



# Responsive

**W**hile much of the Foundation’s grantmaking focuses on our foundation-led initiative and strategic collaboration areas, we recognize there are many other heroes in our community responding to needs as they arise. Sometimes these organizations need a little extra support to best serve the needs of individuals in the community. The Sisters of Charity Foundation offers a responsive grantmaking process to support these efforts that grant hope to those in our community.

## **Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio**

In 2025, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton provided hope to families seeking housing stability through funding awarded to Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio’s (Habitat) House2Home program. Habitat, an organization that provides affordable, zero percent interest loans for homes to low- to moderate-income families, offers this one-of-a-kind, hands-on program to first-generation homeowners.

As the program name implies, the curriculum shows homeowners how to truly turn their house into a home, providing stabilizing hope through a customized and comprehensive course designed to address the unique challenges faced by first-generation homeowners. The program components include practical topics such as home maintenance, financial health, lawncare, healthy relationships, estate planning, and homeowner’s insurance.

“House2Home equips families with the skills and confidence to thrive as homeowners while creating the stability that supports their children’s health, development, and education,” said Beth Lechner, CEO. “This strong foundation helps families transform affordable homeownership into generational wealth and opportunity.” [HABITATECO.ORG](https://www.habitatco.org)

## **Pathway Caring for Children**

Imagine yourself as a young child. Did you grow up in a loving, supportive home with family who took care of your needs? That is built-in hope. Some children and youth in our community must



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work extra hard to find hope when they are facing the world without parental love and guidance, or access to mental health services. Pathway Caring for Children provides foster care, adoption, and mental health services to more than 2,100 vulnerable children, youth, and families in its service area. These services connect children to caring adults who are investing in their well-being.

In 2025, the Foundation was proud to support Pathway through a unique partnership with out-of-school time providers EN-RICHMENT and TIQVAH Hands of Hope. The children participating in after school and summer programming through these organizations are now receiving behavioral health prevention programming by Pathway staff. Prevention staff cover topics such as self-regulation, healthy decision making, positive friendships, and some heavier topics like substance use and violence prevention.

Stephanie Bagnoli, Pathway Prevention Specialist reflects, "I'm not just teaching lessons, I'm helping kids build confidence, resilience, and lives filled with possibility. Every day I work with kids is another chance to help keep them guided, grounded, and growing." [PATHWAYCFC.ORG](https://www.pathwaycfc.org)

## **Rooted in Grace Mommy! Group**

Rooted in Grace is a grassroots organization that provides hope to mothers in the Southeast Canton community. What started as a yearly baby shower for moms in need at a local church has turned into so much more with its Mommy! Group.

Mommy! Group provides prenatal and postpartum education, mental health awareness, and other support through community partnerships, board members, and Chief Executive Officer, Jasmine Long, who is a physician and OB/GYN resident. The group meets monthly, and the new moms often bond to become a like surrogate family. The moms also leave each group session with a free item or a gift card to help take care of themselves and their new infant.

Jasmine shared, "The generous support of the Sisters of Charity Good Samaritan Grant enabled us to expand the ministry services offered to the women in our monthly Mommy! Group." Motherhood can be daunting, but Rooted in Grace is making sure each mom encountered is prepared and has a solid foundation of hope for the future with their new baby. [GRACE2023.ORG](https://www.grace2023.org) ✨