Catholic Health Initiatives
MISSION & MINISTRY FUND
2013 GRANTS
The Mission and Ministry Fund of Catholic Health Initiatives awarded 22 grants totaling more than $5 million for 2013. The grants support the planning, development and implementation of initiatives to promote healthy communities across the country and around the world.

Established in 1996 at the suggestion of Catholic Health Initiatives’ founding congregations, the Mission and Ministry Fund has awarded 369 grants totaling approximately $46.9 million to programs across the globe. The grants awarded for 2013 include 11 grants specifically allocated to fund violence prevention programs, in keeping with Catholic Health Initiatives’ systemwide commitment to nonviolence; and 11 grants that fund other healthy community initiatives in the U.S. and abroad.

Mission and Ministry Fund grants support innovative projects designed to improve the health of a community, often by serving disadvantaged individuals and populations. Applications may be submitted by Catholic Health Initiatives’ affiliated facilities, participating congregations and strategic partner organizations. All supported initiatives must meet an identified community need, invite collaboration with community partners and be replicable in other communities. For more information, visit www.catholichealthinitiatives.org.
DOMESTIC PROJECT GRANTS

FRANCISCAN FOUNDATION
Tacoma, WA

*Responsive Care Coordination Program*

$231,982 over two years

Opportunity

Many of the people who receive care at the Franciscan Transitional Clinic lack access to regular health care, insurance and/or money to pay for care. They also lack the ability to effectively manage their health problems. Approximately 85% of the people who receive care at the Franciscan Transitional Clinic are complex patients with multiple medical problems. In addition, discharged hospital patients who were referred to the clinic but never seen there have a 30% hospital readmission rate within 30 days of discharge. They also average one emergency department visit during those 30 days.

Initiative

Through evidence-based care transition and coordination, the Responsive Care Coordination Program (RCCP) will improve health outcomes for uninsured individuals with serious, complex health conditions and psychosocial challenges. RCCP is a new, collaborative program supported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This project will expand RCCP to serve the high-need, marginalized patients seen at the Franciscan Transitional Clinic. The grant funds will enable the program to provide a registered nurse who will provide patients with individualized coaching and education after a hospitalization or ED visit; coordinate follow-up care and services; and make connections between patients and community resources.

Key Goals and Objectives

At least 525 people are expected to receive services through RCCP during the first two years of the program's expansion to this uninsured, high-need population. The goals are to improve health outcomes for this population through one-on-one, evidence-based care transition and coordination services; increase access to primary care for these individuals; and advance the further expansion of RCCP by testing and evaluating this program.

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KENTUCKYONE HEALTH
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CATHOLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

*Compassionate Care for Vulnerable Populations/Health Connections Initiative*

$513,655

Opportunity

Data from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality show that the sickest 5% of U.S. patients account for more than half of health care costs. When care models provide these patients with comprehensive, coordinated services, health outcomes improve and costs decrease. One of the first organizations to practice this was the Camden (NJ) Coalition of Health Providers, which used insurance claim data to identify “hot spots” of high-risk, high-utilization patients. The coalition found two buildings in Camden where residents accounted for nearly $30 million in medical spending. These patients had difficulty accessing transportation, poor social relationships and/or ineffective primary care. By better coordinating care and providing social services, the coalition improved the population’s health status, reduced their hospital visits and cut costs in half.
Initiative
In CHI’s ministry, preferential treatment of the poor and vulnerable is an ethical obligation. KentuckyOne Health, CHI Nebraska and CHI’s national office will collaborate on a new model of care that will deliver compassionate, coordinated, comprehensive and cost-effective care to vulnerable patients. A high-risk, high-utilization patient population will be identified in two communities, one in Kentucky and one in Nebraska. The partnership will create a way to map and monitor the health of these populations and engage them in the health improvement process. The partners will evaluate best-practice models of coordinated care and design a coordinated health care delivery system for the two communities.

