

FY2023 MINISTRY TRUST GRANT MEMBER INITIATIVES

The Congregation Grants Committee of the Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust approved \$908,895 for the following 30 Member Initiatives for Fiscal Year 2023. Ministry Trust Grant criteria require an alignment with the funded project and the 2016 General Chapter Enactments and the Mission and Vision of the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Angela House

Houston, Texas

Maureen O'Connell, OP, Board Member

Angela House provides safe, drug- and violence-free transitional housing and holistic programs for women re-entering society after incarceration. The grant allows Angela House to continue structured case management for residents while initiating a new program component to provide services at the Harris County Jail. "Angela House on the Inside" will engage incarcerated women in voluntary shame-resilience group therapy sessions, conduct interviews for Angela House applicants, and offer referrals for community services to facilitate re-entry. View <https://youtu.be/KIGyPZn-WA0>.

Centro Santa Catalina

Juárez, Mexico

+ Patricia Erickson, OP, Board Member

Carol Fleming, OP, Board Member

The purpose of the Centro Santa Catalina project is to lift women and children from abject poverty and social marginalization by providing nutritional, entrepreneurial, and life-skills activities. Ministry Trust funds will be used to strengthen electronic hardware and virtual communication resources, as well as educational, nutritional, entrepreneurial, and life-skills development. The fund will also help to ensure just wages for Centro staff. View <http://centrosantacatalina.org/about/our-stories/>.

Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale Counties, Counseling Center

Adrian, Michigan

Pam Millenbach, OP, Staff

The grant will ensure the continued development of a Counseling Center for Lenawee County for treatment of children who are victims of trauma and abuse. The grant will partially fund critical work in the Child Advocacy Center, with schools, educators, and para-professionals assisting in the identification, assessment, and treatment of abuse. This will ensure the appropriate level of care and treatment. The 2023 grant supports this phase of the Catholic Charities counseling program.

Centro Latino of Shelbyville, Inc.

Shelbyville, Kentucky

Patricia Reno, OP, Executive Director

Centro Latino offers programs and advocacy for the vulnerable Latinx community, providing a haven for the Latinx and protecting them as they adjust to living in the United States with its different culture, traditions, and ways of life. Centro Latino and the marginalized Latinx in rural Kentucky will continue to benefit from vital programs addressing two of society's greatest issues: poverty and attack on the dignity of life. View https://youtu.be/Wx_k_-K4okk.

Con/Vida Popular Arts of the Americas

Detroit, Michigan

Barbara Cervenka, OP, Co-Founder

Con/Vida works primarily with Brazilian and Peruvian artists with limited financial resources, giving them voice and validating and popularizing their work within the North American culture. Con/Vida promotes traveling art exhibits to educate North American audiences about the history and culture of the common people of Peru and Brazil. A portion of the art exhibit was on display in INAI during the fall of 2021 and winter of 2022. The grant provides rent for

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space to house the artists' works in a central Detroit location. View <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qramlgqyR5w>.

Dominican Hospital Staff Resilience

Santa Cruz, California

Adrienne Piennette, OP, Mission and Volunteer Coordinator

The overall goal of the program is to enhance resilience within the front-line workers of Dominican Hospital. Increased resilience will be measured by a decreased number of sick calls and leaves of absence. This program will also benefit the care of every patient with whom the more resilient staff members interact.

Earth Law Education Initiative

New York, New York

Elise García, OP, Board Member

A grant to the Earth Law Center (ELC) will support the ELC Education Initiative in its work to secure the passage of new eco-centric laws and court decisions that recognize the rights of nature and the human right to a healthy environment. The organization seeks to ensure that their forthcoming Earth Law casebook, partially funded by a previous Ministry Trust Grant, is taught in at least five law schools and universities by 2022. ELC will also continue to write amicus briefs in support of litigation securing the rights of nature.

