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# 2016 PARTNERSHIP IN MINISTRY AWARD

## Awardees and Summaries of Considered Programs

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### NEW MAJOR GRANTS

- 1. Rutherford Faith Community Wellness Program, Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital (STRH), Murfreesboro, TN**  
**(\$100,000 over two years/First year \$50,000 – Second year \$50,000)**  
Contact: Anne Davis, Director, Saint Thomas Rutherford Foundation  
Endorsement: Greg Pope, Vice President, Mission Integration & CMIO Ministry Market

*The goal of this program is to work closely with more than 30 congregations to provide state of the art wellness promotion and health care that embodies physical, physiological, social and spiritual care of individuals. The program is multi-dimensional with three primary components: 1) Faith Community Nurse Involvement, 2) Clinically Integrated Coordination of Care, and 3) Congregational Health and Clergy Health Programming. The integration of STRH, Faith Community Nurses (FCN) and clergy health and congregational care support teams will lead to personalized care and better individual and community health outcomes. STRH anticipates reaching approximately 1,000 individuals with STRH congregational nurse navigation; touching 30,000 lives through FCNs, congregation care team support and education; initial commitment of 30 congregations; and initial participation of 80 church and organizational representatives.*

- 2. Step-Down Respite Bridge Housing Pilot Program for People Experiencing Homelessness, Circle the City, Phoenix, AZ**  
**(\$100,000 over two years/First year \$50,000 – Second year \$50,000)**  
Contact: Wendy White, Grants Specialist  
Endorsement: Teresa Kyale, CSJ

*This new pilot project will provide crucial short-term bridge housing with medical support for men discharging from the MRC who have transitional needs (the full-fledged project will include both men and women). Some of these patients have vouchers and need an interim situation until their housing is available. Others are waiting for income and other benefit programs to begin. Still others need step-down assistance to learn how to live independently and function within the community. The program focuses on providing a medically supported living situation with behavioral wrap-around services, so that these individuals can maintain their health and well-being during this crucial transition period.*

- 3. Health Care for the Homeless Initiative, St. Vincent's HealthCare, Jacksonville, FL (\$50,000 over two years/First year \$25,000 – Second year \$25,000)**  
Contact: Jane Lanier, President and CDO, St. Vincent's Foundation  
Endorsement: Tracie Loftis, Vice President, Mission Integration

*HealthCare for the Homeless Initiative is expanding health services to the homeless in St. Johns and Clay Counties including health screenings, medications, lab work, vaccinations, flu shots and diabetes education. The program's goal is to develop trusting relationships with the homeless and promote the best health outcomes through patient services and individualized instruction in a caring, compassionate environment. MHOM will collaborate with Clay County Health Department and Mercy Support Services to guide the homeless of Clay County to self-sufficiency. One clinic occurs at a local church that has a free food pantry and the second clinic occurs in the parking lot of a local grocery store near an extended stay motel where over 60+ homeless live. In St. Johns County, MHOM will collaborate with The Wildflower Clinic in providing free medical care to the homeless congregating near St. Francis House, the area's only homeless shelter.*

## **ONGOING ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS**

- 1. Outreach Services, South Mobile County, Providence Hospital (\$20,500 One-time Award / can reapply for second year funding in 2017)**  
Contact: Kim Weems, Outreach and Advocacy Manager  
Endorsement: Lynn Tate, Vice President, Mission Integration

*Providence Outreach serves south Mobile County, an impoverished, isolated community on the Gulf Coast. Currently classes are offered to clients referred by Bayou Clinic in Bayou La Batre. Bayou Clinic provides the A1C testing and Providence provides the education. This grant will assist in expanding classes to include patients of the other primary care providers in south Mobile County and we will arrange for Hispanic, Laotian, Cambodian, and Vietnamese community members to receive medical translation training to ensure correct translation of the education provided. The program will also provide BP cuffs and BG meters and strips to those who can't afford to purchase them. Routine A1C effectiveness of the classes and the disease progression.*

- 2. La Casa Guadalupana, Detroit, MI (\$50,000 One-time Award / can reapply for a second year funding in 2017)**  
Contact: Sr. Marie Benzing, CSJ, Coordinator  
Endorsement: Sr. Betty Granger, CSJ

