



SISTERS *of* CHARITY FOUNDATION  
OF CANTON



2010 ANNUAL REPORT





Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.

*St. Augustine*

# Our Vision

To improve the quality of life of the poor and underserved so they can live to their fullest potential.

Dear Friends,

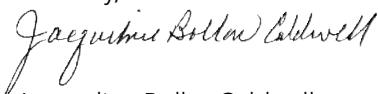
In our community, there is poverty. In 2010, the economic downturn forced our community to focus on the stark reality that in our county, 13% of the adults live at or below the federal poverty level and nearly half (47.6%) of the children live at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Those who can least afford it have been the most affected by the economic downturn. In 2010, we witnessed nearly unprecedented levels of need and vulnerability — but also unprecedented levels of generosity, productive collaboration, and solidarity.

Our work begins with our purpose. We work to impact the root causes of poverty. The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine were — and are — steadfast in their determination to make a difference in our community. The Sisters themselves believe, “our foundation ministries are devoted to confronting poverty at the source. Living our devotion means being agents of systemic change who provide support to agencies that improve the quality of life for children, their families, and entire neighborhoods.” When they created their foundations, the Sisters had a vision of how things could be when their devotion was translated into action and determination. They were both dreamers and realists; the vision of what could be was firmly coupled with an understanding of the hard work it would take to get there and the challenges that would need to be overcome.

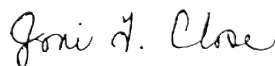
We dedicate our efforts to improving the lives of the poor and underserved in our community. Through long-term strategic initiatives in early childhood and health care access and through our responsive grantmaking, we address the numerous obstacles that often stand in their way. For example, we help parents prepare their children to succeed in school. We work to ensure access to health care for those who are already struggling to meet their most basic needs. Because too many lives are derailed by homelessness, we work to ensure there are resources to shelter the homeless and help them get back on track. And we address these obstacles in so many other ways as well.

We work closely with organizations and partners in this community and throughout the state, to make a difference. What does it mean, and what does it look like, to “make a difference?” It means that we give the vulnerable a voice, a path, a better world, and, hopefully, as a result, a better life.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Bollas Caldwell  
Chair, Board of Directors



Joni T. Close  
President







# early childhood

By now, nearly everyone is familiar with the African proverb *it takes a village to raise a child*. Certainly it's true: children need diverse guidance and experiences if they are to grow up to be well-adjusted, happy, and successful. It also takes a village to effectively educate a child. Early education is most effective when children are exposed to a combination of powerful learning supports, in an approach called *complementary learning*.<sup>1</sup> In addition to early childhood programs and community support, the Harvard Graduate School of Education theorizes that family involvement not only positively influences early learning and later school success, it may well be *the* most important piece of the complementary learning equation. Because parenting supports may actually have “the power to alter the influence of poverty on children’s language and literacy development,”<sup>1</sup> it is crucial to ensure that parents have the resources to engage their children.

Since 2005, early learning backpacks have helped Ohio families build the skills necessary for their children’s kindergarten readiness and school success. The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton initially promoted the backpacks as a way to broaden the outreach of the SPARK SUPPORTING PARTNERSHIPS TO ASSURE READY KIDS™ kindergarten readiness program and keep SPARK families supplied with activity materials between SPARK home visits.

The backpacks were devised to be especially helpful for families in rural areas where early learning resources may not be readily accessible, and for families in areas where SPARK services are unavailable. The Foundation has awarded nearly \$23,000 to local libraries to ensure that backpacks are widely available.

The books and hands-on materials in the

Total investment:  
**\$8,485,660**

backpacks help families work with their children from birth through age eight to develop a variety of early literacy and developmental skills. They promote early learning through parent-child activities designed to support the Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning Content Standards.



Each backpack has a theme and contains books, manipulatives, and supplies designed to support learning in all of the Early Learning Content areas (math, science, social studies, and language arts). The materials in each backpack are designed to build on each other, creating a comprehensive learning experience around the given theme. An activity

guide provides simple instructions and suggestions for ways to stimulate conversation and support learning even beyond kit activities. There are currently 20 backpack themes in the collection, and additional themes are being developed.

One very popular backpack has been the *Healthy Me, ABC* backpack, which features two books on the alphabet and one book on creating edible art projects, along with toy vegetables and magnetic letters. The activity guide leads the parent and child through activities related to the books (such as learning about letters by focusing on the beginning sound of each toy vegetable). The guide also suggests ways to integrate the themed learning into daily activities, for example by playing "I Spy" in the produce section of the supermarket. Other kits focus on such subjects as rhyming, the seasons, and the life cycle of a butterfly.

