



## Foundation in Focus

### Featured Community - Cleveland, OH

Cleveland is enjoying a renaissance driven in part by the energy of millennials and other young people who are attracted to the livability, culture and rich civic life of the city. As great as life is for these folks, there is another group of youth struggling to find a home in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.

This year, from January to June, 328 unaccompanied youth accessed at least one of the emergency shelters in town. And of these, 54 were parents with very young children. These numbers do not reflect young people who are living in cars and abandoned buildings, and so, not counted in the county's data system. To respond to this crisis, more than 50 service providers have come together to develop a comprehensive plan to address and solve this problem. This effort, supported by the Sisters of Charity Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Kresge Foundation and the Jim Casey Youth Initiatives has provided the partner organizations with the resources to create a new model that is drawing attention from across the nation.

The strategic plan is called A Place 4 Me and is led by ONF grantee, the YWCA of Cleveland. The project partners have set goals for the Cleveland community:

- strengthen the safety net to identify and connect kids to service
- get these kids into stable housing
- provide support services so they stay housed
- provide "launch pad" to help these kids become thriving citizens through education and jobs.

This highly detailed plan has drawn kudos from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and other cities struggling with this issue of teen homelessness. ONF hopes to take part in this work through future grant opportunities especially to help young families facing homelessness and sharing lessons learned in Cleveland with our other cities.

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 10

Investment Committee Meeting

September 1

Responsive Grantmaking  
Cycle 3 Letter of Inquiry Deadline

September 14

Trustees Meeting

September 21 - October 9

Site Visits for Cycle 3

October 23

Proposals Due

November 16-20

Grantmaking Committee Meetings

## A Note from Leah Gary: Foundation Trustees Meet With Family During Clan Gathering Weekend



About 30 family members attended the lunch and conversation session at Fieldstone Farm.

The Foundation Trustees and staff welcomed members of the William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill family branch to a luncheon and conversation at Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center in Chagrin Falls, OH on Saturday, June 20 during the Clan Gathering Weekend. Family members had an opportunity to get a "behind the stalls" view of the Center. Maureen Foster, Director of Development, led the group and offered an in-depth explanation of the morning classes that were in session and the stories about the amazing horses that bond with clients.

Family members then came together for lunch and conversation about the work of the Foundation over the past three years since the adoption of our vision for strong communities where families thrive as well as our mission to partner with organizations to strengthen families in the places where O'Neill family members live.

While the adults met, the next generation youth were off with Sara Sullivan and Megan Donahey to consider three funding options to help Fieldstone Farm. Sara and Megan worked with Fieldstone staff to develop scenarios designed to appeal to the group and then helped the young family members in a guided way to consider each option in reaching a funding decision. After a spirited discussion, aided by a few lollipops and Sara's skill as a former teacher, the kids returned to inform the family of their decision. Hugh Bower did a wonderful job presenting the group decision to make a \$500 grant to support scholarships for children to participate in Fieldstone Farm programs. In addition to the youth-led gift, the Foundation also made an additional \$5000 donation to the Center for hosting our meeting.



The next generation deliberate their options in awarding a \$500 grant to Fieldstone Farm.

Because of the grant made by the O'Neill next-gen members, Fieldstone Farm has been able to support a family that has three children adopted out of foster care. The children have a history of neglect, abuse and likely prenatal drug exposure. The family is sending the children to the Picasso's Summer camp, an art-focused camp, for a week in August. Their goals for their camp week include attention, general coordination, responsibility, confidence, self-esteem and sportsmanship. It is only with your help that this family could afford to do this camp. The staff at Fieldstone send their thanks - the grant made a true impact on this family!

At the conclusion of the family meeting on June 20th, Trustee chair Kelly McShane invited family members of all ages to join the Foundation in our work - an invitation I echo to each of you.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer!



Making the youth award to Fieldstone Farm: Shane O'Neill, J.D. Donahey, Megan Donahey, Mauve Bower, Hugh Bower, Bess Sullivan and Anna Sullivan

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Vanessa, Natalie and Gregory Polo are pictured with the Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando for a site visit at Rocky's Retread in Orlando, FL.

