



**Allegany Community Out Reach (ACOR) Grants – FY15
Total \$153,000**

International:

Barry University, St. Mark, Grenada

St. Mark Community Health Project \$5,000

The breast health education program in Grenada is a collaboration with a local non-governmental organization and Barry University. Women from a local parish were trained by Barry to provide breast health education and screening to women in their community. Funding will support program management and evaluation.

Florida Hospital Tampa, San Ignacio, Belize

Belize Mission Outreach \$5,000

Support annual medical mission trip for employees. Volunteers work in a health clinic and provide an array of services including: surgery, physical therapy, community screenings, radio programming, and dental care. Funding will pay for medical supplies, fuel for generator and an anesthesiologist.

Franciscan Ministries, Kingston, Jamaica

Sleeping Quarters on the Porziuncola Farm \$5,000

Complete construction of sleeping quarters for volunteers and seasonal workers at farm. Farm provides work for at-risk youth in the area; produces organic food for the poor and the needy, and promotes local tourism.

Franciscan Mission Service of North America, Cochabamba, Bolivia

Empowering Women in Bolivia \$5,000

Support for two missionaries' health insurance, transportation, and monthly living stipends who serve at-risk women and children in Bolivia. Examples of volunteer work include facilitating sexual abuse prevention classes for children and community gardening groups for women.

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Brazil, Anapolis, Goias, Brazil

Promotion for New Religious Vocations \$3,000

Promote and discover religious vocations among youth. Follow up lectures and mentoring.

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany - Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica

St. Francis Primary School – Expansion of Staff Lavatory \$5,000

Expand the staff bathroom and renovate the sitting area for teachers. Currently, one bathroom serves 25 teachers.

Global Health Ministry, Chulucanas, Peru

Chulucanas Surgery Program \$5,000

Support hospital costs for pre-op testing of surgery patients. Primary care mission team identifies children and adults who require surgery. All patients live in extreme poverty.

Immaculate Conception High School, Kingston, Jamaica

Go Green – Operation Solar Panels \$5,000

Continue solar energy project by installing more solar panels. Additional panels are needed to make a meaningful dent in energy bill. Students will be taught about installation.

Partners with Haiti, Lagonav, Haiti

Solar Power for a New Library in Haiti \$5,000

This grant will help purchase and install a solar power system for a new school library in the final stages of construction at St. Bernadette School on the island of Lagonav in Haiti. A Haitian technician will design and procure the system under Partners with Haiti's direction. A local electrician will install and maintain the system. Partners with Haiti is based at St. Paul's Catholic Church in St. Petersburg and is a twin parish with the parish located in the same small community as St. Bernadette School.

Religious of Jesus and Mary, Gros Morne, Haiti

Quest –Volunteers in Haiti Incorporation \$5,000

Support creation of 501 c 3 organization to manage Religious of Jesus and Mary volunteer program in Gros Morne, Haiti.

Saint Alphonsus Foundation, Port au Prince, Haiti

Project Haiti – Lab Tests \$5,000

Pay for medical labs tests at four medical facilities in Haiti where Trinity Health hospital medical mission team serves.

St. Joseph's Infant School, Kingston, Jamaica

Multipurpose Room \$5,000

Construct multi-purpose room to house a library, computer room and the administrative office.

United States:

Brunswick County Homeless Coalition, Ocean Isle Beach, NC

Emergency Housing Initiative \$5,000

Assist with housing individuals and families in emergency shelters and local motels within a 50 mile radius for short periods of time. A recent change in the North Carolina administrative code no longer permits churches and other unapproved facilities to provide emergency shelter to the homeless. In addition to lodging, homeless will receive food vouchers, clothing, hygiene items, transportation, and essential medical needs.

Canticle Farm, Allegany, NY

Fresh Choice Mobile Vegetable Market \$5,000

Partnership between Canticle Farm and the Cattaraugus County Health Dept. with a shared goal of providing residents in low income public housing direct access to fresh local vegetables and wraparound nutrition education and food preparation support.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden, Camden, NJ

Self-Sufficiency Cycles \$5,000

The Refugee and Immigration Services Department of Catholic Charities will expand services to clients through the implementation of a bike-donation program. Clients will receive a bicycle, helmet and lock when they are placed in a job to encourage them in their new lives.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, FL

Benedict Haven – Resident Health Needs \$5,000

Assist with medication and doctor visit copayments and related transportation costs for adult group home residents living with mental illness. Benedict Haven keeps residents from becoming homeless, sent to jail or cycling in and out of the hospital.

