

# Sylvania Franciscan Foundation Fund

Grants made from the Sylvania Franciscan Foundation Fund (formerly known as the Sisters of St. Francis Donor Advised Fund) supports a variety of organizations and programs which are working in one or more of the following areas: (1) aiding in the fight against human trafficking and/or offering support to its victims; (2) offering support to immigrants and refugees; (3) broadly advancing social justice and equal access to opportunity through other programs and strategies; and (4) sustaining and renewing efforts related to creation and its gifts (ecology, environment, preservation, earth science, etc.).

2024 Grants (Amount: \$530,058)

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- **Bittersweet Farms** - \$25,000 to support the Creative Arts program
- **Camp Courageous & The Arc of Northwest Ohio, Inc.** - \$23,000 to support 2025 summer camp programming for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
- **Cherry Street Mission Ministries** - \$45,533 to support English language services and vocation training for immigrants.
- **The Art Tatum Zone** - \$40,000 to support the Pathways to Promise program which provides academic support and career readiness to students in the Onyx neighborhood.
- **Historic South Initiative** - \$50,000 to support a summer enrichment program for students attending Queen of Apostles school.
- **Women of Toledo** - \$22,900 was awarded to support programming that uses woodworking as a tool to teach immigrant women about STEAM and construction fields.
- **Junior Achievement of Northwestern Ohio** - \$50,000 to support the 5<sup>th</sup> Year Career Discovery program which provides educational and career exploration experiences to high school graduates.
- **Justice for Migrant Women** - \$50,000 to support outreach efforts that help migrant women develop leadership skills, learn about workplace safety, and navigate the legal system.
- **NAMI Greater Toledo** - \$28,300 support culturally sensitive mental health services for Middle Eastern and North African immigrants.



## 2024 Grants (continued)

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- **Narrative Arts** - \$8,972 to support the Floyd Street Nursery, which seeks to increase Toledo's urban tree canopy through distribution of trees in the community at no cost. **Open Arms Transformation Living** - \$50,000 to support a teen dating violence and human trafficking prevention program.
- **Read for Literacy, Inc.** - \$7,500 to support adult literacy and English language skills tutoring services.
- **St. John and St. Rose Parishes** - \$13,500 to support programming that offers translations services to immigrants and to assist with community building within the city of Lima.
- **St. Philips Lutheran Church** - \$30,479 to support tutoring services to students from McKinley STEM Academy.
- **Stranahan Elementary PTA** - \$15,000 to support construction of an inclusive and accessible playground.
- **Team Recovery** - \$39,874 to support the Women Rising from Trafficking and Addiction Program.
- **Toledo GROWS, Inc.** - \$30,000 support the Community Garden program, which offers education and supplies to neighborhood-based gardeners.



## 2025 Grants (Amount: \$471,133)

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- **Adrian Rea Literacy Center** - \$1,850 was awarded to support the Adult ESL program.
- **Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, Inc.** - \$20,000 was awarded to support a structured reintegration program for incarcerated adult men, including cohort-based sessions, mentoring, community service and victim-impact engagement.
- **Historic South Initiative** - \$50,000 was awarded to support after-school programming for kindergarten through grade eight students, including academic support, homework assistance and character development activities.
- **Justice for Migrant Women** - \$50,000 was awarded to support leadership development and advocacy initiatives that engage migrant and rural women in advancing health, safety and economic security through community organizing and policy efforts.
- **Mobile Meals of Toledo, Inc.** - \$15,000 was awarded to support services for older adults, including meal delivery, subsidized assistance and expanded access to essential programs for seniors with limited financial resources.
- **Nature's Nursery** - \$6,500 was awarded to support environmental education programming, including development of materials, interactive displays and community-based activities to increase awareness of local wildlife and stewardship.
- **Partners for Clean Streams** - \$4,983 was awarded to support community-based environmental efforts to improve water quality, including stream cleanups, water monitoring and resident engagement in targeted neighborhoods.
- **Reinvest Toledo** - \$25,000 was awarded to support a community training initiative that builds advocacy and organizing skills among neighborhood residents to strengthen civic leadership and promote neighborhood stabilization.
- **Salem Lutheran Church** - \$13,000 was awarded to support a community tree-planting initiative, including installation of native trees, volunteer engagement and activities to enhance neighborhood green space and environmental conditions.



## 2025 Grants (continued)

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- **Sisters In Shelter** - \$50,000 was awarded to support trauma-informed shelter and prevention programming for adult survivors of human trafficking, including emergency housing, education and community partnerships.
- **The Cocoon** - \$50,000 was awarded to support trauma-informed healthcare access for survivors of human trafficking, including medical services, advocacy support and transportation assistance.
- **The Foundation of the Islamic Food Bank Toledo** - \$50,000 was awarded to support food distribution efforts for low-income residents, including access to nutritious food and community-based assistance in a high-need area.
- **The Program, Inc.** - \$30,000 was awarded to support mentoring and family support services for father-absent youth and single mothers, including leadership development, financial literacy and parenting resources.
- **Toledo GROWS, Inc.** - \$30,000 was awarded to support community gardening initiatives, including distribution of plants and seeds, education programming and efforts to increase access to healthy food in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
- **Toledo Tomorrow** - \$25,000 was awarded to support college and career readiness services for high school students, including mentoring, financial aid assistance, campus visits and family engagement activities.
- **Zepf Center** - \$50,000 was awarded to support services for runaway and homeless youth, including emergency shelter, case management, mental health support and human trafficking prevention efforts.