## Youth Grantmaking

This year, the O'Neill Foundation is taking a different tack working with families during the summer youth grantmaking cycle. Staff is tailoring the experience and timeline for site visits according to individual family schedules. In July, Symone McClain accompanied Kim Polo and her five children (Gregory, Natalie, Vanessa, Joey and baby Jessica) on site visits in Orlando. Shane and Maureen O'Neill worked with their parents to look closely at organizations serving families in Annapolis and will make recommendations to the trustees for funding at the September meeting. Maeve and Hugh Bower, along with their mother Laura, will participate in site visits in August.

Later in the summer, staff will work with several other families to take their children on visits in their hometowns. It is not too late to participate in the program. If your family would like to be a part of the summer youth grantmaking program, please call Leah Gary or Symone McClain at the Foundation office.

## Welcome Rebecca



After consultation with the Trustees, the Foundation has engaged Rebecca Stone to work with us on the Responsive Grantmaking program for the remainder of 2015. Rebecca has been our consultant on the Positively Moms Initiative (PMI). She comes to us with a vast background in the nonprofit sector. In addition she knows our east coast cities well - she grew up in New York City and worked for many years in the Washington-Baltimore corridor. She knows our grantmaking process well as she looked at it in great depth during the PMI evaluation work. We know those of you who will work with her in the next cycle will find her to be very smart and great fun too!

## Grantmaking Summary Second Quarter 2015

Type of Grant	Dollars Awarded	Number of Grants
Associations/Memberships	\$2,000	1
Donor Advised Fund	\$0	0
Family-Directed Gifts	\$27,500	12
Responsive Grantmaking	\$1,927,783	55
Trustee Approved - Special Grants	\$26,000	5
Youth Directed Gifts & Youth Philanthropy	\$800	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,984,083</b>	<b>77</b>

See Grant Listing on  
following pages

### Cycle 2 Responsive Grantmaking Summary

- 130 Letters of Inquiry received
- 1 Rapid Response Request received
- 85 site visits conducted
- 62 proposals invited for committee review
- 55 grants awarded
- \$1,927,783 awarded

### Committee Distribution

- o Committee 1 - \$333,500
- o Committee 2 - \$354,750
- o Committee 3 - \$951,166
- o Committee 4 - \$273,367

**William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation  
 Cycle 2/2015 Grant Approvals**

<b>Organization Name/City and State</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
<b>Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.</b> Washington, DC	Operating Support	\$35,000
<b>Anne Arundel Community College Foundation</b> Arnold, MD	Bilingual Parent Education Program	\$25,000
<b>Baylor College of Medicine</b> Houston, TX	Teen Health Clinic: Project Passport	\$50,000
<b>The Bobby Tripodi Foundation dba Cornerstone of Hope</b> Independence, OH	Cornerstone of Hope seeks CARF Accreditation	\$20,000
<b>Bread for the City</b> Washington, DC	Annual Fund Sustainability During and After a Capital Campaign (Development Assistance)	\$40,000
<b>Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc.</b> Orlando, FL	Emergency Financial Assistance Program	\$20,000
<b>Child HELP Partnership at St. John's University</b> Flushing, NY	Bilingual Therapist to Provide Evidence-Based Mental Health Care to Traumatized Families	\$62,550
<b>Childhood League Center</b> Columbus, OH	Professional Development to Enhance EI Services	\$30,000
<b>Children's Law Center</b> Washington, DC	Strengthening Fragile Families	\$50,000
<b>Cleveland Christian Home</b> Cleveland, OH	Software Upgrade Project	\$22,200
<b>Cleveland Housing Network, Inc.</b> Cleveland, OH	Family Success Initiative: Improving Financial Outcomes for Low-Income Cleveland Families	\$35,000
<b>Cleveland Museum of Art</b> Cleveland, OH	CMA in Your Neighborhood	\$60,000
<b>Cleveland Sight Center</b> Cleveland, OH	Early Intervention Services for Children Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision	\$25,000
<b>College Tribe</b> Washington, DC	Parenting for College	\$30,000
<b>Columbus Children's Theatre</b> Columbus, OH	Operating Support	\$25,000
<b>Common Threads</b> Chicago, IL	Common Threads' Full Year Program: NYC, Washington, DC and Austin	\$60,000
<b>Community Mediation</b> Baltimore, MD	Prisoner Re-entry Mediation: Capacity-Building and Expansion	\$26,000
<b>Defy Ventures, Inc.</b> New York, NY	Family Strength Program	\$50,000
<b>Economic and Community Development Institute</b> Columbus, OH	ECD's Individual Development Account (IDA) Program: Investing in Central Ohio Families	\$40,000
<b>Eliza Bryant Village</b> Cleveland, OH	Enhancement and Advancement of Technological Tools and Online Presence	\$25,500
<b>Family Promise of Greater Cleveland</b> Cleveland, OH	Operating Support	\$50,000

