

Allegany Franciscan Ministries 2009 Miami-Dade Major Grants

Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida Non-Profit Technical Assistance \$81,000

The initiative identifies Miami-Dade community-based agencies, especially social and human services groups and health providers interested in building or enhancing their ability to more efficiently or effectively achieve their mission and goals. Based on completed organizational assessments, Barry University provides interventions utilizing a team of highly-qualified faculty and students of the schools of Social Work and Business. Faculty and students serve as consultants and capacity builders for the delivery of technical assistance, consultation and on site training in a broad spectrum of activities that build or strengthen the capacity of organizations served.

Camillus House, Miami, Florida Courtyard Healthcare Services \$50,000

Camillus' Courtyard Healthcare Services program offers health services and addresses the healthcare needs of persons who are chronically homeless. The initiative increases homeless persons' access to healthcare by providing individuals with health screenings on-site at Camillus' downtown Miami location. Services may include referrals for additional screenings and treatment; follow-up healthcare services provided by a physician or Registered Nurse; outpatient and residential treatment for addiction and mental illness; and surgical or other major medical procedures such as stabilization, monitoring, and respite care. Funds support salary and benefits of the Courtyard Program's Registered Nurse position.

Health Council of South Florida, Miami, Florida Florida Association of Free Clinics \$20,000

The Health Council of South Florida will serve as the fiscal agent and incubator for the Florida Association of Free Clinics and oversees the functions of this emerging organization. The Health Council is identifying and organizing a group of committed community stakeholders interested in advancing the mission of the Association. With Allegany Franciscan Ministries' seed funding, the Association is developing its website, preparing mission and vision statements, determining priorities, connecting with free clinic association members from across the state, and designing an online list serv and discussion forum. The website will serve as the central hub of the organization and will be utilized to recruit members, connect Florida free clinics to available resources and information, and gather data to provide a clearer picture of the work and contributions of free clinics.

Hearing and Speech Center of Florida, Miami, Florida
Gift of Communication: Therapy Program \$50,000

The Gift of Communication program provides evaluations and treatment for speech and language, fine motor and sensory delays and or disorders for clients ranging in age from birth to 21. The services are provided by licensed therapists or therapy assistants. Children are re-evaluated at 6 month to 12 month intervals to monitor progress. Depending on the degree of delay, a child may require therapy for 3-months (for a mild problem) or a year (for more significant delay). Of the clients provided on going therapy services, 80% will show improved communication. Funding supports speech pathologist positions to deliver the therapy services.

Human Services Coalition of Dade County (HSC), Miami, Florida
Capacity Building Program \$100,000

The Capacity Building Program provides nonprofits, grassroots organizations and social enterprises a full array of administrative, management, leadership and programmatic support. HSC provides customized action plans for 20 organizations including business services (finance, human resource, technology, communications); innovation/incubation (fiscal sponsorship, strategic planning, program development) and; civic education (leadership development, advocacy, collaboration, constituent engagement, storytelling). In this second year of the program, HSC will continue to build the capacity of these groups to help them achieve their mission, while also adding a range of training and education programs, including support for advocacy efforts, and engaging the larger nonprofit communities in these opportunities. HSC is also creating a new business model for itself to ensure its continuing ability to provide effective organizational and community development services.

Key Clubhouse of South Florida, Miami Shores, FL
General Operating/Start-up Support \$20,000

The Key Clubhouse is a new organization founded by families of young adults living with serious mental illness. Its mission is to afford people whose lives have been disrupted by mental illness the opportunity to recover meaningful and productive lives through reintegration into the workplace and the community. The project will establish a "Clubhouse," in Miami-Dade County, membership-based community for individuals with serious mental illness that provides an accepting place to spend the day, participate in meaningful work that supports the Clubhouse operations, socialize with friends and co-workers and gain access to transitional and supported employment within the community. Grant funds will assist with start-up costs; the Clubhouse hopes to open its doors with full funding in 2011.

Kristi House, Miami, Florida

Commercially Exploited Children's Project \$50,000

This project addresses the needs of children and adolescents who have been lured into the commercial sex trade. This is a population of young girls, some as young as 12 and 13 years old, who are victims of prostitution, pornography, and pimps. The project brings together over 35 community partners to address this issue and coordinate the provision of comprehensive services for survivors. The program includes a drop-in center, street outreach, transportation, client emergency needs, in-school prevention programs, behavioral assessments, and case coordination and therapy. The project addresses the needs of girls being exploited in the sex trade and offers a path of healing and hope for the future. Funding supports the Project Manager's position.

Miami-Dade Grantee Collaborative (fiscal agent Human Services Coalition of Dade County), Miami, Florida

Operating Support \$24,000

The Miami-Dade Grantee Collaborative provides a setting that motivates and inspires nonprofit community leaders to work in partnership to share programmatic developments, advancements, creative ideas, and resourceful solutions to problems they face within their organization as well as the Miami-Dade community. The leaders come together on a bimonthly basis to sustain collaboration through dialogue, new reading materials, discussions facilitated by key experts, and other interactive opportunities.

Roots in the City, Miami, Florida

Planting the Seeds of Community Change \$50,000

Roots in the City plants vegetable gardens and distributes the produce free of charge to the Overtown community. Fresh produce is a commodity that inner-city communities traditionally lack; urban gardening in Overtown is just beginning. The grant will help Roots in The City transform the organization from a volunteer-led to a professionally run and more sustainable effort. A new full time director will procure contracts, write grant and identify funding sources. Roots in the City will also work with Barry University School of Business on an organizational business plan, develop an agency website to promote their organization, develop new community contacts and partnerships, and identify key opportunities for networking with other agencies involved in community gardening and development.

Sundari Foundation, Key Biscayne, Florida
Lotus House Women's Shelter \$50,000

The project will help homeless women sheltered at Lotus House to obtain housing upon completion of program and obtain primary health care exams and follow-up appointments, medications, eye glasses and care, for urgent/immediate health needs identified. Funding supports staff expenses related to case management and health education and referral, and public awareness and community outreach programming for further resource diversification. The grant also supports increased awareness of the special needs of homeless women and children and the unique ways in which Lotus House addresses those needs to build grass roots community support and expanded community based funding network for programming and operations.

Voices for Children Foundation, Miami, Florida
The Children's Needs Program \$36,000

The primary objective of Voices and the Guidance Ad Litem (GAL) Program is for 100% of the dependent children and teens throughout Miami-Dade County in foster, non-parental relative, group home care or independent living situations to receive effective advocacy services in order to achieve the national objectives for all dependent children, which is to be in safe, permanent homes where their emotional and physical well-being is assured. The organization provides for emergency financial needs not met by State support for these dependent children and teens. Funds support the Children's Needs Program coordinator and provide financial assistance for dependent youth.