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**SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION awards $679,179**

**Canton, Ohio**(**June 9, 2017)** The Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton has announced **$679,179** in grants for the first and second quarters of 2017.

According to Foundation President Joni Close, “The Sisters of Charity Foundation is celebrating 20 years since it was established by the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. We plan to continue our efforts to improve the quality of life for our community’s poor and underserved for many years to come. Our 20th anniversary theme was taken from a Mother Theresa quote: *Together, we can do great things*. As we continue our work on Foundation-led initiatives in early childhood and homelessness; strategic collaborations in employment, leadership development, bullying prevention, food security, and infant mortality; and other community needs through our responsive grantmaking programs, we recognize that we are blessed with strong and trusted partners.”

Grants were awarded to:

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| Better Future Facilitators, to support a revolving loan fund | $5,000 |
| Canton Calvary Mission, to help with storm damage repairs | $5,000 |
| Canton City Health Department, to support evaluation of Stark County’s effort to reduce infant mortality | $13,500 |
| Carroll County Council on Aging, to support the purchase of a stove for its meal program | $ 9,600 |
| Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health, to support the Medical Department Redesign, over two-and-a-half years | $161,925 |
| CommQuest Services, Inc., to support the SHAPE (Sustain Housing and Prevent Eviction) Program, over two years | $ 80,715 |
| CommQuest Services, Inc., to support a staff member's attendance at the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in Washington, DC | $1,000 |
| Domestic Violence Project, to provide start-up support for theMedical Advocate Program | $34,763 |

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| Fairless Alumni Association, to provide matching support for the Children's Meal Program, over two years | $10,000 |
| First Tee of Canton, to support a part-time outreach coordinator | $15,000 |
| Hammer and Nails, Inc., to provide ongoing operating support, over two years | $55,000 |
| Hannah's House 119, to support in-school and after-school mentoring programs | $9,525 |
| ICAN Housing, Inc., for capital support for the Arbor Ridge permanent supportive housing project | $100,000 |
| ICAN Housing, Inc., to support a staff member's attendance at the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in Washington, DC | $1,000 |
| Refuge of Hope, to support a staff member's attendance at the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in Washington, DC | $ 1,000 |
| St. Anthony/All Saints Parish, to support the *Building Bridges* Latino outreach program, over three years | $45,000 |
| St. John’s Villa, to support the purchase of a chairlift | $12,440 |
| Stark County Educational Service Center, to support the *Stark Speaks UP for Kindness* bullying prevention program, over three years | $69,211 |
| Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery, to support additional nonprofit leadership programs | $22,500 |
| Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority, to support a staff member's attendance at the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in Washington, DC | $1,000 |
| YWCA of Canton, to support a staff member's attendance at the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in Washington, DC | $1,000 |
| YWCA of Canton, to support initial consulting services for an organizational assessment and planning process | $5,000 |
| YWCA of Canton, to support ongoing consulting services for an organizational assessment and planning process | $20,000 |

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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