Production of the backpacks has become an important revenue stream for the Early



Childhood Resource Center. The Center creates and sells them through its *Sprout Learning* retail operation. The backpacks are currently in use in libraries and schools throughout Ohio. Locally, they're a big hit with families. The 194 backpacks housed in the ten branches of the Stark County District Library were checked out 1,275 times from January through September 2010, and the 154 backpacks housed in the libraries in Alliance, Louisville, Massillon, and Minerva were checked out more than 1,700 times during the year. Additional backpacks are available at libraries and schools in Boardman, Cincinnati, Columbiana, Gallipolis, and Youngstown. When polled, 67% of families who checked out the backpacks reported using the kits interactively with their children to provide help and interpretation of the kit theme, and 85% reported having checked out more than four kits.

According to Kathy Heller, youth services manager at the Minerva Public Library, the backpacks have been very well received and have been popular with patrons for a very long time. She uses the backpacks with children during story time each week. Once the children participate in the activities, they often clamor to do the activities again. Kathy then prompts them to check out the backpacks so that they can continue the activities at home with their families.

The Foundation believes in complementary learning as a way to transcend the barriers imposed by poverty. Along with efforts targeting families, early education and care providers, schools, and the community, early learning backpacks are helping our youngest citizens begin their paths to success.





In our community, we have educational achievement gaps that show up when children enter school and rarely improve as children progress through school. Because the research tells us that children who receive high-quality early education and care are far more likely to succeed in school and in life, we focus on improving the education, care, and experiences of our youngest citizens.



Before we began our Quality Child Care Initiative, the prevailing philosophy was that children were more or less born with their development mapped out. When we began this work, researchers were just beginning to learn that brain development is heavily influenced by outside

elements — environment, nourishment, stimulation, care, and relationships. In the decade since, we have learned even more about how crucial children’s early experiences can be.

**Our early childhood initiatives comprehensively and strategically address the spectrum of early childhood needs in our community. We focus on helping families, providers, schools, and children. The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton is working to ensure that the children in our community have the best possible beginning.**

The Foundation developed and funded the **Early Childhood Resource Center** to provide professional development opportunities and supports for those who work with young children. Professionals from centers, preschools, Head Start classrooms, neighborhood child care homes, and school districts rely on the Center for educational resources and training, support services, and professional development opportunities.

Among its offerings are a production lab for creating learning materials, a specialized early childhood library, and numerous workshops, seminars, and courses that guide providers through the process of becoming credentialed or earning a post-secondary degree. As the Center moves into a larger facility in early 2011, it will expand its services to include families with young children.

In order to reach parents of young children, the Foundation formed the **Stark County Early Childhood Communications Collaborative**, which is made up of individuals, early childhood experts, and representatives from private organizations, nonprofit organizations, and public departments that fund or support early childhood programs and initiatives. Through its *Early Experiences Last a Lifetime* public awareness campaign, the Collaborative promotes public awareness about the

Children in high-quality early childhood programs are better prepared for school entry and have higher high school graduation rates.<sup>2</sup>

importance of early learning to children’s development. Advertisements throughout Stark County direct viewers to the collaborative’s website, [www.earlyexperiences.org](http://www.earlyexperiences.org). The site provides concrete advice on how to choose high-quality child care, as well as information on early childhood development, ways to address challenging behaviors, and stress management for both parents and children, among many other subjects. Visitors can also access the site’s extensive directory of local social services agencies and programs.

**SPARK SUPPORTING PARTNERSHIPS TO ASSURE READY KIDS™** is

a family-focused intervention program that prepares children for kindergarten.

Although the initial investment in SPARK was made by the W. K.

Kellogg Foundation in partnership with the Sisters of Charity

Foundation of

Canton, multiple funders now support SPARK sites in seven Ohio counties. In 2010 alone, \$1,608,642 was invested in SPARK sites across the state, by school districts (\$85,000), foundations (\$1,226,551), United Way chapters (\$284,091), and other sources (\$13,000).

SPARK parent partners deliver monthly home- and group-based services to families of preschool-aged children. The structured lesson plans and activities SPARK offers are aligned with the Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning Content Standards. In partnership with mental health agencies, school districts, and community-based organizations, SPARK ensures that children with developmental, social-emotional, or mental health issues are linked to community resources to address issues before they prevent school readiness.

For five consecutive years, SPARK children have been found to be more prepared for kindergarten, as evidenced by assessment results in diverse communities, and they retain that advantage through the third grade. Initially slated to serve 1,000 families over five years, the program will serve 750 families during 2010-2011 alone.