*La Casa Guadalupana is an adult literacy program located in southwest Detroit. It serves the Latino community and provides instruction for adults who have not completed their elementary or high school education. A children's literacy program takes place in the parish convent and both programs are staffed with Sisters of St. Joseph and associates volunteering as tutors. Funding will be used to expand services, adding a fourth day of classes to a three-day week. Additional time will allow the students to achieve certification more rapidly and become more employable. An additional class for ESL (English as a Second Language), intermediate level will be added. Health assessments including blood pressure screening diabetic testing, weight and vision screening will be available monthly for moms and children with the help of a nurse practitioner. In collaboration with the Mexican Consulate, presentations will be provided for women students on health and wellness, dealing with domestic violence, flu shots and immigration issues.*

## ONGOING ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS CONSIDERED

### 1. **Bread and Roses Café, St. Joseph Center, Venice, CA**

Contact: Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Executive Director

Endorsement: Sr. Theresa Kvale, CSJ

*Since 1976, St. Joseph Center (SJC) has been meeting the needs of low-income and homeless individuals and families in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista and other communities in Los Angeles County. The Center's mission is to provide working poor families, as well as homeless men, women and children of all ages, with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community. The Bread and Roses Café provides homeless men, women and children with healthy meals in a comfortable, dignified and welcoming environment. The Café acts as a gateway to life-enhancing services available through SJC's Homeless Services Center, which is the entry-point for more in-depth programs and services that help homeless individuals and families obtain permanent housing. Bread and Roses Café is unique as it focuses not only on providing food but also on taking great care with the manner in which meals are served and prepared to create a dignified experience for all clients. Because "hearts starve as well as bodies," our café also focuses on creating a caring atmosphere with a restaurant ambiance.*

### 2. **Expanding Housing for the Homeless: A Community Solution that Works, Alexian Brothers Housing and Health Alliance, Chicago, IL**

Contact: Cheryl Potts, Executive Director

Endorsement: Bob Smoot, Vice President, Mission Integration

*Since 1989, the Alexian Brothers Housing and Health Alliance (ABHHA) has provided housing, healthcare and support services to more than 2,400 men and women who are homeless and living with HIV/AIDS; the majority have a history of substance abuse and are also coping with mental illness. Alexian Brothers Housing and Health Alliance is partnering with other providers to establish an additional 415 units of permanent supportive community housing for Chicago's homeless. This project doubles the capacity of ABHHA's current community housing program by adding 113 units to the existing 111. This project would improve the health of 113 homeless men and women on Chicago's underserved South Side*

### 3. **Nativity House Intern Program, Congregation of St. Joseph, Lockport, IL**

Contact: Venus Wozniak, Director

Endorsement: Sr. Joanne Vallero, CSJ

*Operating since 2011, the Nativity House has three main goals: live as an intentional Catholic community, be a house of hospitality for expectant mothers, and operate a Catholic Worker Farm. As a community, the Nativity House prays together, participates in community meals five times per week and demonstrates leadership to the greater community as people of faith living out the Gospel message. With the support of funding, the yearlong intern program would expand and develop. This unique community allows interns, staff and guest mothers to all live together and develop relationships through the works of mercy. This program works toward bringing about systematic change through the formation and experience given to promising future leaders.*

**4. Feeding our Future: Addressing Food Insecurity in Southwestern Indiana, St. Mary's Health Foundation, Evansville, IN**

Contact: Janet Raisor, Executive Director, St. Mary's Health Foundation  
Endorsement: Sr. Gertrude Levy, DC

*St. Mary's Health (SMH), in collaboration with the Tri-State Food Bank, is proposing to expand the Food Bank's Weekend Backpack Food for Kids Program (BackPack Program) through the Feeding our Future: Addressing Food Insecurity in Southwestern Indiana initiative. The program addresses food insecurity by providing nutritious food to school-age children who would otherwise not have adequate food to eat over the weekend during the school year. Through a partnership with local schools, the Food Bank prepares backpacks that are delivered to the schools and sent home with students. The backpacks are returned and replenished with food each week. The current program serves approximately 1,000 children in the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, a public school corporation serving Evansville, Indiana, and Vanderburgh County. St. Mary's Health and the Tri-State Food Bank anticipate serving an additional 200 children annually through the expansion of the program.*

