

FY 2019 Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust Member Initiatives

The Congregation Grants Committee of the Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust approved \$739,300 for the following 29 Member Initiatives for the fiscal year 2019. These projects reflect the Mission and Vision of the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Angela House

Houston, Texas

Maureen O'Connell, OP, Executive Director

Angela House provides safe, drug- and violence-free transitional housing and holistic programs for women re-entering society after incarceration. With the Ministry Trust grant, the staff at Angela House will continue to assist them as they re-enter society. Each participant will have access to structured case management to help address the factors that can lead to homelessness and re-incarceration. Angela House will organize weekly programs to ensure an effective, evidence-based curriculum and coordinate individual outside appointments.

Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Detroit, Michigan

Nancyann Turner, OP, Staff Member

Situated in a poverty-stricken area of Detroit, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen offers meals to people in need. The Rosa Parks Children's Peace Garden is in its courtyard. The Ministry Trust grant will give youth the opportunity to deepen their sense of Earth community by emphasizing the nexus between gardening and good nutrition. The teenage student managers will collaborate with residents of River Bend Towers senior living complex to create a community garden. Young-adult garden coordinators and student managers will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills such as accountability, respect for co-workers, and teamwork.

Catherine Cobb Safe House,

Operation Safety Net

Adrian, Michigan

Aneesah McNamee, OP, Board Member

Catherine Cobb Safe House is the only shelter and safe haven for women and their children

experiencing domestic violence in Lenawee County homes. The Ministry Trust funds will assist clients in the development of individualized safety plans based on current and future relationship needs. Survivors and their children will learn to build their resilience and re-establish violence-free households on the solid foundation of improved mental, social, and emotional well-being.

Catholic Committee of the South

Avondale Estates, Georgia

Mary Priniski, OP, Staff and Board Member

Gathering for Mission, a program of the Catholic Committee of the South, seeks to empower church leadership, clerics, and lay leaders; to embrace dialogue with voices often unheard; and to address social justice issues that often cannot be resolved at the local level. The organization's purpose is to stand in solidarity with those who are struggling to claim respect and human dignity. Gathering for Mission is patterned after Pope Francis' encouragement of the faithful to be a church of the peripheries, a church listening to the voices of those who are marginalized and searching out perspectives beyond those of people who gather for Sunday worship.

Centro Santa Catalina

Juárez/Mexico

Maureen Gallagher, OP, Director of Marketing

Centro Santa Catalina was founded to empower women and children through educational, nutritional, entrepreneurial, and life-skills activities that relieve severe economic hardships and social marginalization. Ministry Trust funds will be used to promote healthy physical and mental development and improved immune response by providing one nutritional meal per day for up to 100 children engaged in the Homework Help program. Nutrition and lifestyle workshops will focus on meal-planning, exercise, and hygiene.

**Child Advocacy Center, Catholic Charities
of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale Counties
Adrian, Michigan**

Pam Millenbach, OP, Staff

The Child Advocacy Center provides a single forensic interview in a child-friendly site, reducing trauma and preventing re-victimization of children suspected to have suffered severe sexual and/or severe physical abuse. Ministry Trust funds will enable the Lenawee County Child Advocacy Center to cover key staff positions and secure a pool of backup personnel to prevent interruption of services. Grant funds also will provide National Children's Alliance evaluation tools to ensure the highest quality of services at the Lenawee County site.

**Con/Vida: Popular Arts of the Americas
Detroit, Michigan**

Barbara Cervenka, OP, Co-Director

Con/Vida works primarily with Brazilian and Peruvian artists who live in limited financial circumstances. The goal of Con/Vida is to give voice to the artists and to validate and popularize their work within our culture. Con/Vida promotes traveling arts exhibits to educate and inform North American audiences about the history and culture of common people of Peru and Brazil. The Ministry Trust grant provides rent for space to house the artists' works in a central Detroit location.

**Covenant Community Care
Detroit, Michigan**

Mary Jane Lubinski, OP, Board Member

With the Ministry Trust grant, Covenant Community Care will expand its services by providing behavioral health screening to people in Detroit who are homeless. The outreach team travels to various neighborhoods in a mobile health services unit to assess mental health needs of men and women who live in abandoned buildings or under highway overpasses. Approximately 300 clients will have an in-depth assessment and work with a substance abuse counselor to develop individual treatment plans.

**Dominican Center for Religious Development
Farmington Hills, Michigan**

Anneliese Sinnott, OP, Board Member

For many years, the Dominican Center for Religious Development has trained spiritual directors and offered programs for enrichment to the wider faith communities. With the Ministry Trust grant, the Board members will strengthen the annual Spiritual Directors Colloquium program.

**Dominican High Schools Preaching Conference
San Rafael, California**

Mary Soher, OP, Director

The Dominican High Schools Preaching Conference offers students the opportunity to receive ongoing formation in the Dominican charism. The Ministry Trust grant funds materials for the presenters and travel expenses for student participants. Ministry Trust funds also allow the conference to offer scholarships to disadvantaged students eager to participate.