At the state level, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, through its SPARK

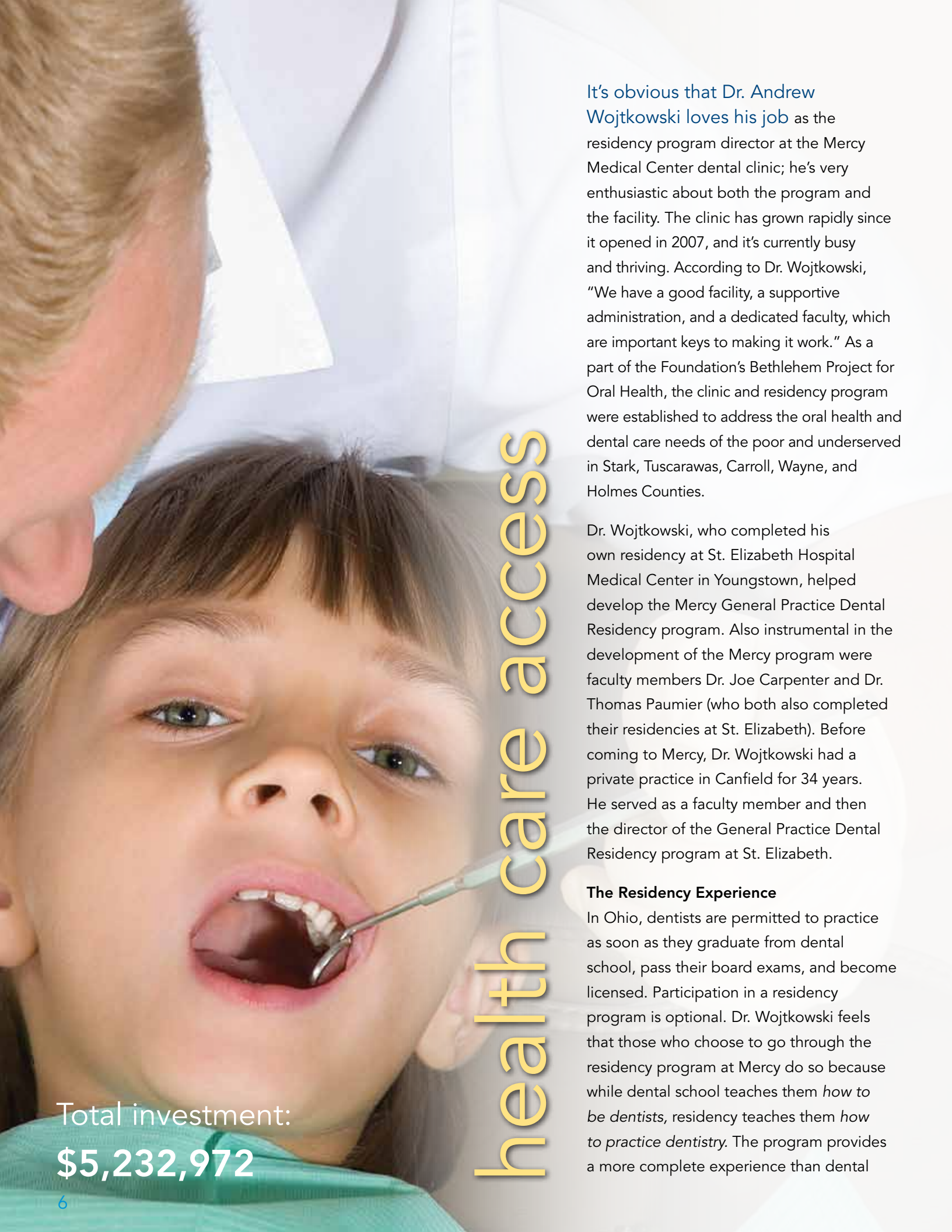


initiative, has collaborated with the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators and the Ohio Department of Education to establish the Ohio Ready Schools Initiative. By providing training, mentoring, and professional development opportunities, the Initiative helps

participating schools cultivate connections between the school and the community, to ensure that families experience smooth transitions into kindergarten.

SPARK services have positively impacted the lives of many families; this could not have been possible without the support and collaboration of many individuals and organizations.





# health care access

It's obvious that Dr. Andrew Wojtkowski loves his job as the residency program director at the Mercy Medical Center dental clinic; he's very enthusiastic about both the program and the facility. The clinic has grown rapidly since it opened in 2007, and it's currently busy and thriving. According to Dr. Wojtkowski, "We have a good facility, a supportive administration, and a dedicated faculty, which are important keys to making it work." As a part of the Foundation's Bethlehem Project for Oral Health, the clinic and residency program were established to address the oral health and dental care needs of the poor and underserved in Stark, Tuscarawas, Carroll, Wayne, and Holmes Counties.