**5. Whole Child Education Project, St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf, Indianapolis, IN**

Contact: Karyl Davis, Director of Development  
Endorsement: Sr. Maureen Freeman, CSJ, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

*St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf (SJI) was the founding mission and ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. SJI currently offers a variety of Listening and Spoken Language programs including: early intervention services, full time preschool/primary program, internet therapy, mainstream support, ongoing consultation, and comprehensive educational training opportunities for families and professionals. Funding would support the SJI program, the Whole Child Education Project, which seeks to explore the next step in providing holistic educational services to young children who are deaf or hard of hearing through a better understanding and teaching method addressing the significance of executive function within a child's early development. This two-year project will create a learning environment conducive to enhancing executive function skills and a process will be established to test and collect data in conjunction with current research studies with the goal of improving developmental outcomes.*

**6. Transitional Care Clinic, Via Christi Hospitals – Wichita, Wichita, KS**

Contact: Robyn Chadwick, Senior Director, Operations  
Endorsement: Peg Tichacek, Chief Mission Integration Office, Kansas Market

*The Via Christi Transitional Care Clinic mission is to deliver person centered, safe, effective, and holistic care; and utilizing advanced resources and capabilities for each individual patient across the healthcare continuum. The Transitional Care Clinic provides primary care to patients who are not established with a Primary Care Physician in the community. The patients served are in need of medical services following a recent hospitalization or emergency room visit and many of them are the poorest of the poor, living on the streets or under bridges. The team of Nurse Practitioners, RNs, Medical Assistants and Social Workers work to connect patients with a variety of community resources including but not limited to medication assistance, specialty care and funding when available.*

7. **St. John Pediatric Weight Management Program, St John Hospital and Medical Center, Detroit, MI**  
Contact: James J. Maciejko, MS, PhD, FACC  
Endorsement: Betty Granger, CSJ

*The St. John Providence Children's Hospital Pediatric Weight Management Program (PWMP) is a multi-disciplinary, structured, interventional approach to combating the childhood obesity epidemic. It was launched at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in March 2013. The PWMP offers a much needed service to the local community through providing a full array of nutritional, exercise and behavioral modification instruction to children and adolescents with unhealthy body weights. The Program allows each child to feel part of a worthwhile process that will help them feel better about themselves, improve their health and increase the likelihood for a successful life. Funding will help ensure that children in the community who are underinsured, not insured, or government insured would have the opportunity to participate in the PWMP.*

8. **Maternal Infant Health Program, Reverence Home Health & Hospice, Grand Blanc, MI**  
Contact: Elisa Wilson, Coordinator Maternal Infant Health Program  
Endorsement: Andy Kruse

*The Maternal Infant Health Program is an evidence-based home visiting program that serves at-risk mothers and infants who qualify for Medicaid insurance in Genesee County. The goal of this program is to reduce infant mortality and promote healthy pregnancy and successful birth outcomes by addressing high risk behaviors (such as smoking alcohol/drug abuse), chronic health issues (Hypertension, Asthma, Diabetes), and psychosocial factors (Safe Sleep, Stress/Depression, Domestic Violence) that affect these families. Reverence Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) and Healthy Start provide approximately 3,000 home visits to 600 high risk families each year living below 185% of the poverty level. The families are typically in crisis, without adequate transportation or stable income, and basic needs are rarely met. Reverence MIHP proposes to increase engagement and retention through the provision of incentives for consistent participation in home visiting services, thus decreasing the risk of premature births, infant deaths and increasing positive birth outcomes.*

9. **Expanding Youth Outreach Programs, Woodbury Life Resource Center – Options for Women, Woodbury, MN**  
Contact: Sara Oakland Curl, Executive Director  
Endorsement: Sr. Doreen Charest