**Friends in Solidarity with South Sudan
Washington, D.C.**

Durstyne Farnan, OP, Board Member

Friends in Solidarity with South Sudan supports the empowerment of citizens in this newly established African nation by working in collaboration with the Catholic Health Training Institute. The Ministry Trust grant will provide full funding to support six students for year one of a three-year nursing program to train South Sudanese women as certified midwives and registered nurses.

**Gianna House
Eastpointe, Michigan**

Theresa Mayrand, OP, Co-Director

Gianna House provides a safe residence for pregnant teens and for teen mothers and their newborns and serves as a center of comfort and support for all pregnant women. Most women seeking services at Gianna House do not experience freedom, equality, and full personhood because they were denied a nurturing environment and adequate education as adolescents and now lack support from the fathers of their newborns. At

Gianna House, they receive support, baby items, referrals, and classes in prenatal care, personal growth, and nutrition. Autumn 2018 will mark the beginning of a residential component, housing a maximum of seven teen mothers and their infants for up to one year after birthing.

**Grace House
Chicago, Illinois**

Eunice Drazba, OP, Board Member

Grace House, a component of St. Leonard's Ministries, provides safe, drug- and violence-free transitional housing and holistic programs for women re-entering society after incarceration. The Ministry Trust grant ensures that women receive case management services and opportunities for job search and placement. Reuniting the women with their families in a stable environment is the ultimate goal of the program.

**HOPE Community Center
Adrian, Michigan**

Rosemary Abramovich, OP, Board Member

HOPE Community Center offers members the opportunity for holistic programs and projects that promote health, wellness, and dignity in a culture of caring and sharing. The center offers excellent programs and support for life and dignity of marginalized people in Lenawee County. Men and women who are challenged emotionally, physically, or mentally have the opportunity to engage with each other, staff, and volunteers in order to build meaningful relationships and experience laughter, friendship, collaboration, and a healthy lifestyle. For HOPE members and their families, the project makes each day worthwhile, in the belief that the community is stronger when HOPE members lead meaningful lives.

**Housing Help of Lenawee, Homeless Prevention
Adrian, Michigan**

Angela Susalla, OP, Board Member

Homeless Prevention in Lenawee County provides support to families and individuals in housing crisis who need assistance to overcome barriers to housing and self-sufficiency. Through the Housing First and Transitional Housing Projects, Ministry Trust funds will provide housing counseling,

referrals, and financial assistance to help families maintain their housing or to provide families with minor children with safe, secure, and clean transitional housing units in Adrian, Michigan.

**Lenawee County Community Action Agency
Adrian, Michigan**

Joella Miller, OP, Board Member

Lenawee County Community Action Agency offers Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World, a program to help individuals in poverty to build their resources in a productive manner. With Ministry Trust funding, the workshop will be available to assist individuals as they deepen their understanding of the causes of poverty and its impact on individuals and communities. By investigating their own experiences, individuals will have the opportunity to design plans for their own economic improvement.

**Mercy Housing Northwest
Seattle, Washington**

Judy Byron, OP, Board Member

Mercy Housing Northwest enables low-income immigrant and refugee families to gain stable housing, to find employment, and to remain healthy. The Ministry Trust grant will support educational programs and workshops, as well as a wide variety of job readiness and workforce development programs in locations accessible to three affordable housing properties in South King County, Washington.

**Meta Peace Team
Lansing, Michigan**

Ellen Burkhardt, OP, Board Member

Meta Peace Team is a resurgence of the Michigan Peace Team, which was one of the first recipients of Ministry Trust funds, to train and place peace teams throughout Michigan. The present project is wider in scope, planning to offer Violence De-escalation Skills Training in various U.S. locations. The team also will train local interns to develop a strong connection between Meta Peace and the local peace sites as the program grows.

**Michigan Interfaith Voices, Power to Thrive
Genesee County, Michigan**

Cheryl Liske, OP, Staff

Power to Thrive will organize the citizens of Genesee County to exact county-wide changes in procedures and outcomes for youthful offenders. Realizing that detention in adult correctional facilities is detrimental to youths' moral, educational, and overall human development, Power to Thrive seeks to use civil citations, which are more in keeping with the community, school-based Restorative Justice model.

**Northwest Detroit Youth Coalition
Detroit, Michigan**

Ellen Schmitz, OP, Board Member

The Northwest Detroit Youth Coalition sponsors two month-long summer camps for youth ages 3 to 16. The Ministry Trust grant provides funds for a part-time staff person to coordinate and manage the summer camp programs for children living in Detroit neighborhoods that suffer from blight, drugs, and violence. Camp experiences offer participants the opportunity to learn skills and experience the value of reverencing life and respecting one another.

