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## **The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation Announces \$556,144 in Local Support with 57 Grants in First Half of 2019**

Continuing their commitment to helping assure vulnerable populations are treated with dignity, and have access to quality health care (Mind, Body and Spirit), the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation announced that the Board approved an additional \$556,144 in local support. The funding is focused on four areas of significant local need: Prenatal & Infant Health, Food Insecurity, Access to Quality Affordable Healthcare, and Immigrant & Refugees.

The St. Joe Foundation is an independent, faith-based organization sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, who have had an active ministry in this community for 151 years. Through the St. Joe Foundation, the Poor Handmaids have invested \$20,829,207 through 1,434 grants into 230 Allen County agencies since 1998. All funding and programming continues the work started by Saint Katharina Kasper who was canonized by Pope Francis in Rome in October of 2018.

In addition to providing grants, the St. Joe Foundation also provides programming to address gaps in services, including a Resource Directory of Allen County's low-cost, quality healthcare resources. The Resource Directory is available online at [www.HealthcareDirectory.org](http://www.HealthcareDirectory.org). They also co-sponsor, with Parkview Health, the HEAL program, with farm markets in food desert neighborhoods, and the Our HEALing Kitchen free cooking classes, teaching how to prepare easy, high-nutrition meals and snacks.

The following grants are among those that have been funded from January through May 2019:

### **Health & Wellness Support for Vulnerable Populations:**

#### **Impact Area: Prenatal & Infant Health: \$183,000 in Support to 2 Agencies**

##### **A Mother's Hope**

**\$33,000 (18-month grant)**

*To subcontract with Headwaters Counseling to provide counseling to the residents, and as a matching grant of \$2 for each \$1 pledged, to assist with fundraising efforts.*

##### **Healthier Moms and Babies**

**\$150,000 (Collateral Loan)**

*\$150,000 provided as collateral, to enable Healthier Moms and Babies to establish a line of credit to assist in managing new governmental contracts to expand services, and establish a new fiscal*

**Impact Area: Immigrant & Refugee Health: \$102,500 in Support to 3 Agencies**

**Allen County Department of Health**

**\$47,500**

*For refugee interpretation, translation and outreach program assistance.*

**Amani Family Services**

**\$45,000**

*For the Community Support Service Area, which provides mental health assessments, individual counseling, bi-cultural adjustment groups, and substance use support services to immigrants and refugees.*

**Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)**

**\$10,000**

*To provide medical advocacy for Burmese people in Fort Wayne.*

**Impact Area: Access to Affordable Care for Mind, Body & Spirit: \$189,000 to 9 Agencies**

**Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County**

**\$20,000**

*For The Landing, to address spiritual and emotional needs of young people ages 13 - 19.*

**Brightpoint**

**\$7,500**

*For the Covering Kids and Families Program, to assist uninsured Allen County residents in applying for, maintaining, and utilizing health coverage to increase access to quality healthcare services.*

**Community Transportation Network**

**\$35,000**

*For Medical Transportation Service, which assists seniors and people with disabilities in accessing medical appointments and services across Allen County.*

**Courageous Healing**

**\$20,000**

*To help offset the cost of providing Restorative Trauma Intervention Groups and Restorative Family Interventions for low income individuals and families, and to purchase necessary supplies.*

**Headwaters Counseling**

**\$45,000**

*To provide necessary and high-quality mental health services to the poor and underserved at the Headwaters Counseling facility and at designated outreach facilities.*

**Northeast Indiana Positive Resource Connection**

**\$40,000 (2-year grant)**

*To provide free HIV and Hepatitis C testing and access for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for high-risk HIV negative individuals, and linkage to care and care coordination services to persons living with HIV/AIDS.*

**SCAN**

**\$10,000**

*For Master's-level therapists to provide clinical services in the Family Preservation Program.*

**Society of St. Vincent DePaul**

**\$1,500**

*For operating costs of the CareVan, to transport people to and from medical appointments.*

**Youth for Christ**

**\$10,000**

*For the City Life Indigenous Leaders program, serving high school students in Southeast Fort Wayne.*

**Impact Area: Food Insecurity: \$63,280 to 36 Agencies**

**Out of a Jam**

**\$1,250**

*For two Shop, Cook and Eat classes in 2019.*

**Purdue University Fort Wayne**

**\$1,500**

*To purchase protein, fruits and vegetables for the food pantry, which serves local, food-insecure individuals.*

**Wellspring Interfaith Social Services** **\$7,200**

*For the Older Adult Program, to promote holistic wellness and provide research-based activities and services at no cost to senior participants.*

**HEAL – Healthy Eating Active Living (co-sponsored with Parkview Health)**

**GATE – Growth in Agriculture Through Education** **\$13,450**

*To organize and support the operation of the Slataper Farm urban gardens and the McCormick and Parkview Greenhouse Markets, which provide opportunities for low income and vulnerable populations to purchase fresh produce.*

**Our HEALing Kitchen Cooking Classes: \$39,880 to 32 Agencies**

1023 Foundation - \$1,000  
A Mother's Hope - \$500  
Beacon Health System/Memorial Hospital - \$750  
Big Brothers, Big Sisters - \$2,000  
Bishop Luers High School - \$1,000  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne - \$3,000  
Bridge of Grace Compassionate Ministry Center - \$1,000  
Brightpoint - \$4,500  
Come As You Are Community Church - \$750  
Early Childhood Alliance - \$1,000  
Faith Lutheran Church - \$1,000  
Fort Wayne Community Schools - \$1,520  
Fort Wayne Housing Authority - \$2,500  
Fort Wayne Parks & Rec. - \$600  
Friendship Baptist Church - \$1,000  
Good Hope Baptist Church - \$1,000  
Healthier Moms & Babies - \$1,000  
Joshua's Temple - \$1,000  
King's Chapel Assembly - \$500  
Matthew 25 - \$900  
NAACP Fort Wayne Branch - \$1,000  
New Zion Tabernacle Church - \$500  
Purdue Cooperative Extension Service - \$1,000  
Redemption House - \$2,000  
The Rescue Mission – Charis House - \$1,000  
Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church - \$2,000  
Trinity United Methodist Church - \$860  
Unity Performing Arts Foundation - \$1,000  
Vincent Village - \$1,000  
YMCA Renaissance Pointe - \$1,000  
Youth for Christ - \$1,000  
YWCA - \$1,000

**Additional Donor and Board Designated Funds:**

**Saint Katharina Kasper Award for Outstanding Service to the Poor**  
**Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County** **\$1,500**

*For A Baby's Closet to purchase safety car seats, baby cribs, diapers, and other items not donated so low income families can adequately and safely care for their infants.*

**Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network** **\$1,500**

*For emergency shelter for families, including crisis housing, food, intensive case management and resource identification.*

**Society of St. Andrew** **\$1,500**

*To help cover the cost of delivering fresh, nutritious, gleaned produce for distribution to local agencies serving the poor in Allen County.*

**The Lighthouse** **\$1,500**

*For operating support of the faith-based addictions services programs, for individuals who are in recovery for drug and alcohol abuse.*

**The Rose Home** **\$1,500**

*For operating expenses, to assist addicted women in recovery in the residential facility.*

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

**Erin's House for Grieving Children** **\$2,000**

*For staff to attend the National Alliance for Grieving Children Symposium in Salt Lake City, UT from June 20-22, 2019.*

**Frederick J. Pfeiffer Fund, in Honor of Charles F. and Henrietta Eckart Pfeiffer – for Medical and Surgical Equipment**

**Headwaters Counseling** **\$8,864**

*For new telephones and clinical equipment.*