



PRESS RELEASE *for immediate release*

Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina Awards \$47,500 in Grants

(COLUMBIA, S.C., DECEMBER 12, 2011) - The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina has awarded 21 Caritas grants, totaling \$47,500 to nonprofit and faith-based organizations across South Carolina.

Caritas grants are for organizations providing outreach services to the poor and marginalized. They are one-year grants designed for organizations with annual budgets of less than \$500,000.

“While these are small grants, we hope they will still make an impact and benefit these organizations in meeting the immediate needs of the underserved in our state,” said Yvonne Orr, board chair of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina.

About the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina, established in 1996, is a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System. The Foundation is committed to addressing the needs of the poor and underserved in all 46 South Carolina counties, and strategically uses resources to reduce poverty through action, advocacy and leadership.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: A list of organizations receiving grants is attached.

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December 2011 Caritas Grants

Coastal District Council St. Vincent De Paul Society – (\$2,000) Emergency assistance for the poor. (*Charleston County*)

Cornerstone Family Worship Center AG – (\$3,000) Funding for a food pantry. (*Chester and York Counties*)

Dream Center Clinic, Inc. – (\$3,000) Vision care services for the poor. (*Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties*)

Fields to Families – (\$2,500) A food distribution program that uses fresh local produce. (*Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties*)

Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County – (\$3,000) Providing medications and medical supplies to poor patients. (*Darlington County*)

Free Medical Clinic of Newberry County – (\$3,000) Medical diagnostic and treatment services for the rural indigent. (*Newberry County*)

Friendship Medical Clinic and Pharmacy – (\$3,000) Providing medications to low income adults. (*Horry County*)

Golden Corner Ministries – (\$1,500) A food pantry serving the elderly poor. (*Oconee County*)

Helping Hands of Georgetown – (\$3,000) An emergency food pantry for the poor. (*Georgetown County*)

Home Works of America – (\$3,000) Free home repairs and safety upgrades for disadvantaged homeowners. (*Lexington and Richland Counties*)

Meals On Wheels Bluffton-Hilton Head – (\$2,500) Home delivered meals for the elderly and homebound. (*Beaufort County*)

Mission of Hope Ministries – (\$1,000) A food bank for the poor. (*Calhoun, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland and Saluda Counties*)

North Greenville Food Crisis Ministry – (\$2,000) Providing food, clothing and emergency financial assistance to the poor. (*Greenville County*)

Our Lady's Pantry, a ministry of Catholic Charities – (\$2,500) A community food pantry. (*Beaufort and Jasper Counties*)



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Palmetto Volunteers in Medicine Clinic – (\$2,500) Providing free medical clinic services to the uninsured.
(*York County*)

Smith Medical Clinic – (\$1,000) A diabetes outreach program for the poor and uninsured. (*Georgetown County*)

South Lexington Food Pantry – (\$1,500) A community food pantry. (*Lexington County*)

St. Mary Catholic Church Social Concerns Outreach – (\$2,500) An outreach program for the poor. (*York County*)

St. Theresa Conference St. Vincent De Paul Society – (\$2,500) A supplemental food program for the poor.
(*Berkeley and Dorchester County*)

Stella Maris St. Vincent de Paul Society – (\$1,000) Providing nutritional supplements to the homebound elderly.
(*Charleston County*)

Sumpter Free Health Clinic – (\$1,500) Providing diabetic supplies and prescription medications to the poor and uninsured. (*Berkeley, Dorchester, Georgetown, Orangeburg and Williamsburg Counties*)