*Woodbury Life Resource Center is a life-affirming organization that offers access to a wide range of free services and support for teens, young adults, parents and families experiencing an unplanned pregnancy or seeking abstinence support. Funding would enable the expansion of the Youth and Chastity Outreach offerings which promote abstinence and chastity emphasizing the virtues of choosing healthy lifestyles and leading chaste lives before and during marriage. Funding would also bring nationally renowned abstinence/chastity speaker, Jason Evert from the Chastity Project, to area schools and churches. The efforts of these outreach programs help teens understand and avoid negative consequences of promiscuity and recreational sexual activity, allowing young people to preserve, maintain, and even reestablish an understanding of their dignity and self-respect.*

**10. Therapeutic Support for Victims of Sexual Abuse, Marygrove, Florissant, MO**

Contact: Meghan Mueller, Grants Manager

Endorsement: Sr. Helen Negri, DC

*The mission of Marygrove is to provide quality mental health services to severely disturbed children, young adults and their families who are economically disadvantaged. Marygrove serves over 200 children each day who have been diagnosed with behavioral, emotional or other mental health disorders. Funding would assist with the unreimbursed cost of care for young girls and women, ages 6-21, who are in the Residential Treatment Program as a result of being sexually abused and/or involved in sex trafficking. The program provides residential treatment to boys and girls (Grant application applies only to girls) who are learning to overcome emotional, psychological, and psychiatric challenges. Cottages on Marygrove's campus provide a safe, secure family-like setting for the children receiving treatment. Children receive individual, group and recreation therapy every week.*

**11. Bexar Organizing Communities-Area South (B.O.C.A.S.) For Community Health, Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio, San Antonio, TX**

Contact: Mike Bennett, President and CEO

Endorsement: Sr. Consuelo Tovar, DC

*The Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio (DCSSA) provide medical, dental, early childhood education and social services that are otherwise not readily available or accessible to the people residing in one of San Antonio's most economically challenged communities. DCSSA decided to take a socio-ecological approach to address the community health needs of the Highland Oaks families in south Bexar County. This community of 200 plus families is Mexican American and first generation Hispanic immigrants with hard-working heads of households in low-wage jobs. Funding would allow DCSSA to conduct a community needs assessment of the families in Highland Oaks, and to create a Health and Social Determinants of Health Database. The Health Database combines data such as education level, employment and housing status, community context, and built environment. Analysis of this database will help us identify the vulnerable status of the community, guide health promotion efforts, and further inform and direct health care workers about the social issues that affect care, improve health care coordination, and generate cost savings by facilitating the efficient distribution of limited resources.*

## **START UP PROGRAMS**

**1. DCSNO Kids First, Daughters of Charity Foundation of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA (\$38,500 One-time Award / Can reapply for a second year in 2017)**

Contact: Felice S Hill, Development Manager)

Endorsement: Sr. Bonnie Hoffman, DC

*To address a community deficit and meet a state mandate, DCSNO is collaborating with local schools to provide behavioral health, vision and hearing services for some of the most vulnerable and poorest children. The Kids First Program will service schools, Pre-K3 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, where 85% of the student body receives free or reduced lunches. Through this partnership, 3,000 students in 50 schools will receive vision and hearing screening and licensed counselors will provide counseling to 75 children referred by schools. By offering these services, DCSNO will eliminate barriers to care, provide access to resources and support the needs of families and schools.*

## START UP PROGRAMS CONSIDERED

### 1. Integrating Behavioral Health into Primary Care, Via Christi Health, Wichita, KS

Contact: Monica Coen

Endorsement: Peg Tichacek, Chief Mission Integration Officer

*As the largest provider of health care services in Kansas, Via Christi Health provides clinically integrated, patient centered care to residents of Kansas and northeast Oklahoma. The primary goal for the proposed project is to reduce inpatient admissions and Emergency Department visits and improve population health by developing a sustainable and effective model to integrate behavioral health care into the outpatient primary care settings. This will result in higher utilization of behavioral health resources and reduce Emergency Department visits for behavioral health patients who can be cared for in other settings. Funding will support the hiring of a full-time Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the newly created Behavioral Health Consultant position with responsibility for developing and sustaining a model of clinical behavioral health care to be replicated throughout Via Christi's extensive network of primary care providers.*

