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# Around Town: Sisters of Charity of Canton donates to Stark agencies

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The Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton recently awarded \$1,569,798 in grants for the third and fourth quarters of 2020.

Those awarded grants in the Foundation-Led Initiatives category are:

- Canton City School District: \$28,593 to support the purchase of books for preschool children attending the early learning program
- Early Childhood Education Alliance: \$90,000 to support SPARK in Alliance
- Early Childhood Resource Center: \$250,000 to support SPARK in Canton and Minerva
- Stark Housing Network: \$288,000 to support operations and evaluation of homelessness prevention programs
- Canton City Public Health received a \$158,000 Strategic Collaborations grant. Money will be used to support evaluation of the THRIVE infant mortality project

Those awarded grants in the Responsive Efforts category are:

- Alliance Health Department: \$250 to show gratitude and support for front-line health workers
- American Red Cross Heartland, Stark and Muskingum Lakes: \$10,000 to support the cost of a COVID-19 antibody test for each blood donation
- ArtsinStark: \$25,000 to support the SmArts program in the Alliance City, Canton City, and Massillon City school districts and Stark County parochial schools
- Aultman Health Foundation: \$1,000 to show gratitude and support for front-line health workers

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

- Stark County Hunger Task Force: \$2,000 to support the purchase of electronic tablets with weatherproof accessories
- Stark County Hunger Task Force: \$2,500 to support the backpack program, in lieu of a holiday gift for the Foundation's Board of Directors
- Stark Education Partnership: \$75,000 to support operating expenses, over three years
- YMCA of Central Stark County: \$75,115 to support the Y on the Fly program
- YMCA of Central Stark County: \$50,000 to support the Meyers Lake YMCA renovations

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Stark Community Foundation awarded a grant to the Wilderness Center.

The \$13,125 grant will be used to expand the virtual STEM-based environmental education. Equipment and materials will be purchased to move the program to an online forum.

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On Nov. 21, the Canton Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, in conjunction with the North Canton Police Department, conducted a can-a-cruiser food and donation drive at the Acme location in North Canton.

They received 793 pounds of food and \$1,789.84 in donations. It was donated to the Stark County Hunger Task Force.

The state patrol and police department said they wish to thank everyone who donated.

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