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<b>Flying Horse Farms</b> Mt. Gilead, OH	Focus Areas for 2015	\$23,367
<b>Foundation Communities</b> Austin, TX	Children's HOME Initiative for Homestead Oaks Apartments	\$54,000
<b>Full Circle Grief Center</b> Richmond, VA	Hands on Healing Group Counseling Sessions	\$27,000
<b>Fund for Our Economic Future</b> Cleveland, OH	Operating Support	\$66,666
<b>Furniture Bank of Central Ohio</b> Columbus, OH	Operating Support	\$40,000
<b>Grow Brooklyn</b> Brooklyn, NY	End of Life Planning and Estate-related Legal Services	\$14,000
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area, Inc.</b> Orlando, FL	Neighborhood Revitalization	\$48,000
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County &amp; Greater Apopka, FL, Inc.</b> Altamonte Springs, FL	Magnolia Place	\$30,000
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Washington, D.C.</b> Washington, DC	Neighborhood Revitalization Program	\$50,000
<b>Her Justice Inc.</b> New York, NY	Data Analytics and Outcome Measurement Project	\$50,000
<b>Housing 4 All</b> Celebration, FL	Operating Support	\$65,000
<b>InMotion</b> Warrensville Heights, OH	Family friendly website and collateral materials	\$35,000
<b>Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland</b> Beachwood, OH	Family Care Advocate	\$42,000
<b>NAMI-Collier County</b> Naples, FL	H.U.G.S.-Health Under Guided Systems	\$10,000
<b>Nazareth Housing</b> New York, NY	Operating Support	\$30,000
<b>New Destiny Housing Corporation</b> New York, NY	Family Support Program	\$40,000
<b>New York Foundling Hospital dba The Foundling</b> New York, NY	The Way Home Project	\$30,000
<b>New York Youth at Risk Inc.</b> New York, NY	Parent Mentoring Program	\$25,000
<b>Old Brooklyn Community Development Corp.</b> Cleveland, OH	Old Brooklyn CDC Strategic Plan 2016-2019	\$15,000
<b>Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corp.</b> Orlando, FL	Achieving Capacity through Technology Program	\$70,000
<b>Project Autism</b> Houston, TX	Website design	\$15,000

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Cycle 2/2015 Grant Approvals**

<b>Ramapo for Children</b> New York, NY	Parents as Leaders - Deepening the Home/School Connection	\$40,000
<b>Refugee Response</b> Cleveland, OH	The Refugee Response Grows Up	\$35,000
<b>Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio</b> Columbus, OH	The Helping Hands Program	\$10,000
<b>Samaritan Inns</b> Washington, DC	Women with Children Program	\$30,000
<b>Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.</b> Houston, TX	Hope Housing Project	\$40,000
<b>Scranton Road Ministries Community Development Corp.</b> Cleveland, OH	Scranton Road Legal Clinic	\$22,500
<b>St. Agnes Hospital Foundation, Inc.</b> Baltimore, MD	The Saint Agnes Hospital Family Resiliency Program	\$24,000
<b>St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center, Inc.</b> Baltimore, MD	Parent-Child Homesharing	\$50,000
<b>Tahirih Justice Center</b> Baltimore, MD	Operating Support	\$15,000
<b>Texas Association for the Protection of Children (TexProtects)</b> Dallas, TX	Operating Support	\$40,000
<b>The Theatre Lab School of the Dramatic Arts</b> Washington, DC	Life Stories Drama Outreach Program for Homeless Children and Foster Care Youth	\$10,000
<b>Urban Upbound</b> New York, NY	Women's Economic Empowerment Network	\$25,000
<b>Women for Afghan Women</b> Fresh Meadows, NY	New York Community Center Case Management Program	\$25,000
<b>Grand Totals (55 items)</b>		<b>\$1,927,783</b>