### 2. Care Center, Saint Agnes Healthcare, Inc. Baltimore, MD

Contact: Director of Grant Management

Endorsement: Anne Buening, Vice President, Mission Integration

*Saint Agnes is a 251-bed full-service teaching hospital with residency programs in a number of medical and surgical specialties. For the FY17 Community Needs Assessment, Saint Agnes is proposing three health issues to address the high prevalence of chronic disease in their primary service area: (1) address obesity and diabetes prevalence; (2) reduce cardiovascular disease burden, and (3) create person-centered healthy neighborhoods. To address these challenges, the hospital is proposing a new center of care to guide better health care delivery practices for patients with multiple chronic conditions and other medical needs to significantly reduce potentially avoidable utilization. The Care Center utilizes a patient-centered, multidisciplinary holistic approach to manage chronic conditions and prevent readmissions through identification of high risk patients, education and self-management, nurse navigation, ambulatory care, spiritual care and social support.*

### 3. Hospitality at Home, St. Alexius Outreach Ministries, Chattanooga, TN

Contact: Susan W. Chill, Executive Director

Endorsement: Brother Lawrence Krueger, CFA

*St. Alexian Outreach Ministries (SOAM) is a mission of the Alexian Brothers Immaculate Conception Province that was established in April 2014 to discern and establish new outreach ministries in the greater Chattanooga area for the marginalized, poor and disenfranchised. In November 2015, SOAM moved forward with Hospitality at Home, a program designed to relieve senior isolation and hunger in the greater Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee area. The Hospitality at Home mission will provide friendship, hope and supportive services (food, assistance with home safety and socialization) to our homebound and isolated senior elders (70+) living at home. SOAM is prepared to serve at least 50 senior elders providing services in the first year using the Deming method (plan, do, check, act) to evaluate the ongoing development of the program.*

**4. Opt-out HIV Testing Program, Centro San Vicente, El Paso, TX**

Contact: Sr Suzanne Anglim, Chief Mission Integration Officer

Endorsement: Sr. Suzanne Anglim, DC

*Centro San Vicente (CSV) was founded by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul in 1988 to provide accessible and affordable medical care and social services to the residents living in El Paso County. Funding would allow Centro San Vicente to launch a routine HIV testing service at our health center sites. The plan is to integrate HIV testing into primary care by offering an opt-out HIV testing program targeting patients 18 to 65 years of age, as part of a standard component of medical care. Opt-out screening of HIV means that HIV tests will be routinely conducted unless a patient explicitly refuses to take an HIV test. The Center will work with the State Health Department in determining allowable strategies for informed consent. However, the opt-out model helps to simplify the process, eliminates the need for pretest counseling and post-test counseling. Under the pilot year, the opt-out testing program will be provided to a minimum of 4,545 patients each funding year, which will be included as part of their standard annual physical, at no cost to the uninsured patient. By removing the cost of the HIV test for uninsured patients, patients will not be confronted with a financial barrier in their consideration in accepting the HIV test. Patients having a third party reimbursement will be covered by their insurance.*

**5. The Workshop Way System of Human Growth in Greater Kalamazoo, Michigan**

Contact: Mary Anne Dalton, CSJ, Administrative Team Member

Endorsement: Sr. Betty Granger, CSJ

*Workshop Way is a System of Education for Human Growth that introduces systemic change in how teaching and learning occur in classrooms so that all students in a healthy social and emotional climate can learn to learn, learn to think, and learn to manage their lives from Pre-K up through the grades. Funding through this grant will be used to offer the opportunity for greater Kalamazoo educational leaders to learn about Workshop Way's scope and influence, to decide if the Workshop Way fits into their educational needs, and is worthy of teacher professional development by means of a five-day workshop. It would offer a series of two introductory three-hour seminars for educational leaders with hopes that there would be facilitation of interested teachers to participate in a five-day in-service to learn the philosophy and psychology of the system and its unique management to make it happen. The greater Kalamazoo area has been targeted because of the Kalamazoo Promise which offers the opportunity of full four-year tuition at a college in the state.*

**6. Healthy Families: Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, Columbia St. Mary's, Milwaukee, WI**

Contact: Bill Solberg, Director, Community Services

Endorsement: Sr. Lois Bush, Chief Mission Integration Officer, Ascension Wisconsin

