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SAINT LUKE'S FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES FIRST ROUND OF GRANTS FOR 2017 *Grant Payments Intended to Promote Health and Well-Being in Greater Cleveland*

CLEVELAND – The board of trustees of Saint Luke's Foundation this week approved grants to 18 organizations totaling \$2,010,425. These investments advance the Foundation's strategic priorities in the areas of Healthy People, A Strong Neighborhood and Resilient Families.

"We are extremely fortunate to work with new and existing grantee partners to build solutions to pressing problems," said Anne C. Goodman, Saint Luke's Foundation President and CEO. "From projects that will increase access to health care services, to support for innovative community programs that help residents of all ages live healthier and more enriching lives, we have invested in vital work and strong organizations. I'm excited to see what these partners can accomplish with our support."

The full list of first-round 2017 grants is noted below.

HEALTHY PEOPLE

- **Case Western Reserve University:** \$140,925 over two years to support the university's Interpersonal Learning Exchange and Practice (I-LEAP) program. In I-LEAP, CWRU students will work with Care Alliance and Neighborhood Family Practice through the work of patient-centered inter-professional student teams. Students will come from the disciplines of medicine, physician assistant, nursing, dentistry and social work programs.

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CWRU students will gain cultural competency and inter-professional clinical experience caring for underserved patients and communities.

- **Recovery Resources:** \$40,000 to help expand integrated behavioral and primary health care community linkage. Recovery Resources is one of the largest behavioral health care nonprofit agencies in Northeast Ohio, with a mission of helping people triumph over mental illness, alcoholism, drug and other addictions. Funds will be used for consulting support to oversee and coordinate strategic plan implementation related to the behavioral health redesign. Goals are to expand integrated behavioral and primary health, including strategic linkage discussions between Recovery Resources and key primary care partners.
- **North Coast Health (NCH):** \$62,500 for operating support and capacity building. NCH is a faith-based charitable clinic, whose mission is to provide quality health care that optimizes access, prevention, wellness and education. NCH will maintain operations and strategically build capacity to serve more patients better. Through Saint Luke's Foundation funding, it will build capacity to improve outcome measurement systems to collect and analyze the best data to inform performance improvement and enhance communication.

A STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD

- **Cleveland Neighborhood Progress:** \$480,000 to plan and execute physical development and placemaking projects which include: engaging with Burten Bell Carr Development Inc. to focus on the Buckeye Road corridor; renewing the Clean and Safe Ambassadors at Shaker Square; leading the planning efforts on Woodhill Estates and the pre-development work on Scofield Mansion and Woodhill Estates; managing targeted property acquisition and land assembly; and completing the Intergenerational Playscape on the Saint Luke's Pointe campus. Cleveland Neighborhood Progress works to foster inclusive communities of choice and opportunities throughout Cleveland.

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- **North Union Farmers Market (NUFM):** \$90,000 to support pre-development work around the Harvest at the Square (Harvest). The Harvest will essentially be a Food Hub – a centrally located facility that facilitates the aggregation, storage, processing, distribution, and/or marketing of locally/regionally produced food products. NUFM champions the local food movement in Northeast Ohio and promotes its environmental, economic and health benefits by connecting certified producers with consumers through a network of markets. Its flagship market, Shaker Square, has been in operation for over 22 years.
- **EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute (EDWINS):** \$80,000 for operating support. EDWINS gives formerly incarcerated adults a foundation in hospitality management while providing a support network and training necessary for successful re-entry into the community and the workforce. Its mission is to teach a skilled trade in culinary arts, empower students to pursue a career in the hospitality industry and prepare them for successful transition into the professional world. EDWINS is certified by the Ohio Board of Career Colleges and Schools.
- **Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Thriving Communities Institute:** \$90,000 to support the extension of the Francis H. Beam Fellowship, creating a Capstone year to complete vacant land reuse projects (side yard expansions and three pocket park projects) that build on past research, to capture learning about placemaking and land reuse interventions, and to pilot a data collection tool called Spatial Video Geonarrative.
- **Fairhill Partners:** \$70,000 for general operating support. The organization's mission is to connect people to opportunities for lifelong learning, intergenerational relationships and successful aging. The Campus, a former Marine hospital, is now an institutional anchor that supports and encourages associations such as the Larchmere Community Association, hosts community events, and is the hub for HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living), a program originally conceived by the Francis Beam Fellow who was placed at MetroHealth System.