Key Goals and Objectives
The goal is to create a model of coordinated care delivery that will improve health outcomes, be sustained by cost savings, and be replicable across CHI. Measurement will be fully defined during development of the coordinated care delivery model, but may include outcomes of care, patient satisfaction, utilization management, ED visit frequency, readmission rate and cost of care.

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MERCY HOUSING NORTHWEST
Pierce County, WA
Affordable Housing and Health Care Integration
$186,920 over three years

Opportunity
A recent survey of the residents of the five Mercy Housing Northwest affordable housing communities in Pierce County, WA, found that 18% are uninsured. Focus groups of residents revealed several issues related to their health and access to health care, including a high number of residents with chronic conditions; a lack of care coordination among hospitals, primary care physician and specialists; and general lack of knowledge about the effects of health care reform.

Initiative
The Affordable Housing and Healthcare Integration project intends to increase access to health education and improve health outcomes for the uninsured residents of Mercy Housing Northwest properties in Pierce County. Based on learning and partnerships developed with the support of a Mission and Ministry Fund planning grant, Mercy Housing Northwest will conduct a three-year project with three strategies: create a new Clinical Care Coordination Liaison position to serve this population; expand onsite health education and prevention services; and integrate affordable housing communities into the regional health networks now forming in the area.

Key Goals and Objectives
Three expected outcomes include the successful connection of residents to health care resources, including insurance coverage; better integration of Mercy Housing Northwest’s properties into preventive and primary care networks; and improvement in the overall health of residents. Mercy Housing Northwest will use Mercy Housing’s Social Impact Measurement System to evaluate the project. Mercy Housing Northwest also intends to expand this work to other communities in Washington, to other communities served by Mercy Housing, and to other affordable housing providers.

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SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Fargo, ND
Jeremiah Program: Empowerment Train-the-Trainer
$57,560

Opportunity
There are approximately 5,000 single mothers in the Fargo, ND/Moorhead, MN community. Nearly half of them live in poverty, and more than half of the children are under age five. Barriers to their success include unsafe, unstable housing and a lack of affordable, quality child care.

Initiative
The Jeremiah Program is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization that takes a holistic approach to helping low-income single mothers with children under age five improve their lives. The program is successful in Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN, and is now expanding to Fargo/Moorhead. The Jeremiah Program provides safe, affordable housing; early childhood education for the children; and personal empowerment training for the moms. The completion of
Personal Empowerment training is a prerequisite for enrollment in the rest of the Jeremiah Program. With this grant, the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will support a “train-the-trainer” program that will prepare a team of Personal Empowerment trainers to serve the single mothers of Fargo/Moorhead.

Key Goals and Objectives
The sisters are part of a collaborative network that supports and promotes the Jeremiah Program in Fargo/Moorhead. There is one paid staff member, and approximately 80 volunteers who provide office and marketing support, mentoring and life skills training. The sisters’ goal is to train and certify four Personal Empowerment trainers. The ultimate outcome measure for the Jeremiah Program will be the number of single mothers whose lives improve through education, quality employment, and the development of their children’s ability to succeed in school and life.

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ST. CATHERINE HOSPITAL
Garden City, KS
Family Literacy Project
$257,487 over three years

Opportunity
Research shows that students who are failing academically by the fourth grade are on a course for school dropout, social failures, underemployment and economic failure as adults. According to the Garden City Schools’ Report Card, 20.3% of third grade students perform below state standards in reading and 9% perform below state standards in math. Asian and Hispanic students are at greatest risk: of the underperforming students, 56% are Asian (mostly refugees from Myanmar), 21.9% are Hispanic, and 9.2% white (non-Hispanic).

Initiative
Using a family literacy model, the Finney County Community Health Coalition will strengthen families at risk of academic, health and social failures. The family literacy model focuses on helping high-risk families improve language skills; increasing school readiness for pre-school age children; and decreasing academic failure for grade school students. Parents attend English as a Second Language classes for four hours a week while their children are involved in child development activities. For an additional four hours a week, parents and children work together to improve literacy and math skills. St. Catherine Hospital and other members of the Finney County Community Health Coalition will establish a meeting place where the family literacy classes can be held.

