



Cleveland: \$900,000 in grants awarded despite economic downturn

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CLEVELAND - Saint Luke's Foundation has announced it is awarding 12 grants totalling more than \$900,000 to providing critical operating support and community services to a number of Greater Cleveland nonprofit agencies during this time of economic hardship.

"As the needs of Clevelanders continue to increase during this challenging time, we're redoubling our efforts to identify and support community organizations that provide core services to Clevelanders in need," said Denise San Antonio Zeman, President and CEO of Saint Luke's Foundation. "These grants strongly support the mission and core values of the Saint Luke's Foundation."

Saint Luke's Foundation is committed to improving and transforming the health and well-being of individuals and communities throughout Greater Cleveland.

A \$150,000 operating support grant was awarded to The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland, one of the oldest free clinics in the United States and the largest in Ohio. The Free Clinic provides medical and dental services, including integral HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention, for thousands of adults and teen patients.

An \$86,000 grant was awarded to West Side Catholic Center to provide basic needs such as food, clothing, survival services, advocacy and housing.

The Foundation also awarded \$75,000 in operating support to the Center for Families and Children, which provides early learning, youth development and behavioral health services to Cleveland families. The organization helps families become economically secure, healthy, stable and self-sufficient.

Other grants awarded this cycle were \$75,000 to Neighborhood Family Practice, a medical home for underserved populations; \$45,000 to the Community Advocacy Program of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, a unique medical-legal partnership that provides legal support to those whose access to health services is impacted by a legal problem; and \$75,000 to the Adoption Network Cleveland, a program providing adoption education, support and advocacy.

Saint Luke's Foundation awarded 12 grants during this first grant cycle of 2009. Grants awarded in this cycle:

- Adoption Network Cleveland \$75,000 Operating Support
- Center for Families and \$75,000 Operating Support Children
- Cleveland Scholarship \$65,000 College Access Advisory Services for Programs, Inc. Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and Urban Cleveland Students
- The Free Clinic of Greater \$150,000 Operating Support Cleveland
- The Aspire Program at \$40,000 Operating Support Hathaway Brown School
- The Legal Aid Society of \$45,000 Community Advocacy Program Cleveland
- Mental Health Advocacy \$85,000 Operating Support Coalition
- Mental Health Services for \$100,000 Operating Support Homeless Persons, Inc.
- Neighborhood Family Practice \$75,000 Operating Support
- North Coast Health Ministry \$50,000 Operating Support
- Senior Transportation \$75,000 Senior Transportation Coordination Connection of Cuyahoga County Project Operating Support
- West Side Catholic Center \$86,000 Basic Needs: Food, Clothing, Survival Services, Advocacy & Housing

Additional information on the work of Saint Luke's Foundation is available on the Foundation's Web site.

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