Dr. Wojtkowski, who completed his own residency at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center in Youngstown, helped develop the Mercy General Practice Dental Residency program. Also instrumental in the development of the Mercy program were faculty members Dr. Joe Carpenter and Dr. Thomas Paumier (who both also completed their residencies at St. Elizabeth). Before coming to Mercy, Dr. Wojtkowski had a private practice in Canfield for 34 years. He served as a faculty member and then the director of the General Practice Dental Residency program at St. Elizabeth.

## **The Residency Experience**

In Ohio, dentists are permitted to practice as soon as they graduate from dental school, pass their board exams, and become licensed. Participation in a residency program is optional. Dr. Wojtkowski feels that those who choose to go through the residency program at Mercy do so because while dental school teaches them *how to be dentists*, residency teaches them *how to practice dentistry*. The program provides a more complete experience than dental

Total investment:  
**\$5,232,972**



school alone, and prepares them to take on the challenges of modern dentistry. The program is very much in demand; Dr. Wojtkowski received 42 applications for the six spots available this year. Beyond Ohio, past residents have come from West Virginia, Washington, Pennsylvania, and Nevada.



Dr. Andrew Wojtkowski

According to Dr. Wojtkowski, the program essentially provides the benefits of five years of intense experience, condensed into one year. The residents benefit greatly from the hundreds of years

of experience brought to the program by its 20 faculty members. Some residents opt to complete a second year in the program, in order to gain even more experience.

The program's pace is intensive, and residents are certainly put through their paces: since 2007, the clinic has seen 27,000 patients. In 2010 alone, residents and faculty members completed more than 18,000 procedures. Residents are on call every day of the year, every hour of the day. They are often called into the emergency department to treat traumatic injuries or infections, or to perform emergency oral surgery. They also examine patients who require dental clearance prior to cardiac, orthopedic, or organ transplant procedures. To ensure a comprehensive understanding of the human body and of the ways in which dentistry and medicine are related, residents rotate through other hospital departments beyond the clinic, including internal medicine, pharmacology, radiology, pathology, and anesthesiology.

They also rotate through the private practice offices of clinic faculty members, which gives them a working knowledge of the private office setting and helps them develop crucial practice management skills.

Mercy's clinic gives the residents exposure to complicated and unusual oral health conditions they might not otherwise see. Dr. Wojtkowski is confident that when residents begin to practice on their own, they will be completely prepared, having had experience treating both routine conditions and an array of conditions they'd previously only encountered in their textbooks. The clinic is known for addressing more complex oral health issues within the Stark County dental community as well. When such issues are encountered, local practices have been known to tell patients, "Go to Mercy. They'll take care of you." The end result of all this intensive instruction and exposure to such a wide spectrum of oral health issues is a confident dentist with solid technical and diagnostic skills. And a marketable dentist as well — the clinic receives daily recruiting calls from dental offices that wish to hire Mercy residents.

#### **Patient Population**

In 2010, the dental clinic served 3,506 patients during 8,421 appointments. The patients are primarily disadvantaged; 43% are on Medicaid and 30% are uninsured (the remaining 27% have commercial insurance).

Among other populations, the clinic serves patients with special needs, pediatric patients with complicated conditions, and individuals with disabilities who require general anesthesia in order to receive care. Pediatric "baby bottle tooth decay" is relatively common, and, unfortunately, "meth mouth" and "Mountain Dew Mouth" are as well. The residents see the most serious of infections, which are all too common in the indigent population.

The residents develop a sense of community while serving a disadvantaged population. Many residents perform community service, screening low-income preschoolers and treating patients living in group homes or



inmates at the Multi-County Juvenile Attention System. Many residents bring that spirit of volunteerism into their private practice once they leave the program.

### Technology

The clinic is definitely a high-tech environment, and the residents learn new ways of practicing dentistry in the age of technology. Thanks to the generous donation of two crown milling machines, crowns that used to take three weeks now take 30-60 minutes to produce. Digital X-ray technology means there's no longer a wait for films to develop. The use of a portable handheld X-ray device allows radiographs to be taken right in a patient's hospital room or in the operating room. Residents are trained in the proper use of lasers, which allows for more precise work and less patient discomfort. The clinic is also completely paperless. Electronic patient records and digital images allow faculty members to consult on cases from anywhere in the clinic, and they also enable specialists to conduct electronic consultations, saving time for dentists and patients alike.