Key Goals and Objectives
The coalition’s goal is to improve the reading scores of participating students and the school readiness scores of participating pre-school age children by 5% each year for a total of three years. A baseline and measurement for parents’ educational gains will be established using the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System, which assesses basic reading, listening and writing skills in adults.

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ST. JOSEPH HEALTH MINISTRIES
Lancaster, PA
Children’s Dental Services of Columbia
$416,129 over three years

Opportunity
In Columbia, PA, there are no dental practices that accept patients on medical assistance. Even if families have dental coverage through Medicaid, there is no local provider of dental services that will accept them as patients. In the Columbia School District, 70% of families qualify for free or reduced-price lunches for their students, indicating a high rate of families that are uninsured or on medical assistance. Children’s Dental Services of Columbia intends to provide access to preventive dental care for the youngest children of these families: studies show that prevention of dental disease is most effective when started at an early age when children are at risk of not visiting a dentist due to lack of income or access.

Initiative
St. Joseph Health Ministries’ (SJHMs’) Brush.Brush.Smile! program, established in 2004, provides dental care to more than 1,000 and oral health education to more than 10,000 school-age children each year. This grant will help SJHM establish Children’s Dental Services of Columbia, which will focus on providing preventive dental care to the newborn to
PROJECT GRANTS

SJHM will establish and staff a children’s dental clinic in Columbia to provide children who are uninsured or on medical assistance with dental services at no charge. Services will include screenings, cleanings, fluoride varnishes, sealants and restorative work.

Key Goals and Objectives
The goal is to prevent dental caries (cavities) in young, low-income children. Program success will be measured by the percentage of children in the Columbia School District who have dental caries when they enter kindergarten. Strategies include working with collaborators to identify and recruit families for services; providing a dental home for their preschool children; and providing education about good nutrition and good oral health habits.

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ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HEALTH NETWORK
Reading, PA
Centering Pregnancy
$236,113 over three years

Opportunity
In Berks County, PA, 9% of babies are born to adolescent girls. The city of Reading has the highest adolescent birth rate: 28.1%, or about 134 births annually. Reading is one of the poorest cities in the U.S., and the majority of residents are Latino: this is significant because Latina women are more likely to receive late-term or no prenatal care. There is a need to better track local data related to teen pregnancy-related school drop-out rates, but national studies estimate rates of 70-90% among pregnant teens. Most state and local programs for these students have been drastically cut in recent years, and there are no programs that specifically serve teen fathers.

Initiative
St. Joseph researched innovative and culturally sensitive programs for young mothers that show quality outcomes. Introduced nationally in 1993, Centering Pregnancy is a model that takes pregnant women out of the exam room and into a supportive group setting. They receive basic prenatal checkups, build community with other women, and gain knowledge and skills during pregnancy, childbirth and parenting. This model is already used successfully at St. Joseph’s Downtown Campus clinics. This grant will be used in collaboration with other community organizations to offer Centering Pregnancy to pregnant teens in school-based settings. St. Joseph will also offer a pilot of Promoting Responsible Fatherhood, an adaptation of Centering Pregnancy, to young fathers.

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UNITY FAMILY HEALTHCARE/ST. GABRIEL’S HOSPITAL
Little Falls, MN
Patient-Centered Medical Home Development Initiative
$488,575 over three years

Opportunity
“The Health of Morrison County,” a comprehensive community health needs assessment, shows that obesity is the number one health concern in the community: 68% of people say it is a serious or very serious concern. Related concerns include diabetes, lack of physical activity and lack of healthy behaviors. Morrison County’s health results rank near the worst in Minnesota. The data also show that many identified health concerns can be most effectively addressed by a coordinated approach to care, which is the foundation of the Patient Centered Medical Home model (PCMH). There is overwhelming evidence that PCMH can improve quality of care while decreasing costs and inappropriate use of health care resources.

