



Allegany Community Out Reach (ACOR) Grants – FY23 Total \$302,600

International:

Centro Comunitario Sagrada Familia, Macajuba, Bahia, Brazil

Evangelize Pascom – Communicating Truth and Life, \$10,000

The project teaches youth ages 16-24 how to make conscious, safe and healthy use of virtual social networks. Participants will also learn to use audio-visual technological resources to produce digital and physical media such as photographs, banners, cards, videos, campaigns, newspapers, live broadcasts of events. Grant funds will be used to purchase cameras, video cameras, web cameras, and smart phones.

Centro Educacional Sao Francisco de Assis, Palmas, Tocantins, Brazil

Hand in Hand for Education, \$10,000

The school, which serves students from kindergarten to high school, is maintained by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. With grant funding, scholarships will be provided for students from low-income families to attend St. Francis Educational Center. Specifically, funds will be used to purchase food, textbooks, equipment, and supplies for students.

Convento Santa Dulce dos Pobres, Bom Jesus de Lapa, Bahia, Brazil

Youth and the Economy of Clare and Francis, \$10,000

Funds will support the continuation and expansion of the project which engages and educates youth in agroecological practices and care for our common home. There is an emphasis on environmental education and creating a new culture of healthy eating.

Convento Santa Dulce dos Pobres, Bom Jesus de Lapa, Bahia, Brazil

Professionalization of Young People in Computing and IT, \$10,000

A diocesan youth program will be brought to a rural community. The program trains youth aged 15 and older in information technology and job skills. Grant funds will be used to renovate an existing community hall to accommodate the class and add a bathroom.

Franciscan Mission Service of North America, Washington, DC

Franciscan Lay Mission in Jamaica, \$10,000

Franciscan Mission Service is a long-term, overseas lay Franciscan mission program. Grant funds will be used to train, send, and support the first new lay missionary to arrive in Jamaica since the pandemic began and facilitate re-entry upon return. Specifically, funds will support health insurance, transportation, and monthly living stipends.

**Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Brazil Region, Anapolis, Goias, Brazil
Especially Venezuelans, \$10,000**

Funds will provide social work and basic needs (food, personal hygiene items, etc.) to marginalized families living in Anapolis and Venezuelans who recently arrived in the city.

**Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Brazil Region, Anapolis, Goias, Brazil
Revitalization of the Ecological Sanctuary and Maintenance of the Community Garden, \$10,000**

At Convento Mae Admiravel, there is an ecological sanctuary and a community garden. Grant funds will be used to replace trees in the ecological sanctuary, maintain access roads, and replace tree identification markers. In the community garden, new planting beds will be constructed to increase the number and variety of vegetable crops which serve families experiencing poverty.

**Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica
Expansion of Classroom Space at St. Francis Primary and Infant School, \$10,000**

Grant funds will help to increase the size of a classroom which is much smaller than other classrooms. This will allow students to be more evenly distributed among classes.

**Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica
General Operating Support for Immaculate Conception Prep School (ICPS), \$10,000**

Immaculate Conception Prep is an all-girls school with students ages 2-12 with a long connection with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in Jamaica. Grant funds will be used to pay for supplies, infrastructure maintenance and upgrades, and staff salaries.

**Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica
Project Shade at St. Joseph's Infant School, \$10,000**

Funds will be used to purchase and install retractable roller shades to cover the grilled porch area of the school. This space is the only common area at the school and is used for general devotion, parent meetings, and other school functions.

**Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica
Technology Development at Alvernia Prep School Phase 2, \$10,000**

Alvernia Prep School seeks to prepare the young to become productive members of society who uphold discipline, while working together to shape and mold young minds empowered with truth, self-worth, and a sense of justice and equality for all mankind. Funding will support the purchase of 10 new laptop computers for the elementary school and install ceiling fans in the computer lab and throughout the school. The fans will prevent the computers from overheating and will replace and update existing fans to keep classroom temperature more comfortable.

Fundacao de Assistencia Social de Anapolis, Anapolis, Goias, Brazil

Santa Casa de Misericordia - Light to Live, \$10,000

Santa Casa de Misericordia Hospital provides healthcare services to marginalized individuals. The hospital specializes in high-risk pregnancies. Many babies are born with jaundice. Grant funds will be used to purchase a Bilirubin meter device and light technology for treating the babies.

Global Health Ministry, Newton Square, PA

Expanding Telemedicine Program in Peru, \$10,000

The project involves the expansion of the telemedicine program to reach the remote Peruvian community of Frias with a main focus on maternal-child health education as well as chronic conditions. A local nursing school will partner with medical staff at St. Francis Hospital staff in Wilmington, Delaware to offer virtual medical consultations for patients.

NACRI, Anapolis, Goias, Brazil

Sowing Hope, Reaping Lives! \$7,500

NACRI provides educational programming to children ages 6-15 in a neighborhood with high rates of violence and unemployment. Funds will support multiple needs at their youth center including installing lighting and a drinking fountain for a sports court. Additionally, a support wall for the facility will be repaired. Last, an educational toy room will be created for young children.

Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise, ID

Haiti – Bringing Light in the Face of Cholera, Violence and Catastrophe, \$10,000

Funds will be used to support the creation of 200 new patient beds to address the cholera outbreak. Specific expenses include fuel, beds, medical supplies, tents, a water cistern and water purification.

United States:

BayCare Health System Inc., Clearwater, FL

Diabetes Clinic at San Jose Mission and La Esperanza, \$10,000

Approximately, 60-70% of patients at San Jose Mission and La Esperanza Clinics have diabetes. Grant funds will be used to replace a broken A1C machine, and purchase glucometers and testing strips for patients who participate in monthly diabetes program.