*Columbia St. Mary's (CSM) healthcare system is committed to serving southeastern Wisconsin communities with accessible, affordable, and excellent care that heals body, mind and spirit. CSM strives to make a difference in the health and lives of people and communities, with special concern for the vulnerable. Wheaton Franciscan, the newest member of Ascension Wisconsin and a partner in this program, has been providing exceptional care in southeastern Wisconsin for more than 140 years. The Healthy Families Program will identify 300 women who 1) have high-risk births (babies born prematurely, at less than 37 weeks' gestation or babies with birthweight of less than 2,500 grams), 2) have a chronic disease – hypertension, diabetes, kidney disease, or asthma, and 3) do not have a primary-care provider. The navigator will help them establish eligibility for insurance coverage, as needed, and provide case management to ensure they receive primary care – calling them after hospital discharge, following up to ensure appointment and care compliance, and linking them to appropriate community resources. Linking women to primary care will improve their health and promote healthy births to reduce infant mortality. The program is a response to significant community need for primary care and healthy births.*



## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

### 1. Elizabeth Seton Nursing School, Cochabamba, Bolivia (\$10,000 One-time Award)

Contact: Sr. Irma Guadalupe Garza

Endorsement: Sr. Maria Isabel Ruiz, DC

*Seton Nursing School is dedicated to the formation of excellent professionals oriented to satisfy the needs of the region and the country. This award will be used for co-financing of new computers to update the computer lab and virtual library to meet the educational needs of the students, postgraduates and staff at Seton. This will enable access to the most up-to-date knowledge so the graduates have the necessary skills to provide the most advanced care for their patients. Seton Nursing School will continue to give back to the community as they provide professional formation to their students who come from rural areas and lower income brackets, who will generate positive personal, family and community change.*

### 2. West Wollege, DANKA CLINIC, Daughters of Charity, St. Mary's Provincial House, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (\$10,000 One Time Award)

Contact and Endorsement: Sr. Alganesh Assefay

*The Danka Catholic Church Clinic's goal is to provide an on-going system of rural health care facilities and service both preventive, promotive and curative to prevent most of the diseases for which the communities are seeking health services and to maintain good health. The main focus of the clinic is polyclinic services to those individuals who are not able to go and get medical treatment in the government or private health service centers. The clinic undertakes examination of patients, provides laboratory services, injection and wound dressing and provision of necessary medicines. The clinic works in collaboration with other sectors so that the poorest patients of TB or HIV/AIDS, who do not have relatives to support them, may get relief and die with human dignity.*

### 3. Education and Feeding Programs, Vincentian Family Haiti Initiative (VFHI), Savane Perdue, La Hoye, Thomonde Haiti (\$10,000 One Time Award)

Contact: Regine Theodat, National Coordinator

Endorsement: Sr. Margaret Clifford, DC

*The VFHI Educational Program consists of two components in seventeen selected schools (over 4,200 elementary students). The Educational Program will raise the quality of education and a Feeding Program will provide daily hot meals for each student. The program promotes quality education in the schools by referencing the Department of Education requirements and partners with the schools for individual School Improvement Plans (SIP). Some focus areas include: infrastructure and equipment; teaching and school administration; governance and leadership; and finance and operations. The Feeding Program will provide a daily hot meal for each student in collaboration with Mary's Meals and managed by our partner, Caritas Hinche. Meal preparation and serving will create local employment opportunities. Future plans include providing locally grown products to provide nutritious meals.*

### 4. Holy Cross Dispensary, Daughters of Charity, Limuru, Kenya

Contact and Endorsement: Sister Deborah Mallott, D.C., Administrator

*Holy Cross Dispensary is a general service outpatient clinic. In collaboration with the DOC in Thigio, Kijabe Hospital, a general hospital in the area sponsored a separate HIV clinic in the hall on the same campus as Holy Cross Dispensary. In keeping with the current policy of the government of Kenya, this mobile clinic has now been integrated into Holy Cross Dispensary. As a result the number of patients seen in the clinic each day has increased and it is anticipated to increase further as a result of intensified efforts to identify persons in need of treatment for HIV. The immediate effect of the integration increased the number of patients by 300. The clinic is very small. The pharmacy distribution point is located in the same room as reception. This arrangement does not allow for the privacy required for medication/adherence counseling. The funding will be used to increase the size of the waiting area and to add a separate pharmacy area. The expansion of existing space will make room for the expected increase in patients.*