The clinic is now able to more easily accommodate patients in wheelchairs, thanks to a grant from the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton for the purchase of a wheelchair platform. This device allows the patient to remain in the wheelchair for dental treatment. The chair is locked in place

and can then be lifted and maneuvered for patient care. The platform makes it unnecessary to move the patient from the wheelchair to the dental chair, which can be dangerous for patients and health professionals.

### The Future

The clinic is about to be expanded. An area that is now a 1,500-square-foot unfinished alcove will be made into three pediatric treatment rooms, a dedicated wheelchair room, and a room that accommodates hospital beds. Phase one of the expansion project (two of the pediatric rooms and the wheelchair room) will be completed in 2011, with the remainder of the expansion completed in phases as funding is acquired.

The clinic has truly been a collaborative effort. The facility was constructed and equipped through the generosity of numerous funders. In addition, the expansion of the clinic has been made possible by support from the Austin-Bailey Health and Wellness Foundation, the HealthPath Foundation, the Paul and Carol David Foundation, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, and an endowment fund established in honor of the Stark County Dental Society's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Public support has been significant as well. Since the clinic's inception, other foundations and funders have contributed nearly a dollar for every dollar contributed by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton.

"My dream," says Dr. Wojtkowski, "is to have the best residency program in Ohio." It is clear that his dream is well within reach.

During 2008 and 2009, nearly one-fifth (19.5%) of American adults aged 18-64 were without a usual source of health care.<sup>3</sup>



In our community, increasing numbers of people are facing decreased access to health care and necessary medication. We know that approximately 53,000 are without medical insurance and an astonishing 150,000 lack dental coverage. These statistics highlight the need to connect Stark County residents with primary medical and dental homes, medication, and preventive health options.

In 2000, when the Foundation first began focusing on health issues, we learned via the Ohio Department of Health's 1998 *Ohio Family Health Survey* that oral health was the number one unmet health care need of all Ohio residents. We knew that improving oral health depends not only on access to dental care, but also on teaching families how to improve and maintain their oral health. The Bethlehem Project was established as a way to address both needs. We knew that access to other types of health care and to medication were major concerns as well. And so the Foundation took the lead in the creation of the Prescription Assistance Network of Stark County.

In the decade since, much has changed in America's health care system, but oral health remains the number one unmet health care need in Ohio. We continue to work tirelessly to change that. We have consistently worked to improve access to dental care. We have created and strengthened collaborations to expand and strengthen the health care safety net, both in our community and at the state level. We have seen one of our earliest goals finally realized, with the 2010 opening of the charitable pharmacy.

**Our Health Care Access initiatives and collaborations are intended to address some of the access to care issues in our community. We see access to care as a spectrum of issues that affect**

**patients, providers, and society. The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton is working to ensure that access to dental services and medication is no longer a barrier for those in our community who need it most.**



**The Bethlehem Project for Oral Health** provides oral health education and dental care to families in need. During monthly home visits, families participating in the SPARK kindergarten readiness program learn about good nutrition, behaviors that promote good oral health, how to establish and maintain a dental home, and how to be their child's first and best oral health teacher. Many area dentists volunteer to provide care to qualifying families. Bethlehem Project personnel serve as liaisons between families and their dentists. They schedule dental appointments, teach families what to expect at the dental visit, and follow up with appointment reminders.



The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton led the formation and development of the **Prescription Assistance Network of Stark County**. In 2010, five pharmaceutical companies approved the Network's charitable pharmacy as a recipient for medication replenishment programs. In addition, the pharmacy receives

medications through the Ohio Drug Repository Program and samples from area physicians. When necessary, the Network also purchases inexpensive generic medications that are unavailable through other sources. As of January 2011, the pharmacy's inventory was valued at approximately \$1.2 million. In 2010, the network helped more than 1,500 patients with chronic conditions apply for pharmaceutical company programs, allowing them to receive maintenance medications valued at more than \$1.4 million.

In 2003, the Sisters of Charity Foundations of Canton and Cleveland collaborated with six other Ohio foundations to create the **Health Policy Institute of Ohio**. The Institute is an independent, nonpartisan organization that promotes informed health policy decision-making in Ohio through research, analysis, education, and dialogue. The Institute forecasts health trends, analyzes key health issues, and communicates current, impartial, fact-based information and data on health-related issues to policymakers, state agencies and other decision-makers.