Initiative
This project will create a PCMH at Family Medical Center, a multi-specialty primary care clinic that is wholly owned by St. Gabriel’s Hospital. Collaborators will include a wide
range of community partners, as well as a variety of St. Gabriel’s departments and facilities. Community partners will include Morrison County Public Health, Morrison County Social Services, local schools, the chamber of commerce, the Healthy Communities Collaborative of Morrison County, and more.

Key Goals and Objectives

Specific goals include better management of chronic disease, improved nutrition and other healthy behaviors, reduction in negative health behaviors, reduction in obesity rates, reduction in inappropriate use of health care resources and reduced health care costs. Measurement data will include Minnesota’s County Health Rankings for adult smoking, adult obesity, excessive drinking and motor vehicle crash death rates. The project will also use measurements recommended by CHI’s Primary Care Transformation Collaborative, including quality, patient satisfaction and cost measures.

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Alma Mater Hospital, Haiti: Developing a Sister-Hospital Relationship

$88,900

Opportunity

Alma Mater Hospital, Gros-Morne, Haiti, is the only 24-hour health facility for a community of 135,000 regular residents. The next-closest hospital is the public hospital in Gonaives, an hour away over dirt roads that are impassable in the rainy season. Gros-Morne has little clean water and no sewage facilities, reliable electricity or communication with the rest of Haiti. The area suffers from the same health conditions as the rest of Haiti: 15% of children die before age five and only 30% of children are vaccinated; preventable diseases are major causes of death; and maternal mortality is the highest in the Americas. During 2011, Alma Mater Hospital admitted 4,296 patients, of whom 87 died, for a 2% patient mortality rate. Most deaths were from diseases and conditions that should be easily curable.

Initiative

This grant will support a second year of planning for a project that will establish a long-term sister-to-sister relationship between Alma Mater Hospital and St. Anthony Hospital, Lakewood, CO. Representatives of Alma Mater and St. Anthony and their collaborators, including the University of Colorado’s health administration department, the Catholic Health Association’s Campaign for Rebirth and Renewal, Catholic Relief Services and Haiti’s regional health network, will complete a full assessment of Alma Mater’s needs; provide assistance for priority needs; and develop a five-year business plan.

Key Goals and Objectives

The five-year business plan will help Alma Mater raise funds and will guide the developing sister hospital relationship. Additional goals include building a stronger, more trusting relationship between the Alma Mater staff and St. Anthony and creating strategies for working together to improve Alma Mater’s operations and patient outcomes.

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FARGO DIVISION OF
CATHOLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES
Fargo, ND

Fargo Division International Mission Program,
Indigenous People’s Hospital, Philippines

$102,000 over three years

Opportunity

There are approximately 60,000 indigenous people in the Diocese of Bayombong in the Philippines. They are some of the most marginalized and impoverished people in the country. They live a simple agrarian lifestyle, but have been forced to relocate to remote mountain villages as more of their land is taken for logging, mining and other commercial uses. For these people, access to health care is difficult due to lack of insurance, inability to pay and an absence of roads where they live. When the Indigenous People’s Hospital opened in Bayombong in May 2012, equipped with supplies and equipment sent by the Fargo Division office and facilities, hundreds of people lined up for care. Now, indigenous people are being trained to work in the hospital and its outpatient clinic. There is a critical need for continuing education for the trainees, as well as consultation with health professionals in the Fargo Division.

Initiative

To provide improved communication, education and consultation between the Indigenous People’s Hospital and the Fargo Division, the grant funds will be used to purchase, ship and install videoconferencing equipment. Fargo Division staff will also continue to gather equipment and supplies for shipping to the Indigenous People’s Hospital in partnership with MedShare, a nonprofit medical surplus recovery and redistribution organization.