**5. Nurse Midwife Program at Visitation Clinic in Petite Rivière de Nippes, Haiti  
Visitation Hospital Foundation, Nashville, TN (\$10,000 One Time Award)**

Contact: Lee Anne Wills, VP Marketing & Development  
Endorsement: Sr. Mary Kay Tyrell, DC

*The goal of Visitation Hospital Foundation's Nurse Midwife project is to reduce the number of maternal deaths due to pregnancy complications in the Petite Rivière de Nippes region in Haiti through the employment of competent and skilled professional Nurse Midwives. The Nurse Midwives teach classes for mothers on pre- and post-natal care and breastfeeding, provide ongoing health education and patient care. In addition, with the spread of the Zika virus, the Midwives help to inform women of childbearing age about this virus and ways to prevent infection while pregnant. Because of the Nurse Midwives, more mothers have sought health care at the clinic. This has served to grow the awareness of the clinic and increase the total number of patients. This award will support the funding of the stipends for Nurse Midwives along with supplies and education materials required for one year. This funding will assist with not only the increase in the number of mothers giving birth in the presence of a midwife, but would decrease the number of unnecessary maternal deaths in the region. With properly trained Nurse Midwives, women in the region will be able to give birth at home (as customary) with a Nurse Midwife or if needed, in the clinic, barring any extreme complications that might require specialist intervention. Nurse Midwives at a home will be able to assess those cases that need transfer to the clinic in extreme cases, to the hospital in Miragoâne. If transportation to Miragoâne is needed, VHF does have an ambulance to provide safe transfer.*

## **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS CONSIDERED**

**1. Promoting Community Engagement for Improved Health, Nutrition, and Sanitation  
Daughters of Charity – Social and Development Coordinating Office  
Mekelle, Tigray-Ethiopia**

Contact: Gebreslassie Gebray, Deputy Social and Development Programme Coordinator; DC, Tigray  
Endorsement: Sr. Medhin Tesfay; Head of DC Projects and Services, Tigray

*Daughters of Charity (DC) is a non-profit, faith-based organization working under the auspices of the Catholic Church. The mission of the organization is serving God through the poor and most disadvantaged in the community. This project will promote community engagement which entails creating awareness, transferring knowledge and skills to the community, and ensuring their participation in health activities; and health development teams (women groups) will work to identify the health problems of their community and come up with solution for better uptake or utilization of health services. Particularly, these women's groups will work with DC Alitena Health Center to identify health needs, creating linkages and promote preventive, curative and rehabilitative health activities to improve access to and uptake of maternal and child health services and ensure adequate sanitation facilities at household level. DC would use the funding to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with inadequate maternal and child health services including malnutrition among poor mothers and children, and improve household sanitation condition in the seven peasant associations – lower administrative units – of the remotely located District of the regional state of Tigray.*

## **2. International Family Medicine Fellowship, Via Christi Health, Wichita, KS**

Contact: Lynette Murphy, Lead, Philanthropy

Endorsement: Peg Tichacek, Chief Mission Integration Officer

*Via Christi is seeking a grant to provide funding for physicians' expenses at the African mission sites as they make a difference in the lives and health of thousands of patients in the poorest of nations. The cost per resident is about \$14,000 for their five-month service, which includes food, lodging, travel and medical documents. The overseas rotations allow the physicians to provide medical care to patients in Africa. Via Christi International Family Medicine program, launched in 2009, provides training for mission-minded and highly motivated physicians to serve the underserved. The program is a one-year residency training program to prepare family practice physicians with the unique knowledge and clinical skills necessary to effectively care for the poorest and most medically underserved people of the world and of rural Kansas.*

## **3. Education and Awareness of Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease and the Impact of those Left Behind**