Catholic Health System, Buffalo, NY

Faith Community Nursing Program \$5,000

The program is expanding to new faith communities while continuing to support existing ministries in poor, inner-city Buffalo. Funding will support new Faith Community ministry startups, honoraria for informational presentations by health professionals, and continuing professional education for the program coordinator.

Daystar Life Center, St. Petersburg, FL

The Gap Fund \$5,000

Provide financial support for unusual, one-time expenses, not included in Daystar's budget but essential for family stability. Examples include: childcare payment, car/bike repairs, appliance repairs, insurance payments, medications, etc.

Franciscan Center, Tampa, FL

First Responders' Post Trauma Training Retreat \$5,000

Purchase chairs for conference style seating for Sabbath House, a small meeting space building on the property that is used for the confidentiality of the First Responders' Post Trauma Training Retreat, which provides critical support services to the frequently overlooked and at-risk population of those who work to keep our communities safe.

Franciscan Federation, Washington, DC

Sabbath Year – Dare to Image \$5,000

Support plans to "revitalize, refocus and redesign" the Federation June 2015 - June 2016. The intent is to broaden the scope of the Federation from Third Order Brothers and Sisters to all members of the Franciscan Family, including First and Second Orders as well as the Secular Fraternities and all people with a Franciscan heart.

Genesis House Olean, Olean, NY

Increase Food Supply \$5,000

The original homeless shelter has expanded services and will soon include three facilities. Food is needed for the increased number of clients served. Items most needed include milk, vegetables, baby formula and baby food. Beyond shelter, Genesis House provides case management; advocacy, education, and support after residents leave the shelter.

Gerard Place Housing Development Fund Company, Buffalo, NY

Health and Nutrition Program \$5,000

Healthy foods and nutrition classes will be brought to food desert community surrounding Gerard Place. Participants will leave with ingredients to practice the learning at home. Mobile van will provide fresh produce.

Holy Cross Church, Springfield, MA

Matthew 25 Sandwiches for the Homeless \$5,000

Purchase turkey, ham, and cheese from the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts to make sandwiches for the homeless. Holy Cross administers a weekly feeding and clothing program for Springfield's homeless every Sunday.

Mercy Senior Care, Rome, GA

Mercy Wellness Initiative: A Passport to Wellness \$5,000

Expand adult day health program to include a wellness component for clients. The program will target individuals who have been identified as suffering from two or more chronic conditions and include an individualized wellness plan and exercise activities with participants. Funds will be pay for staffing, healthy snacks and incentives.

Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Wexford, PA

Operation Safety Net – Housing for Young Men \$5,000

Provide housing assistance to young males. Funding will provide basic household needs: beds, pots, pans, linens and dishes.

St. Francis Counseling Center, New York, NY

Women and Mental Health: Building Dignity and Well Being \$5,000

Provide supportive psychotherapy at manageable fees to women age 50+, immigrant woman, and young woman of Catholic faith 21-28, new to New York City.

St. Joseph's Hospital, Tampa, FL

Women's Bereavement Support \$5,000

The Bereavement Support Program services all women who have experienced a perinatal or neonatal loss and provides support to other BayCare Hospitals and the surrounding community. Funding will pay for extended hours of social worker leading support group, educational materials and trainings for staff to increase their grief and bereavement counseling skills.

Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services, Atlanta, GA

Psychological Rehabilitation Program: Health and Fitness Initiative \$5,000

Expand the current group therapy program for homeless women suffering from comorbid mental health issues to include a new health and fitness component. Program will target those identified as overweight or obese. Fitness equipment and incentives to motivate participants will be purchased.

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish, Dorchester, MA

St. Mark Wainwright Summer Youth Program \$5,000

Support equipment, supply costs, and field trip fees for summer programs.

The Dwelling Place, New York, NY

Meal Program \$5,000

Pay for food for female residents and Wednesday open dinner.

Trinity Café, Tampa, FL

Breakfast is Now Being Served \$5,000

Beginning in January 2014, Trinity Café extended their hours to include breakfast on the weekends. Trinity Café is now the only nonprofit in Hillsborough County serving hot meals seven days a week. Additional food is needed for the increased number of meals provided to serve the homeless in Hillsborough County.