Brunswick County Homeless Coalition, Ocean Isle Beach, NC

Rental Initiative to Stop Evictions - Phase 2 (RISE II), \$5,000

Funds will be used to provide direct rental payments to prevent low-income families from being evicted from their existing housing. Families are identified via the BCHC Helpline which is staffed by volunteers who communicate and collaborate weekly about requests for assistance.

Canticle Farm Inc., Allegany, NY

Franciscan Food Pantry Program, \$10,000

Canticle Farm, a twenty-two-year ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, exists to reveal the sacredness of God's creation through the act of sustainable agriculture. Annually, the Franciscan Food Pantry program distributes 20% of its harvest to low income and indigenous individuals. Grant funds will be used to purchase 19 produce food shares that will be distributed to six food relief organizations that serve Cattaraugus County residents.

Daystar Life Center, St. Petersburg, FL

Preventing Food Insecurity, \$10,000

Daystar life Center provides food and financial assistance for rent and utilities to Pinellas County residents who are living at or below poverty levels in an effort to prevent homelessness. Funding will support the daily client choice pantry to prevent hunger and improve access to fresh, healthy food. Items to be purchased include produce, dairy and eggs, bread, and other food supplies needed for clients on specialized diets.

FEAST, Inc., Palm Harbor, FL

Cereal and Peanut Butter Project, \$10,000

Grant funds are being used to purchase cereal and peanut butter to stock their food pantry and feed 4,700 individuals which will help address increasing demands for food and decreasing numbers of donations. The project will serve to provide essential foods to improve the lives of food insecure families in Pinellas County.

Franciscan Action Network (FAN), Washington, DC

General Operating Support, \$10,000

FAN is a collective Franciscan voice that seeks to transform public policy related to peacemaking, care of creation, poverty, and human rights with continued mobilization and advocacy in key focus areas of climate, racism, poverty, migration, gun violence and dignity of human life. Grant funds will be used to produce quality events both in person and online to inform, mobilize, and rejuvenate the network of 53 religious communities and more than 10,000 individuals in Franciscan spirituality and values.

Genesis House of Olean, Inc., Olean, NY

New Furniture for Added Bed Space, \$7,600

Genesis House provides temporary housing to single men, women, and families. Funding will support the addition of a new bed space at the homeless shelter. Specifically, new beds and under bed lockable storage for residents will be purchased.

Gerard Place Housing Development Fund Company, Inc., Buffalo, NY

Moving our Families Forward, \$10,000

Gerard Place is located in the most low-income and underserved community in Buffalo, NY and provides programs for housing homeless single parent families in addition to job training, preventive services, healthy mom and baby programming, senior programming, and GED. The daycare program for families living at Gerard Place is currently closed. Grant funds will pay for daycare tuition and transportation costs for residents so parents can participate in education, job search, employment, life skills, and counseling opportunities.

Holy Cross Church, Springfield, MA

Sandwiches for the Homeless Winter Clothing Project, \$10,000

Funds will support the purchase of coats, boots, gloves, hats, and scarves for individuals experiencing homelessness to wear during the cold New England winter months.

House of Mercy and Encouragement, Dunedin, FL

Providing Quality Mental and Behavioral Health Services to Vulnerable Ages 3 Through Adult, \$10,000

House of Mercy and Encouragement provides free counseling sessions to vulnerable children, families and individuals who need quality mental health services but are unable to access the help they need. Funding will pay for therapists and intake specialists, and supplies for play therapy.

Long Beach Island Community Center Inc., Long Beach Township, NJ

Basic Health and Food Insecurities for Vulnerable/Impoverished Senior Citizens, \$10,000

With focuses on the concerns of those living in poverty or on the margins of society, the Community Center seeks to improve the health, wellness and quality of life for seniors in their service area. Grant funds will assist seniors with prescription and doctor copays, dental and vision expenses, fresh healthy foods, and utility assistance.

Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services, Inc., Atlanta, GA

Peer Support Program, \$10,000

The program serves women experiencing homelessness with a focus on those who have comorbid behavioral health and chronic medical conditions. Grant funds will be used to facilitate a peer support group and specifically transportation, food and drink, and program supply expenses.

Samaritan Hospital & The Eddy Foundation, Albany, NY

SPHP Birthing Centers' Doula Expansion Project, \$10,000

Samaritan Hospital & The Eddy Foundation raises funds for programs, services, and capital needs associated with St. Peter's Health Partners' high-quality, compassionate care to New York's Greater Capital Region. Grant funds will be used to provide doula services at their facilities in order to improve maternal health equity.

The Dwelling Place of NY, Inc., New York, NY

Helping Hands, \$5,000

The Dwelling Place provides women experiencing homelessness with transitional housing, food, workforce training, and other services. Grant funds will be used to purchase a commercial refrigerator to store fresh food that is distributed weekly to community members in need.

The Kind Mouse Productions, Inc., St. Petersburg, FL

General Operating Support, \$10,000

The Kind Mouse feeds low-income, food insecure children in Pinellas County. Grant funds will support the operational expenses of the food pantry including food, transportation, supplies, utilities, insurance, rent, technology, and staff wages.

Total Senior Care, Olean, NY

Supply Pantry \$7,500

Grant funds will help create a supply pantry for elderly PACE center clients who require nursing-home-level care and have transportation challenges. Pantry will include laundry and personal care items which are items requested by clients that aren't available at food pantries or covered by food stamps.

Village Partners International, Tampa, FL

Homeless Outreach Initiative on the Streets of Tampa, \$10,000

The goal of the initiative is to expand outreach ministry to serve more clients and address their basic needs. Grant funding will be used to purchase grocery gift cards and specifically requested items such as clothing, shoes, personal care items, books, reading glasses, etc.