Enfoque la Familia

Detroit, Michigan

Rosalie Esquerra, OP, Co-Founder and Corporate Secretary

Enfoque la Familia is the Spanish-speaking counterpart of an amazing youth program, Life Directions, associated with Detroit, Chicago, and San Antonio public schools. The goal of the Enfoque la Familia grant project is to teach Spanish-speaking families to identify and deal constructively with their trauma. During the grant cycle, Enfoque will conduct assessments and group sessions to facilitate each individual's awareness. View <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ-MDg5zj10>.

Esperanza para Haina

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Carol Gross, OP, Board Member

The Hope for Haina Health Project seeks to serve the sick by providing basic medical services in a neighborhood clinic and by monitoring and treating chronic conditions before they become serious. During the year 2022-2023, the Esperanza para Haina Health Clinic will provide for at least 4,000 patient visits in which poor *barrio* members will receive educative and professional medical care from doctors and their assistants. Regular office hours will be provided five days a week by a general doctor seeing about 225 patients a month. Special clinics for dentistry, pap tests, and preventive health will be held regularly for an additional 400 patients. A nurse, a nursing assistant, a treasurer, and procurement assistant for medicines and supplies will support the work of the clinic. View <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AII-QncW80>.

Friends in Solidarity with South Sudan

Washington, D.C.

Durstyne Farnan, OP, Board Member

Friends in Solidarity with South Sudan collaborates with the Catholic Health Training Institute to support the empowerment of citizens in this young African nation. The Ministry Trust grant provides full funding to support students for one year in a three-year nursing program to train South Sudanese women and men as certified midwives and registered nurses. The comprehensive training includes practical experience in multi-cultural living. View <https://vimeo.com/436110879>.

Habitat for Humanity of Lenawee County

Adrian, Michigan

Joanne Peters, OP, Board Member

Habitat for Humanity of Lenawee County will raise funds and hammers to expand the home repair time frame to meet immediate repair needs that fall outside the limited time frame funded by other sources. The greatest benefit will be for vulnerable homeowners living at

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or below 70% of the area median income who do not typically qualify for traditional home-improvement bank loans.

HOPE Community Center

Adrian, Michigan

Rosemary Abramovich, OP, Board Member

HOPE Community Center offers participants the opportunity for holistic programs and projects that promote health, wellness, and dignity in a culture of caring and sharing. The 2023 grant provides mind-body-spirit classes and activities for HOPE members. Members will also participate in leadership activities as learners and teachers through a variety of structured programs to help them become empowered self-advocates. View <https://youtu.be/NDcw3a8BmGU>.

Hotel Hope MLK

New Orleans, Louisiana

Judith Zynda, OP, Board Member

Supportive services at Hotel Hope MLK take the form of intensive case management for each homeless guest, linking her to services and opportunities with the aim of long-term residential sustainability. The grant allows staff to assist homeless women and their children as they develop resiliency, personal and financial skills, and resources, as measured by the 10 Hotel Hope Benchmarks. This is with a view to transitioning the women and their children to safe, permanent housing in 60 days. A former resident has recently been named to the Board of Directors. View https://youtu.be/CORUYC_Njyk.

Housing Help of Lenawee, Homelessness Prevention

Adrian, Michigan

Jean Tobin, OP, Board Member

Homeless Prevention in Lenawee County provides support to families and individuals in housing crises who need assistance to overcome barriers to housing and self-sufficiency. The Ministry Trust grant will provide funding for safe, affordable housing

and support services for four low-income households that are not currently eligible for government housing assistance. Housing Help will also provide financial assistance for households that are temporarily unable to meet their mortgage or rent obligations.

Community Action Agency

Adrian, Michigan

Joella Miller, OP, Board Member

Community Action Agency (CAA) offers “Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World,” a program to help individuals in poverty develop their resources in a productive manner. The grant provides clients with opportunities to change their priorities to move themselves toward self-sufficiency through financial, social, and emotional resourcing. The funding will also help the CAA Migrant Services Program to provide much-needed medical, vision, and dental services and prescriptions to seasonal workers in Lenawee County migrant camps.