# responsive grantmaking

There's complicated, and then there's *complicated*. In the world of social services, many problems have multiple causes and multiple solutions. But arguably none are quite so complex as the problem of homelessness. It's daunting: how can any community adequately address a problem that has, in some measure, to do with poverty, food, shelter, affordable housing, physical health, mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, education, employment, and child care? Because homelessness is a mosaic of complex issues and each person who is homeless has a unique set of circumstances, it requires community collaboration to address it. Homelessness is a "whole community" problem that can only be effectively addressed collaboratively. Fortunately, Stark County is blessed with an abundance of social service organizations willing to come together to do just that.

In order to address any problem, it's necessary to understand the extent of that problem. But how do we know how many homeless people there are? One way is to physically go into the streets and shelters to conduct a census. This method is called a "point-in-time count." On one designated night each year, workers scour shelters and streets, counting homeless people. Point-in-time counts are critical, because many government funding decisions are based on them. Unfortunately, many organizations believe they are also inaccurate, partially because of the nomadic nature of the homeless population. Most organizations dealing with homelessness estimate that because of this inaccuracy, the number of homeless is almost certainly greater than the statistics indicate.

The Canton Repository reports that the number of homeless people in Stark County



We do not exist for ourselves.

Thomas Merton

has increased in each of the last two years.<sup>4</sup> According to the January 2010 point-in-time count, 12,407

Ohioans were homeless on a single night.<sup>5</sup> In the Canton/Massillon/Alliance area, 417 people were homeless on a single night.<sup>5</sup> Of course, those numbers don't take into account those who aren't homeless but are moving from place to place, staying with family and friends, and are just one illness or one missed paycheck away from being on the streets.

We know that homelessness is a serious problem in our community, as it is in communities all over the country. According to a recent *Repository* article, "In Stark County, area emergency shelters are operating at maximum capacity. People are turned away daily. Many beds are booked by 9 a.m., according to the Interagency Council on Homelessness, and that means anyone who has not found a place to sleep is forced to look elsewhere — empty buildings, empty cars, even in storm sewers."<sup>6</sup>

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton is tied to homelessness prevention efforts in several ways, including participation in the Stark County Interagency Council on Homelessness. The Council is a collaborative of health and social service nonprofit organizations, government entities, and community leaders that address homelessness throughout Stark County. It is a coalition of those who have a stake in the problem — those confronting homelessness, who know that collaboration and shared responsibility are far more productive than going it alone.



In our community, dozens of nonprofit organizations, big and small, are working tirelessly to make a difference: they're feeding families, helping with homework, and making sure seniors can remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. They're providing children with school supplies and music lessons and teaching children

that bullying and violence are wrong.

They're providing outreach services for seniors, serving migrant families, feeding the hungry, working to support non-violence efforts, counseling victims

of domestic violence, mentoring children of prisoners, and so much more. These organizations are like dozens of little threads extending throughout the tapestry of our community, touching people and weaving hope into their lives.

According to Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, effecting systemic change requires that foundations approach grantmaking knowing that one size does not fit all. Many foundations support the more traditional causes of higher education and social service. Because we have been charged with promoting innovative strategies to impact the root causes of poverty, we are free to experiment with new ideas and model approaches, support activities that have not yet achieved public consensus, and act

with flexibility. Our greatest strengths are our abilities to collaborate with a diverse spectrum of stakeholders,

provide "risk capital" for new ventures, and make long-term commitments to addressing community needs.

We believe that, united

People who are homeless are not social inadequates. They are people without homes

*Sheila McKechnie*

with collaborative partners and supporting the work of those in the trenches, we can strengthen and improve our community.

**All of our work — strategic initiatives, proactive grantmaking, collaboration, funding for social services organizations, and funding for grassroots organizations — is intended to address the spectrum of needs in our community. The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton is working to ensure that the most vulnerable in our community do not remain alone.**

The **Salvation Army of Massillon** is committed to providing “help with dignity.” Homelessness changes life priorities; those who are homeless have dreams that “narrow drastically from aspiration to just hanging on.”



The Salvation Army's goal is to move those dreams back to aspiration, and then turn those dreams into concrete plans.

Their new facility will help clients do just that, by providing services and referrals. This new 18,000-square-foot facility (constructed on land the organization already owns) is more than 2.5 times the size of their cramped older facility, where supplies were stashed along hallways, parking was inadequate, and some areas of the building were simply not wheelchair-accessible. The lack of a private intake area meant that everyone nearby could see and hear clients discuss personal details and watch as clients received food aid or picked out donated clothing. All of these

elements added up to a less-than-satisfactory client service experience. As the Salvation Army aptly notes, “help without dignity hurts.”

