center**, to support a capital project that will add 4,000 square feet of space for training and offices | $250,000 |
| **Groundwork Ohio**, to support printing of the *Race and Rural Equity Report* | $5,000 |
| **Health Policy Institute of Ohio**, to continue supporting the independent and nonpartisan analysis needed to create evidence-informed state health policy, over three years  |  $150,000  |
| **Ohio Department of Education**, to update the Ready Schools guide and tools; support creation of webinars on transitions, standards, and adult learning; and provide coaching and technical assistance for Ready School implementation |  $52,500  |
| **Stark Housing Network**, to support the backbone organization managing the HUD-required Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County |  $77,000  |
| **Third Sector New England**, to support the national Early Childhood Funders’ Collaborative, over three years |  $22,500  |

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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