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- **ioby:** \$90,000 to support phase two of ioby Cleveland 2017. The mission of ioby (In Our Backyard) is to mobilize neighbors who have good ideas for neighborhood improvement to become powerful citizen leaders who plan, fund, and make positive change. It facilitates the interaction of neighborhood leaders, donors and volunteers to crowd-resource capital, training and capacity building services. Grant funds will support its ongoing work in the greater Buckeye footprint. ioby will (1) continue outreach and training activities in Buckeye and create new partnerships with local organizations, and (2) build a peer-to-peer network of leaders by piloting an ambassador program of successful Buckeye ioby leaders, and plugging ioby projects into citywide processes.
- **Cleveland Police Foundation (CPF):** \$130,000 to support the Fourth District Community Policing Project. The CPF's mission is to improve quality of life in Cleveland, and to strengthen the bond between the Division of Police and the citizens it serves. Grant funds will support a redesign of the District's lobby, planning, design and community engagement to repurpose a vacant lot into a mini park for the community to gather and to host events. To further embed a culture of community policing, officers will participate in a cultural diagnostic survey to identify areas for improvement. Funds will also 1) support the CPF's ongoing efforts to develop data collection tools and processes to measure outcomes, and 2) continue its current bike patrol program.
- **St. Clair Superior Development Corporation:** \$25,000 to support creative placemaking initiatives through Upcycle Parts Shop (Upcycle). Upcycle was created in 2013 with support from the National Endowment for the Arts to plan and execute creative activities that help build connections among neighbors. Grant funds will enable Upcycle to facilitate creative placemaking events and activities involving diverse stakeholders and institutions in Buckeye and Woodland Hills. Upcycle will also lead the design process and public art installation to create a more welcoming lobby (or indoor public space) for both officers and the community.
- **Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) of Northeast Ohio:** \$63,000 to support HLFA's Looking to the Future initiative. HFLA's mission is to meet the needs of people

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who face barriers in accessing capital by providing interest-free loans. Since its founding in 1904, HFLA has adhered to a lending criteria that is non-sectarian and non-denominational. HFLA aims to build upon the success of its targeted loan funds in Buckeye and Mount Pleasant in designing a business loan program to spur business activity in commercial nodes and launching a credit reporting program to help clients build credit. In the pilot phase, 43 percent of loans were for life emergencies, 43 percent were for home repair, and 14 percent were for education, totaling over \$30,000 in loans made.

RESILIENT FAMILIES

- **Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC):** \$150,000 for general operating support. DVCAC is dedicated to breaking the cycle of abuse, which impacts roughly one-quarter of the population at some point in their lifetimes, and has far-reaching consequences for families and the broader community. Their mission is to empower individuals, educate the community and advocate for justice to end domestic violence and child abuse.
- **Policy Matters Ohio:** \$250,000 over two years for operating support. Policy Matters Ohio is a think tank committed to the creation of a more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive Ohio. Through research, strategic communications, coalition building and policy advocacy, Policy Matters Ohio elevates a vision and plan for an Ohio economy that works for everyone. Grant funds will be used to enhance the organization's capacity to educate and advocate for policies to ensure adequately funded and optimally coordinated services for struggling low income and working families.
- **College Now Greater Cleveland:** \$50,000 to support the organization's You First Initiative, which is a family-focused effort designed to provide guided career exploration, college access advising and financial aid counseling aimed at maximizing aid, minimizing debt and supporting parents' access to and completion of postsecondary education. Postsecondary educational attainment will qualify individuals for

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careers with salaries that meet or exceed living wages, salaries that can support their families and build financial security. College Now was founded in 1967 as a college scholarship program for Cleveland public school students. It has since expanded its scope of service to incorporate additional elements of helping students prepare to attend college, and assist adults who missed the opportunity to go to college directly from high school or who have not completed their degrees.

- **Family Connections:** \$75,000 to support SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids), a home visiting program that engages parents in preparing their three- and four-year-old children for school by providing support that includes information about child development and early literacy, learning materials and activities, and connections to social supports and community resources. Family Connections provides parenting support and educational opportunities for families with children from birth through age 6. Programs are specifically grounded in the principles of family support, and are designed to prevent family problems before they arise by strengthening parent-child relationships and offering resources, connections and social support.
- **YWCA of Greater Cleveland:** \$60,000 to support the YWCA's Homelessness & Family Stability: YWCA's Two-Generational Early Learning Center and Strengthening Families Model. As one of Cleveland's oldest continuously operating nonprofit organizations, the YWCA's mission is the elimination of racism and empowerment of women. The YWCA's Early Learning Center utilizes a two-generational, trauma-informed approach to address the needs of children and parents who have experienced homelessness and other trauma. YWCA of Greater Cleveland creates a safe space in which children and parents alike can learn and grow. They then identify opportunities to work more deeply in partnership with parents to support family stability in a strengths-based culture.

In addition to grants targeting the Foundation's specific priorities, the board awarded a \$64,000 grant over two years to the **Cleveland Leadership Center** under its Strengthening the Nonprofit/Philanthropic Sector grantmaking category. Grant funds will be used to support scholarships for nonprofit leaders to attend the Center's programs.

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About Saint Luke's Foundation

Now in its 19th year of grantmaking, Saint Luke's Foundation is dedicated to improving and transforming social and physical conditions in our neighborhood and improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Greater Cleveland. Our program strategy framework positions us to build sustainable solutions to key issues that impact our community. Since it was established with the charitable assets of the Saint Luke's Medical Center in 1997, the Foundation has awarded more than \$100 million in grant payments. Information on the work of Saint Luke's Foundation is available on the Foundation's website:
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