Maketai, Inc.

Amazon Rainforest

Judith Bisignano, OP, Founder, Board Member

The Achuar grant will be used to develop an integrated and sustainable reforestation project in the Achuar region of the Amazon Rainforest of Ecuador. Maketai will provide the means and the skills to allow the Achuar to germinate and plant 24,000 trees: 8,000 seedlings, 8,000 wildings, and 8,000 nursery-grown saplings in eight villages (1,000 of each per village) between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2023. The project is designed to reduce human impact on climate change and ecological degradation by supporting ecotourism as an educational tool for conservation and sustainable development of Ecuador’s Amazon Rainforest. View <https://vimeo.com/443924028>.

Meta Peace Team

Lansing, Michigan

Ellen Burkhardt, OP, Board Member

The Meta Peace Team’s Violence De-escalation Skills Trainers will offer targeted Unarmed

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Civilian Protection Training by April 2023 for the immigration work at the U.S.-Mexico border and other areas. Violence De-escalation Skills Trainers' education includes Kingian Nonviolence, street medic training, advanced Unarmed Civilian Protection, and functional Spanish. At no charge to them, the peace team will offer to partner with organizations currently working at the U.S.-Mexico border and those doing immigration advocacy work, including the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), the Adrian Dominican Sisters, the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Sisters, the Sisters of Mercy, the Shanti Sena Network, Detroit's Strangers No Longer, and Pax Christi USA/Pax Christi International.

Michigan Interfaith Power & Light

Detroit, Michigan

Kathleen Nolan, OP, Board Member

This project by Michigan Interfaith Power & Light builds "solar solidarity" with Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) congregations by piloting a solar investment project at Lord of Lords Ministries in Detroit and creating a replicable model for solar panel installations on the facilities of other predominantly BIPOC congregations. The overarching goal is to assist 10 BIPOC congregations or organizations in "going solar" by the end of 2025 and to tell a new story about equitable, inclusive climate solutions. The grant also provides partial funding for a new strategic plan.

Peace Education Foundation

Miami Shores, Florida

Mary Ann Caulfield, OP, Board Member

The Foundation's Peace Education Initiative with the 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 the Dominican Republic. During

this grant cycle, trainers will expand the program, introducing community-building, anger management, communication, and peer mediation techniques and strategies to Dominican schools in the Philippines, a country challenged by violence and corruption.

National Coalition for Community Capital

South Burlington, Vermont

Corinne Florek, OP, Board Member

The National Coalition for Community Capital was awarded a grant that will serve and support its Community Capital Education Accelerator program. This new organization works to develop innovative ways to encourage people to invest in projects that will strengthen the resilience of their local communities, making our economy more just and inclusive, especially for communities that have been disenfranchised from the current economy. Professionals with many years of experience in community finance will tap the expertise of others in this field to assist communities in achieving their goals. The goal of the project is to develop educational materials and an online resource library on community investment capital that can be shared nationwide with students, professionals, and others.

PREPARES

Yakima, Washington

Sharon Park, OP, PREPARES Liaison for Diocese of Yakima

PREPARES will expand outreach to pregnant women and their families in five parishes in rural Spanish-speaking communities after training five additional ministers and 10 volunteers *en español*. Parishes will continue to offer support groups for teen mothers and help marginalized households become more resilient through direct service, vital support, and the opportunity for parents to strengthen their skills. The grant funds provide PREPARES the resources to offer their materials *en español* in the Yakima Diocese.

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Resurrection Home, Inc.

Beattyville, Kentucky

Mary Katherine Drouin, OP, Founder and Board Member

Through the Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers program offered by Resurrection Home, Inc., participants both offer and accept encouragement from one another. The grant funds the support group to nurture, assist, and enrich their lives and the lives of those in their charge. The grandmothers are relying on what little they have to raise and support their grandchildren. The program is a major means of support for the grandmother child-caregivers. View <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3QGreaL7h4>.

