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**St. Joseph Community Health Foundation Passes \$20M in Grants to Local Organizations on its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Grants Awarded June – December 2018 Totaling \$690,414*

FORT WAYNE - When the religious community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ created The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation with the sale of St. Joseph Medical Center in July of 1998, they also committed to continuing their support to the greater Fort Wayne community. This week, the Foundation is announcing its fall grants and that they have now approved \$20,273,863 in 1,377 grants to 223 organizations serving the vulnerable in our community.

This year also marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ arrival to do ministry in the United States when eight Poor Handmaids arrived from Dernbach, Germany at Hessen Cassel, Indiana just south of Fort Wayne. 2018 has also been exceptional with Pope Francis declaring the foundress of the Poor Handmaids, Saint Katharina Kasper, a verified saint in a special canonization Mass and ceremony on October 14 in Rome. Locally, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Congregation continues to operate the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation as an independent, faith-based ministry that both operates programming to strengthen the community’s infrastructure to serve the most vulnerable as well as provides grants to local non-profits serving the most vulnerable.

The St. Joe Foundation’s local Board of Directors approved the following grants for June to December 2018, totaling \$690,414, to local organizations to improve the health and wellness of the low income and vulnerable in Allen County:

**Health and Wellness Unrestricted Funds**

A Hope Center	\$40,000
Bridge of Grace	\$10,000
Brightpoint – Language Services Network	\$12,500
Center for Nonviolence (2-Year Grant)	\$35,000
Early Childhood Alliance	\$1,918
Healthier Moms and Babies	\$30,000
HealthVisions Midwest	\$3,000



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Homebound Meals	\$1,500
Indiana Dental Association Foundation	\$15,000
Lutheran Social Services	\$15,000
Matthew 25	\$120,000
Miss Virginia's Food Pantry	\$7,500
The Rescue Mission	\$10,000
Super Shot (2-Year Grant)	\$140,000
Turnstone Center	\$10,000
Women's Care Center	\$40,000
YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne – Youth Services Bureau	\$33,000
Young Life	\$2,000
YWCA Northeast Indiana	\$21,000

**Compassionate St. Joseph Award – for New Ministry for the Most Vulnerable**

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic (3-Year Grant)	\$100,000
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**Saint Katharina Kasper Award – for Outstanding Service to the Poor**

Associated Churches	\$1,500
Community Harvest Food Bank	\$1,500
Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry	\$1,500
St. Mary's Soup Kitchen	\$1,500
YWCA Northeast Indiana	\$1,250

**Dr. Louis and Mrs. Anne Schneider Fellowships – for Continuing Healthcare Education**

Headwaters Counseling	\$2,000
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**Health Education Fund**

Ivy Tech	\$1,000
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**Frederick J. Pfeiffer Fund, in Honor of Charles F. and Henrietta Eckart Pfeiffer – for Medical and Surgical Equipment**

Community Transportation Network	\$15,000
Matthew 25	\$7,746

**Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation – Donor Restricted Funds**

Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana	\$10,000
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