



**SISTERS of CHARITY FOUNDATION
OF CANTON**

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SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$1,569,798

Canton, Ohio (November 30, 2020) The Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton has awarded **\$1,569,798** in grants for the third and fourth quarters of 2020.

Foundation President Joni Close announced the grants, adding, “This has certainly been a difficult year. An unprecedented pandemic, the impact on the economy, and the unrest in our country have made 2020 a year none of us will forget. We are grateful to partner with numerous organizations that are working so hard to ease struggles and meet basic needs throughout our community.”

Grants awarded:

Foundation-Led Initiatives: Our efforts to develop and hone programs focused on systemic change. Total: \$656,633	
Canton City School District , to support the purchase of books for the <i>Early Learning</i> program	\$28,593
Early Childhood Education Alliance , to support SPARK in Alliance, over three years	\$90,000
Early Childhood Resource Center , to support SPARK in Canton and Minerva	\$250,000
Stark Housing Network , to support operations and evaluation of homelessness prevention programs, over two years	\$288,040

Strategic Collaborations: Our work alongside others to launch programs that build capacity and increase effectiveness in community services. Total: \$158,800	
Canton City Public Health , to support evaluation of the THRIVE infant mortality project, over two years	\$158,800

Responsive Efforts: Our commitment to respond to specific or short-term community needs. Total: \$754,365	
Alliance Health Department , to show gratitude and support for front-line health workers	\$250
American Red Cross Heartland, Stark and Muskingum Lakes , to support the cost of a COVID-19 antibody test for each blood donation	\$10,000
ArtsinStark , to support the <i>SmArts</i> program in the Alliance City, Canton City, and Massillon City school districts and Stark County parochial schools	\$25,000

Aultman Health Foundation , to show gratitude and support for front-line health workers	\$1,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Ohio , to support the school-based mentoring program	\$15,000
Canton City Public Health , to show gratitude and support for front-line health workers	\$500
Domestic Violence Project, Inc. , to support budget shortfalls amid funding cuts and decreased fundraising revenue during the pandemic	\$35,000
EN-RICH-MENT , to support the hiring of an assistant director to help with daily operations, over two years	\$30,000
Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio , to support the emergency voucher program	\$75,000
Greater Stark County Urban League , to support the <i>Moving our Community Forward</i> project that helps families in need	\$5,000
JRC , to support the Meyers Lake capital project	\$200,000
Mercy Medical Center , to support the purchase of iPads to connect patients with family members	\$5,000
Mercy Medical Center , to show gratitude and support for front-line health workers, in lieu of a holiday gift for the Foundation's Board of Directors	\$1,000
Pathway Caring for Children , to support the hiring of an IT consultant to complete a database migration and specialized coding work	\$50,000
Pegasus Farm , to support payroll expenses, professional development, program expenses, and pandemic-related cleaning and prevention services	\$50,000
Phoenix Rising Behavioral Healthcare and Recovery , to support the cost of cleaning, thermometers, and personal protective equipment	\$40,000
Refuge of Hope , to support the purchase and installation of a thermal camera	\$5,000
Stark County Health Department , to show gratitude and support for front-line health workers	\$1,000
Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery , to show gratitude and support for staff	\$1,000
Stark County Hunger Task Force , to support the purchase of electronic tablets with weatherproof accessories	\$2,000
Stark County Hunger Task Force , to support the backpack program, in lieu of a holiday gift for the Foundation's Board of Directors	\$2,500
Stark Education Partnership , to support operating expenses, over three years	\$75,000
YMCA of Central Stark County , to support the <i>Y on the Fly</i> program	\$75,115
YMCA of Central Stark County , to support the Meyers Lake YMCA renovations	\$50,000

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

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