### **St. John Providence, Detroit – Warren, MI**

Contact: Deana M. Simpson, RN, Vice President Transformation Development

Endorsement: Laurie Lennon-Hynes

*St. John Providence Detroit is committed to providing care to treat the entire person – body, mind and spirit. Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (CJD) is a rare, transmissible, fatal, neurodegenerative brain disease. The incidence is one out of every million persons, per population, per year, worldwide. There is no treatment and no cure. Through raising awareness and educating healthcare professionals and the public at large, it will help remove the stigma surrounding CJD and other prion diseases; promote research activities around early detection, prevention, treatment opportunities, improved quality of life and ultimately a cure; and increase proper utilization of resources. The CJD International Support Alliance (CJDISA) was formed to fill the gap that exists on an international level and to assure excellence in the service to individuals affected/at risk of CJD, their families and their caregivers. Also, awareness would promote continued access to care for those in active disease or those at risk for prion disease and assist in ensuring a safe blood and food supply.*

### **Vincentian Family Office, Philadelphia, PA**

Contact: Sr. Margaret Marie Clifford, DC, Advancement Coordinator

Endorsement: Sr. Margaret Marie Clifford, DC

*The Vincentian Family Office (VFO) coordinates activities, provides information and delivers formation experiences on the heritage and charism of St. Vincent de Paul to nearly 300 branches of the Vincentian Family (VF) throughout the world. This includes promoting communication and collaboration among the various branches of the Vincentian Family, as well as opportunities for leadership to meet and develop ways to work together. In this day of wireless communication our mandate includes introducing Vincentians to each other, sharing best practices and organizational structures in addition to mentoring those early in this formation process.*

## SECOND YEAR FUNDING:

**1. Kids Vision for Life – Central Texas, Seton Healthcare Family, Austin, TX (\$100,000 over two years/First year \$50,000 – Second year \$50,000)**

Contact: Tracee Henneke, Grants Coordinator

Endorsement: Kenneth L. Gladish, Ph.D., Interim Exec. Sponsor Misson, SVP

*According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, vision impairment is one of the most prevalent disabling conditions among children in the United States; and yet, 80 percent of all vision impairment can be prevented or cured. In collaboration with Essilor Vision Foundation, Seton helped launch Kids Vision for Life-Central Texas in the greater Austin area – providing vision screenings, eye exams and new prescription eyeglasses to children in need within local schools. In all, Kids Vision for Life has already provided more than 310,150 screenings, 93,725 eye exams and 84,010 pairs of new prescription glasses to low-income children with the help of a mobile clinic that comes to the school.*

**2. Maternal and Infant Health Education and Outreach, Borgess Health, Kalamazoo, MI (\$100,000 over two years/First year \$50,000 – Second year \$50,000)**

Contact: Morgan Robinson, Community Benefit Manager

Endorsement: Linda Root, Vice President, Mission Integration

*On average, Kalamazoo County welcomes 3,000 new infants each year, yet approximately 1,500 of them are considered at risk – especially for African American babies who have a mortality rate 4.5 times higher than that of Caucasian babies. Borgess currently provides obstetric support to high risk mothers, particularly in the areas of outreach and education. With the rate of postpartum medical visits six weeks after birth as low as 13 percent, Borgess seeks to fix issues like transportation that impede poor and vulnerable mothers from getting the care they need. They also want to expand an incentive program developed to reward mothers who come back and make their health and the health of their baby a priority.*

**4. Connecting to Care: Patient Guide Training, St. Vincent – Rural and Urban Access to Health, St. Vincent Health (\$21,000 over two years/First year \$5,000 – Second year \$16,000)**

Contact: Sherry Gray, Director

Endorsement: Loraine Brown, Interim SVP, Chief Mission Integration Officer

*Rural and Urban Access to Health (RUAH) is a community-based care coordination program sponsored by the St. Vincent Medical Group. In partnership with a non-profit training and consulting organization, The Cross Cultural Health Program (CCHCP), RUAH has trained 87 medical interpreters who have helped build a cultural bridge toward better access to health care at St. Vincent Health. RUAH seeks to train its interpreters in CCHCP's new program called Connecting to Care that expands their role to include patient education, patient navigation and cultural competency.*