Key Goals and Objectives

In addition to establishing a videoconferencing link, the goal is to ship one 40-foot container of medical supplies and equipment to the Indigenous People’s Hospital each year for the next three years. Each shipment will be valued at more than $125,000.

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SISTERS OF CHARITY OF NAZARETH  
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*Catherine Spalding Centre*  
*$58,668$ over three years

**Opportunity**

The underage status of many domestic workers is a growing problem in India. Of the country’s 90 million local and migrant domestic workers, an estimated 12.6 million are underage. Of those, 86% are girls and 25% are under the age of 14. Domestic workers of any gender or age are excluded by most national labor laws, including the National Minimum Wages Act. The Catherine Spalding Centre in Ranchi, India, operated by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, works with the National Domestic Workers Movement to empower women and girls who serve as domestic workers or who are victims of human trafficking.

**Initiative**

This project of the Catherine Spalding Center focuses on restoring the dignity of women and girls who serve as domestic workers. The Centre provides opportunities for these workers to empower themselves and develop new competencies through ongoing education and skills training.

**Key Goals and Objectives**

Goals include collaborating with the National Movement for the Rights of Domestic Workers in lobbying, advocacy and education; empowering women and girls on the margins of society through education and skills training; promoting reverence for and better understanding of domestic work; and collaborating with government and church organizations to promote justice for domestic workers. Regular evaluations will measure outcomes, with the information used to plan additional programs.

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**Year One**

**CENTURA HEALTH SOUTH STATE REGION**  
Colorado Springs, CO  
$146,000  

Opportunity  
Centura Health’s South State Region (CHSSR) includes the Centura hospitals serving the communities of Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Canon City. This grant will enable the CHSSR facilities to work together to strategically address violence prevention.

Initiative  
In the first year of this initiative, CHSSR will conduct research consisting of asset-mapping and needs assessments in the three communities. After identifying the region’s most vulnerable populations and most pervasive types of violence, CHSSR will decide whether one violence prevention initiative for all three communities or three separate initiatives will be most effective. CHSSR also hopes to establish common partnerships with organizations in all three communities, including public health departments, community health centers, law enforcement and more.

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**Year Two**

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA**  
Little Falls, MN  
$22,420  

Opportunity  
In rural Little Falls, kids and teenagers have few distractions outside of sports and school. Local agencies and community members cite drug and alcohol use and a high suicide rate as serious concerns. In continuing to develop programming at the St. Francis Music Center, the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls hope to provide area youth with a creative outlet.

Initiative  
In year one, the St. Francis Music Center had success building relationships with local agencies that work with kids in the social services and judicial systems. The music center hired a program coordinator and began a pilot program that provides free music lessons to at-risk youth. This year, the center will focus on creating a more detailed plan for involving youth with music, setting goals, and laying the foundation to build the program and integrate it into the community.

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**GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL**  
Kearney, NE  
$28,128 over six months  

Opportunity  
A one-year planning grant from CHI allowed Good Samaritan Hospital, in partnership with Buffalo County Community Partners (BCCP), to coordinate the violence-prevention efforts of local groups and form the Buffalo County Violence Prevention Coalition, a countywide initiative dedicated to improving the health of citizens. The group completed a formal assessment and began the development of a three-year plan to address bullying and youth violence in the area.

Initiative  
In the first six months of year two, the Violence Prevention Coalition will complete its strategic plan to provide direction for its continued effort. The group will focus on education and develop programs with three goals in mind: 1) to build a trauma-informed community; 2) to increase youth protective factors; 3) to prevent youth violence.

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SISTERS OF CHARITY OF NAZARETH  
Nazareth, KY  
$30,000  

Opportunity:  
The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth want to raise awareness of human trafficking in Nelson County in order to create a community that is opposed to all forms of violence.

