



Allegany
Franciscan
Ministries

Allegany Community Out Reach (ACOR) Grants – FY16
Total \$145,000

International

Chacara Mae Admiravel, Anapolis, Goias, Brazil

Organic Gardening \$5000

The project will establish an organic garden to promote healthy eating for the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and the community including the elderly, those with disabilities and needy families who are served through the Social Assistance Program. Funds will be used to purchase garden supplies, hire professionals to install irrigation and purchase seeds, seedlings and organic fertilizers.

Colegio Sao Francisco de Assis, Palmas, Tocantins, Brazil

Nature Inspiring Education \$5,000

St. Francis of Assisi School is managed by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. The project will revitalize the outside space so that students are more closely connected with their environment. Funds will be used to paint, repair play spaces, and construct and install of outdoor furniture. Environmentally friendly materials will be used.

Florida Hospital Tampa, Tampa, FL

Belize Mission 2016 \$5,000

Each year the hospital leads a medical mission trip to a clinic in Belize. Funds will be used for medical and education supplies, installation of equipment on mobile bus and transportation costs. A Franciscan Sisters of Allegany will participate in the next trip this fall.

Franciscan Mission Service of North America, Washington, DC

Empowering Girls in Guatemala \$5,000

Support for two lay missionaries serving at Valley of Angels Orphanage in Immaculate Conception Province in Guatemala. Responsibilities include: teaching English, tutoring students, managing short-term mission groups, social media and development efforts. Funds will pay for health insurance, transportation and living stipends.

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Bolivia, Cochabama, Bolivia

El Pedregal Community \$5,000

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany live and work in Bolivian community with approximately 300 families living in area of extreme poverty. Funding will provide hot lunches to students and building supplies to families to repair and/or expand their modest homes.

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica

St. Francis Primary School - Learning Through the Mimio Teach Program \$5,000

St Francis Primary School serves 865 children and is managed by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. Funds will be used to purchase five Mimio Teach and two multi-media projectors to enhance teaching and learning for more visual students. Devices are portable and can be easily moved to other classrooms.

Love and Care Mission, Little Neck, NY

Borehole at Kamuru, Nigeria \$5,000

The community has insufficient water available in dry seasons. The project serves the home community of Father Lawrence Ahyuma, chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital. Funding supports costs to drill borehole, construct overhead tank and use solar pump resulting in 10 ten water taps.

Village Partners International, Tampa, FL

Medicine for Miracles in Uganda \$5,000

Village Partners is an international nonprofit based in Tampa and led by St. Joseph's Hospital physician, Sylvia Campbell. Medical services are provided free of charge at clinic in Papoli, Uganda but patients are charged for medications. Funding will pay for worming and malarial medication for children and elderly in Uganda.

United States

Bon Secours St. Petersburg Health System, St. Petersburg, FL

Safety Initiative for Needy, Vulnerable Home Care Patients \$5,000

Bon Secours provides home health care nursing services to patients in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. The project will provide safety equipment for low-income patients. Grant funds will be used to purchase and install equipment such as shower safety railings, shower chairs, eye drop guides and reachers.

Brunswick County Homeless Coalition, Ocean Isle Beach, NC

Eviction Prevention Initiative \$5,000

Brunswick County in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina has no permanent shelters for homeless. Coalition is a collaboration of local social service agencies and faith communities. Funding will provide rent and utility assistance to an estimated 75 families at risk for eviction.

Canticle Farm, Allegany, NY

Fresh Choice Mobile Vegetable Market \$5,000

The Veggie Mobile Market is expanding from its initial pilot to provide fresh vegetables and fruits along with education and cooking instructions to 110 family units and 120 seniors and disabled individuals living in two public housing complexes. The project will ask clients for

donations and accept SNAP for those interested in purchasing additional food. Funds will pay for food costs.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden, Camden, NY

Self-Sufficiency Cycles \$5,000

The project will provide an estimated 30 bicycles, lights, locks and helmets for recent refugees seeking employment so they have transportation to jobs.

Catholic Health System, Buffalo, NY

Faith Community Nursing \$5,000

Support for the continued development of the new Faith Community Nursing program serving 2000 individuals in nine faith communities. Funds will be used for administrative supplies including electronic document system, professional development training and stipends for speakers.

Franciscan Action Network, Washington DC

***Sultan and the Saint* Documentary Project: Outreach to Franciscan Communities \$5,000**

The documentary promotes inter-religious dialogue and peacemaking. Funding will support costs associated with hosting screenings and facilitating dialogues with Franciscan institutions.