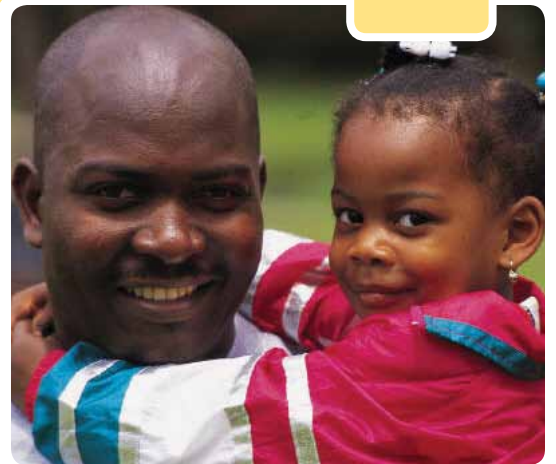
The facility is designed to be a “compassion campus” for those who need services. The Center has private intake offices, a food pantry, classrooms and computer stations, and a “working clothes” closet for those who are interviewing for jobs.

The Center will also house satellite offices of other social services agencies; although these off-site agencies are always available to serve Massillon residents, their Canton locations can make accessing services logistically difficult. The facility provides a spectrum of services that will help clients become self-sufficient.

Along with the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, many local foundations and the western Stark County community joined forces to help make this project a reality.

The **Alliance for Children and Families** is also working to help those who need it most. The A-First Project in Alliance will provide supportive housing. Supportive housing combines housing with services that help people live more stable, productive lives. This type of housing is especially helpful for those facing the most serious challenges: those who are chronically homeless, severely mentally ill, or suffering from serious medical issues or addiction.

A-First will be a ten-unit townhouse-style facility able to accommodate up to 56 residents. It will offer a package of support services expressly designed to stabilize





chronically homeless clients and transition them into permanent housing. Partnering organizations will offer health care, mental health services, job training, and tutoring services for both children and adults. Residents will be required to work one day a week and follow personalized case management plans that are designed to promote self-sufficiency. Residents may remain for up to 36 months.

This new facility is funded partially by government neighborhood stabilization funding and partially by many local funders. Funding for furnishing five of the ten townhouse units was provided by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton. It is currently in construction and is expected to open in mid-2011.

The **YWCA's** new Gateway House II facility in Canton will provide 40 units of permanent supportive housing to homeless individuals with a physical or mental disability. This transitional housing program is for disabled individuals and families with incomes at or below 35 percent of area median income. Gateway House II will have 30 single occupancy rooms, each with its own bathroom, a kitchenette, and a sleeping space separated from the living room. In addition, the facility will have seven one-bedroom and three two-bedroom units, as well as a shared commercial kitchen and a resident lounge. To help participants maintain permanent housing, and to provide ongoing support services to the household, Community Services of Stark County will provide on-site case management and counseling services.

This facility will also include a separate area to replace the YWCA family shelter. The shelter is nearly 70 years old and in disrepair, and is quite a distance from the YWCA offices providing support services for clients. The new facility will be within walking distance of the YWCA, allowing clients to more easily access the services they need. This particular shelter will be the only facility in the county able to house a family intact in a private dwelling space. In many shelters, husbands are separated from the rest of the family and males older than 13 can end up in foster care.

This project is funded by multiple government and philanthropic sources, including the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton. The facility is currently under construction.



# 2010 Total Investment: \$3,772,322



## Foundation-Led Initiatives

### Early Childhood Initiatives

Early Childhood Resource Center	Operating support	\$	294,500
Early Childhood Resource Center	Support for a national web check system and application fees to acquire the International Association for Continuing Education and Training Standard		31,003
Foundation to Advance Childhood Education	Support for the state-level Ready Schools Initiative		49,900
SPARK Canton City and Minerva Local Schools	Grants and program expenses - W. K. Kellogg Foundation Funds		366,860
SPARK Ohio	Ongoing support of SPARK in the Canton City and Minerva Local School Districts		276,406
SPARK – Replication	Grants and program expenses - W. K. Kellogg Foundation Funds		251,436
Stuckey Family Interfaith Child Development Center	Operating support for an accredited site that provides high-quality services to children in Alliance, over 18 months		30,000
YWCA of Canton	Operating support for an accredited site that provides high-quality services to children in Canton City, over 18 months		90,000
Other	Program-related expenses		90,774
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,480,879</b>

### Health Care Access Initiatives

Mercy Medical Center	Operating support for general operating needs of the Dental Clinic and General Practice Residency, over two years	\$	200,000
Stark County Health Department	Operating support and dental clinic equipment		100,000
Voices for Ohio's Children	Support for the Children's Oral Health Action Team, a state-based effort to improve the oral health delivery and access to care system, over two years		60,000
Western Stark Free Clinic	Operating support		14,760
Other	Program-related expenses		57,480
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 432,240</b>