Initiative:  
In the first year, members of the Nelson County Human Trafficking Task Force received education and training from an expert with Kentucky Rescue and Restore. Several members also attended human trafficking workshops and conferences and reported back to the full task force. The group facilitated education about human trafficking in Nelson County to more than 200 local professionals involved in education, health care, community service and the justice system. They also appeared on local radio and at community presentations and events. In the coming year, the group will continue to collaborate with community leaders and explore the possibility of more prevention efforts, including collaborating with KentuckyOne Health on an educational event and assisting Nelson County professionals in the identification of potential human trafficking cases.

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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE  
Columbus, OH  
$443,790 over three years

Opportunity

The Dominican Sisters of Peace identified a community in Franklin County in special need of violence prevention efforts. Comprised primarily of Mexican nationals, the area reports a high incidence of illegal drugs, violence, and gang activity. The absence of health care intervention programs compounds these problems, as does the lack of interpreter services and safe communal space.

Initiative

Preliminary meetings with community leaders, the City of Columbus and other local groups helped to identify specific needs and risk factors. The sisters established a bilingual Family Learning Program to increase literacy and hosted parties and other events to build trust and provide families with a safe social environment. In the second year, the sisters continued to emphasize trust-building social activities and reached out to other organizations in order to grow the community’s collaborative network.

Key Goals and Objectives

The key goal of the project is reduce violence in the community by empowering its residents to address violence through education and evidence-based practices. The Dominican Sisters of Peace will continue to earn the trust of the community and build its resilience using CHI’s healthy communities model.

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KENTUCKYONE HEALTH  
Lexington/London, KY  
$413,859 over three years

Opportunity

In October 2010, KentuckyOne’s violence prevention committee reviewed statistics on domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and bullying with the goal of determining the cause of violence in the communities of Lexington and London. Both individual and family factors emerged as root causes.

Initiative

In Lexington, the Winburn neighborhood coalition has evolved from a loosely-connected group of concerned leaders to a core planning team – the Community Engagement Workgroup – that has engaged youth and adult residents in monthly community events focused on reducing youth violence. The Community Engagement Workgroup has organized much-needed after-school activities and mentoring programs for youth. The effort in London has focused on educating the community about child abuse, particularly Shaken Baby Syndrome. The local newspaper participates by publishing informative articles on child abuse and coalition efforts.

Key Goals and Objectives

KentuckyOne will continue to educate members of the Lexington and London communities about causes and signs of domestic violence and child abuse in order reduce the overall incidence of violent crime. In Lexington, the coalition will work toward the establishment of an Education Safehouse, an after-school tutoring and homework program. In London, the coalition is exploring opportunities to provide the assistance of an early childhood educator to expectant parents. KentuckyOne also intends to expand violence prevention efforts to the Berea, Martin and Mount Sterling communities.

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KENTUCKYONE HEALTH, VIA JEWISH HOSPITAL AND ST. MARY’S FOUNDATION
Louisville, KY
$469,927 over three years

Opportunity
Teenagers in the Parkhill, Algonquin and California neighborhoods of Louisville reported generally negative feelings about personal safety and relationships. These attitudes, combined with the low number of teens reporting the presence of supportive adults in their lives, indicate that the adolescent population of those neighborhoods is at increased risk for domestic/dating violence.

Initiative
The Jewish Hospital and St. Mary’s Foundation created PACT in Action, a youth-led teen dating violence prevention project. Led by a Youth Advisory Board, PACT members educated teens about violence prevention through a multi-platform media campaign that was featured in USA Today. PACT in Action established partnerships with other community organizations to engage parents and other adults, with the intention of increasing community capacity and ultimately achieving policy change related to youth and domestic violence. The group also involved the local school system, using its annual survey to gather information about the prevalence of youth dating violence. This year, in addition to fostering additional PACT chapters, the group hopes to educate leaders of faith communities and other local organizations on how to talk to teens about domestic violence. PACT in Action will continue to build public awareness of teen dating violence, reach out to schools and community organizations to provide violence prevention education, and encourage local organizations incorporate violence prevention strategies into daily operations.