Franciscan Mountain Retreat, West Clarksville, NY

Mountain Companions \$5,000

Franciscan Mountain Retreat offers space for individuals seeking a renewing experience of God's presence. Mountain Companions are full-time residents who assist visitors and Friars and maintain property. Funding will be used for monthly stipend for companion.

Genesis House of Olean, Olean, NY

Emergency Housing \$5,000

A rising number of individuals are seeking shelter and the number of available beds has decreased with the recent temporary closing of the men's shelter. Funds will pay for hotel costs for individuals and families unable to secure shelter at Genesis House when facilities are at capacity.

Holy Cross Church, Springfield, MA

Matthew 25 Sandwiches for the Homeless \$5,000

The project has been a ministry of Holy Cross Church for the past nine years. Food and clothing are distributed weekly. Funding will be used to purchase socks and underwear.

Leadership Conference of Women Religious – Region V, Lake Providence, LA

Reader Brigade \$2,500

LCWR Region V started a ministry in Lake Providence, LA in 1996. The Reader Brigade project provides tutoring to approximately 20 children at Southside Elementary School. Funds will be used to purchase workbooks and books.

Long Beach Island Community Center, Long Beach Township, NJ

Human Concerns Homeless Prevention \$5,000

The Center responds to social needs of low-income residents. Program will provide rent/mortgage assistance to 15 families.

Mercy Senior Care, Rome, GA

Diabetic Clinic \$5,000

The project serves clients of adult day health program and includes educational sessions, exercise, wound care, and a support group. Program goals include lowering glucose levels, decreasing hospital admission and improving patient's confidence and ability to manage disease. Funding will pay for staffing, testing supplies, food and transportation.

Our Lady of Lourdes Health Foundation, Camden, NJ

Marketplace for Healthy Living \$5,000

The project is a community outreach event targeting patients of Osborn Family Health Center and LIFE and Lourdes, the federal Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Healthy produce, health screenings and education will be offered. Funds will be used to purchase medical and program supplies and pay for Dietary and Nutrition staff time.

Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Wexford, PA

Dental Services for Homeless Individuals \$5,000

The project will establish a weekly dental program for the underserved and homeless. Funds will be used to purchase medical equipment for the mobile medical unit. The project seeks to serve 275 individuals.

Project HOPE, Pennsauken, NJ

Diabetes Program \$2,500

The organization is a federally qualified health center (FQHC) for the homeless. The project provides diabetic patients with access to specialist referrals through bus tickets. Program goals are to help patients improve blood glucose levels and increase medication compliance.

Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services, Atlanta, GA

Peer Support: GED & Job Training Program \$5,000

Expand the support group for homeless women suffering comorbid mental health issues to include GED and job training. Funds will be used to purchase GED software program, food, sewing and cooking class expense, transportation costs and volunteer instructor stipends.

St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Petersburg, FL

Medical Respite Program for Homeless Adults \$5,000

Program provides a safe, stable place after hospital discharge for recuperation and medical care oversight. Program goals are to reduce repeat emergency room visits and avoid hospital readmissions and increase adherence to medical management. Funding will support medication expenses and lighting and maintenance of casitas.

St. Francis Foundation, Wilmington, DE

Interfaith Parish Nurse Program \$5,000

New initiative of Saint Francis Healthcare in Wilmington, Delaware. Goal is to establish relationships with 8-10 parish programs resulting in 800-1000 lives assisted. Funds will support training supplies and equipment costs.

St. Francis Medical Center, Trenton, NJ

Faith-Based Nutrition Plan \$5,000

The six week Faith-Based Nutrition Plan will be initiated in 8-10 faith communities that are challenged by diabetes, high cholesterol and obesity. Funds will be used to purchase program materials and food.

St. Mark Community Education Program, Dorchester, MA

Bridges to Opportunities \$5,000

Organization offers English language and citizenship classes for adult immigrants and refugees in Dorchester, Massachusetts. English classes have waiting list and citizenship class has a 50% increase from last year. Funding will pay for salaries, supplies, and internet access.

Trinity Café, Tampa, FL

Transporting Meals to a Hunger Gap \$5,000

Recently a second feeding location opened in North Tampa in an area defined as having a hunger gap. Meals are made at the original Trinity Café location on N. Florida Avenue in Tampa. Funds will be used to purchase kitchenware and fuel and transportation costs for one year.

Wider Opportunities for Greater Olean, Olean, NY

Building Blocks: Employment Readiness & Retention Workshops \$5,000

Supports women and families in becoming financially independent in Olean, New York. Programs address barriers to employment and job retention. Funding will support two part-time staff, supplies, food and space rental.