## Responding to Community Needs

### Responsive Grants

Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter	Support for domestic violence counseling services, over two years	\$	5,000
Alliance for Children and Families	Furnishings for five apartments in a ten-unit permanent supportive housing complex for families		30,000
Canton City Health Department	Support for an assessment of the performance and capacity of the Stark County public health system		15,000
Center for Nonprofit Excellence	Training and technical assistance to grantees to support building capacity		15,000
Coming Together Stark County	Support for leadership transition		15,000
Fund For Our Economic Development	Economic development in Northeast Ohio, over three years		50,000
Goodwill Industries	Support for the Community Campus third floor renovation		100,000
Goodwill Industries	Center for Entrepreneurial Success program		15,000
Goodwill Industries	Support for a common intake and electronic referral system for a collaboration of emergency assistance organizations.		217,500
Hartville Migrant Council	Summer children's program serving migrant families		6,000
Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County	Strengthen the information technology infrastructure of community behavioral health providers		170,000
Mercy Medical Center	Emergency and trauma services expansion		350,000
Mercy Medical Center	Additional support for the emergency and trauma services expansion		150,000
Multi-Development Services of Stark County	Summit Neighborhood Enrichment Team II program		21,700
National Multiple Sclerosis Society	Respite care in Stark County		3,500
Prescription Assistance Network of Stark County	Operating support		75,000
Refuge of Hope	Kitchen equipment for a meal service program		20,000
Stark County Community Action Agency	Kids Matter positive co-parenting project		10,600

Stark Development Board	Operating support for economic development in Stark County, over three years	50,000
Stark Education Partnership	Support leadership and education reform in Stark County, over three years	150,000
Viola Startzman Free Clinic	Certified registered nurse practitioner	45,000
YMCA of Central Stark County	Meyers Lake YMCA renovations	50,000
YMCA of Central Stark County	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Children of Prisoners program, over two years	35,188
Your Human Resource Center	Youth intervention program	5,350
YWCA of Canton	Gateway House II permanent supportive housing and family shelter	175,000
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,779,838</b>

#### Good Samaritan Grants

AAA Basketball	Academic Progression and College Readiness program	\$ 5,000
Arlington Avenue Church of God	Book Bags of Blessings project	3,000
Citizen X	Street Smarts program, which provides journalism training and opportunities for at-risk youth	4,200
Community Coalition Against Violence	Community events that promote crime reduction and non-violence	6,320
Dedicated Adults Directing and Defending Youth	Youth programs targeting children in southwest Canton	6,945
Faith In Action of Western Stark County	Outreach services for senior citizens in Western Stark County	15,000
Foundations: A Place for Education and Recovery	Respite rewards program	2,500
Tuscarawas Area Kid Network	Resources and assessment tools for children with developmental disabilities in Tuscarawas County	6,000
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 48,965</b>

### Other

#### Special Projects

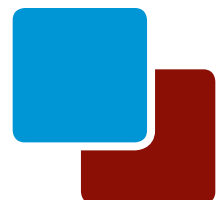
Alliance Rodman Public Library	Purchase of additional early childhood-themed backpacks for circulation	\$ 2,500
Family Economic Success Program	Operating support	5,000
Foundation Center	Safety net services for grant seekers and nonprofit organizations	1,000
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage	<i>Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America</i> exhibit	5,000
Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County	Sponsor two-day trauma conference in conjunction with the Traumatized Child Task Force	3,400
Mercy Medical Center	Stark County Minority Health Coalition's event focused on early detection of prostate cancer	5,000
Minerva Public Library	Purchase additional early childhood-themed backpacks for circulation	2,500
Stark County Department of Jobs and Family Services	National Adoption Awareness event	1,000
Stark County District Library	Purchase of additional early childhood-themed backpacks for circulation in district libraries	5,000
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 30,400</b>

**2010 Total \$3,772,322**

## Our Focus

Based upon Gospel values, Catholic social teaching, and the Congregation's mission and beliefs as they relate to major societal challenges, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine have directed their Foundations to confront key issues that impact the poor and underserved.

Therefore, the Sisters of Charity Foundations remain committed to addressing the needs of the poor and underserved by understanding the root causes of poverty, nurturing the growth of healthy communities, emphasizing youth and family, and measuring the outcomes of these efforts.





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# Our Mission

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton supports and furthers the mission and ministry of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. The principal components of their ministry are health, education, and social services. The Foundation's focus is on issues of social justice relating to the poor and underserved in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.



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