**Peace Education Foundation
Miami Shores, Florida**

Anne Liam Lees, OP, Board Member

The Foundation's Peace Education Initiative with Dominican Family in Latin America works in collaboration with the Confederation of Dominican Sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to teach conflict resolution techniques and violence prevention strategies to Dominican teachers and pastoral leaders in Argentina and the Dominican Republic. The skills include community-building, anger management, communication, and peer mediation.

**PREPARES,
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Yakima
Yakima, Washington**

Sharon Park, OP, Executive Director

PREPARES, the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Initiative, enables parishes in Washington State to reverence life by entering into relationships with

women and their families struggling to meet their children's needs. PREPARES helps marginalized households become more resilient through direct service, vital support, and the opportunity to become more accomplished parents. The Ministry Trust grant funds PREPARES *en español* in a diocese that has a very large Hispanic community, disadvantaged by lack of education, unemployment, and migrancy.

**Resurrection Home, Inc.
Beattyville, Kentucky**

Mary Katherine Drouin, OP, Board Member

Through the Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers program offered by Resurrection Home, Inc., grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren receive support and encouragement from one another. The grant funds a monthly support group for the grandmothers that nurtures, assists, and enriches their lives and the lives of those in their charge. Group activities for the children normalize their lives and provide respite for their grandmothers. These activities include field trips for the grandchildren and opportunities for bonding among the grandparent caregivers and among their young charges.

**River Raisin Institute
Monroe, Michigan**

Patricia Benson, OP, Board Member

Today's youth will be greatly affected by climate change and are the future caretakers of Earth. A goal of the Climate Literacy Program is to educate young people regarding care of Earth. Support from the Ministry Trust grant ensures that youth living in the Great Lakes region will have educational resources to teach them to protect bird habitats, remove invasive species, preserve wildflowers and prairie grasses, and maintain a healthy watershed region. Youth in southern Michigan counties will learn positive responses to the challenges and needs of creation in crisis. The Institute will begin a partnership with Lenawee County, extending the program beyond Monroe County for the first time.

St. Ann Place**West Palm Beach, Florida****Patricia Leonard, OP, Associate Director**

Staff members at St. Ann Place provide access to safe and secure temporary housing for men and women who are homeless and preparing for or recovering from surgical procedures, or those requiring emergency placement due to injury. The Ministry Trust grant helps provide the accommodations and prescription medications for those who are ill.

St. Dominic Community Outreach Ministry,**Parish Council of Nurses****San Francisco, California****Judith Benkert, OP, Volunteer**

The Ministry Trust has provided funding for a new project under the umbrella of St. Dominic Community Outreach. Mind the Gap is designed to provide case management services for people who are homeless and needy seniors who experience significant gaps in their ability to attain essential medical services. The Ministry Trust grant will strengthen advocacy and assistance in navigating the complicated and confusing social service system and initiate a data-gathering system that will assist in medical care and support.

St. Kateri Center of Chicago**Chicago, Illinois****JoAnn Fleischaker, OP,****Leadership Circle Member**

St. Kateri Center serves as a meeting place for a Native American youth leadership group that comes together with a good mind, *kahiwiyo*, to make a positive contribution to the urban Native American community and to work for the betterment of all urban Native Americans. Community members with expertise in beadwork and traditional dance assist the youth in preparing for powwows and other cultural presentations. Youth also are trained to educate non-Native students and teachers about current Native topics. The Ministry Trust grant will allow St. Kateri Center to maintain the part-time Native American Youth Mentor position.

St. Margaret Mary Parish**Winter Park, Florida****Rosemary Finnegan, OP, Staff Member**

Sustainable Initiatives for Haiti is a project of St. Margaret Mary Parish. With the Ministry Trust grant, the parish supports two initiatives. One project will establish two additional women's banks. The other will strengthen the Seniors Food Program by purchasing, storing, and delivering nutritional food to remote locations where people live without refrigeration or to storage sites for bulk foods.

Southwest Chicago**Public Assistance to Deliver Shelter****Chicago, Illinois****Norine Burns, OP, Volunteer**

Southwest Chicago Homeless Service is committed to helping people who are homeless and housing-insecure and advocating on behalf of those who are homeless. The Ministry Trust funding provides first month's rent assistance or housing application fees to those seeking permanent housing. A generous portion of the grant is allocated to female-headed households.



A grant of \$14,800 was approved for the following Chapter Initiative for the fiscal year 2019.

Dominican Midwest Mission Chapter

Chicagoland is home to more than 511,000 undocumented immigrants. Members of the Dominican Midwest Mission Chapter retain their commitment to walk with immigrants through court watching and peaceful prayer outside Broadview Detention Center. The ministry has expanded to include monthly visits to the Dodge Detention Center in Wisconsin and assistance to the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. Through Court Watch, Sisters are present and maintain records in court for approximately 1,200 detainees each year. The Ministry Trust grant makes one month's rent available to houses of hospitality where immigrant people are welcomed and where Chapter members often volunteer.