River Raisin Institute

Monroe, Michigan

Patricia Benson, OP, Board Member

A goal of the River Raisin Institute's (RRI) Climate Literacy Program is to educate young people about care of Earth. Support from the grant ensures that youth living in the Great Lakes region will have educational resources to make them aware of the effects of climate change and to pass that knowledge on to their families and the community. The RRI commitment is to teach sustainable living and climate change principles to students in 15 schools, focusing on the perils of water pollution and waste, and to expose the more than 450 students in the classroom climate literacy program to the local history, the environment, and the threat of climate change.

St. Ann Place

West Palm Beach, Florida

Mary Ann Caulfield, OP, Board Member/Volunteer
Staff members at St. Ann Place will assess clients who indicate a need for short-term rent and/or utility shortfall assistance for one month or one billing cycle. Approximately 15 individuals or families who meet the program criteria will be eligible for up to \$1,500 rental and utilities assistance. St. Ann Place will also make referrals to county and

city agency programs and collaborate with the City of West Palm Beach Vickers House Resource Center. View <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c56ULX1IPUI>.

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, *kahiwiyoy*, to make a positive contribution to the urban Native American community. St. Kateri Center employs a mentor for the Native American Youth program, helping indigenous youth to embrace their own traditions and faith in Christ. They will learn to create regalia and learn the cultural teachings in the style regalia they are making. In addition, they will learn pow wow etiquette and enter the circle at the 2023 St. Kateri Youth Pow Wow.

St. Margaret Mary Parish

Winter Park, Florida

Rosemary Finnegan, OP, Staff Member

Sustainable Initiatives for Haiti is a project of St. Margaret Mary Parish. During this grant cycle, the parish team will enhance the quality of life for our brothers and sisters in Haiti by assisting them to meet their own needs. The goal is to partner with the non-profit organization P4H (Projects for Haiti) during the summer of 2022 to train and equip Haitian educators through professional development. They will work with 45 teachers from five Catholic schools, who will benefit tremendously from a year-long teacher training program.

St. Rose Dominican Community Outreach

Henderson, Nevada

Judith Nelson, OP, Program Coordinator

St. Rose Dominican Hospitals Community Outreach was awarded a grant to train, supervise, and retain senior peer counselors to provide confidential and personal support to seniors facing the challenges of growing older. The program is designed to touch the lives

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of 50 seniors. The project ensures protection of the most at-risk people during this time of unprecedented vulnerability.

St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Resource Center

Detroit, Michigan

Cheryl Liske, OP, Board Member

The St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Resource Center was awarded a grant to educate and employ 12-15 low-income Cody Rouge residents in green stormwater skills and adult workforce development program. The 5 E's program allows participants to take advantage of on-site, wrap-around services, such as child care, tutoring, and other social services and community connections, the lack of which would become a barrier to success.

Southwest Chicago Homeless Services

Chicago, Illinois

Norine Burns, OP, Volunteer

Southwest Chicago Homeless Services (SCHS) is committed to helping people who are homeless or housing-insecure and to advocating on behalf of those who are homeless. The grant will allow SCHS to continue to assist clients in creating a path to permanent, stable housing. The goal is to provide placement assistance to 20 individuals and families seeking rental assistance or housing application fees for permanent housing. SCHS is also collaborating with All Chicago to modify the housing application process.

Springbank Retreat

Kingstree, South Carolina

Trina McCormick, OP, Director

Springbank Retreat will have a facelift as a result of the Ministry Trust grant! The grant will assist the staff as they reimagine Springbank for our changing times, using technology to better reach those who plan a retreat at Springbank and, at the same time, serve those who choose to retreat at home using the rich resources provided through technology. Staff are confident that their fresh approach will draw renowned theologians in the field of cosmology and eco-spirituality to Springbank Retreat.