Key Objectives and Goals
PACT in Action’s goal is to reduce domestic violence involving youth and adults in the Parkhill, Algonquin and California neighborhoods by 10% by the year 2020, based on Louisville Metro Police Department data.

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MERCY FOUNDATION (ON BEHALF OF MERCY MEDICAL CENTER)
Roseburg, OR
$194,529 over two years

Opportunity
The Mercy Foundation saw an opportunity to improve the community’s response to child abuse. They established a Violence Prevention Coalition that prioritized the creation and implementation of violence prevention programming that emphasizes education.

Initiative
In the first year, UP2USNow completed a needs assessment of existing intervention programs in Douglas County and developed a comprehensive action plan. They developed several educational projects, including the UP2USNow, which teaches teens to use filmmaking skills to raise awareness of child abuse, and a Strong Start/Strong Kids/Strong Teen curriculum, available to K-12 students. After learning that a single Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) covered the entire county, the group hired and trained six local nurses and two mid-level practitioners to be SANEs. In the coming year, the coalition will focus on three main efforts:

1) Streamlining the Information Exchange Network, which allows leaders and members of different organizations to share information on child abuse prevention efforts
2) Sustaining the UP2UsNow Media project
3) Increasing the capacity for Home Visit Prevention education for high-risk families.

Key Goals and Objectives
Goals include reducing the number of “screen out” cases of child abuse and neglect 5% by 2015, and 10% by 2020; and reducing the number of “found cases” of suspected child abuse and neglect 5% by 2015 and 15% by 2020.

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VIOLENCE PREVENTION IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

SAINT CLARE’S FOUNDATION
Denville, NJ
$110,593

Opportunity
After conducting a needs assessment and reviewing local statistics on various types of violence, Saint Clare’s Violence Prevention Committee worked with others in the community to determine that families are an integral but often neglected element in effective violence prevention. The consensus of the committee was to work on strengthening families to decrease the incidence of child maltreatment.

Initiative
The committee designed the Safe Start program, which promotes healthy socio-emotional development for children beginning in infancy. The program emphasizes the parents’ role in understanding and meeting the developmental needs of their infants; it also encourages parents to use the peer support and family development resources available to them in the community. The program is offered in English and Spanish, in locations that are easily accessible to those with limited transportation options. Some locations also provide child care during the program sessions.

Key Goals and Objectives
The program’s goal is to reduce the number of reported cases of child abuse and neglect in Denville and Dover by 5%, to 194 reported cases annually by 2016. Plans are in place to recruit more expectant and new parents into the program through increased referrals from other community organizations. Saint Clare’s is also working to offer professional development continuing education credits to child care workers who complete the Safe Start program.

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SAMARITAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. (GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL)
Dayton, OH
$515,685 over three years

Opportunity
Samaritan Behavioral Health formed a community coalition, United Against Violence of Greater Dayton (UAVGD), to prevent violence in the community with a focus on reducing violent crime in four designated neighborhoods: Westwood, Trotwood, North Riverdale, and Harrison Township.

Initiative
With more than 40 community stakeholders and seven distinct councils, UAVGD has completed the start-up phase, during which the organization designated leaders and established baseline goals and objectives for each council. In the past year, UAVGD began implementing programs such as Second Step, a violence prevention curriculum currently taught in 14 elementary schools. Analysis of outcome measures shows that children exposed to Second Step improve their behavior and attitudes about violent behavior. UAVGD will use this grant to sustain and expand its programming initiatives.

Key Goals and Objectives
UAVGD’s overall goal is to reduce Dayton’s violent crime by 10% in the designated neighborhoods through the creation and expansion of violence-prevention programs in schools and support for open dialogue within the community.

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ST. CATHARINE HOSPITAL
Garden City, KS
$384,645 over three years

Opportunity

Garden City’s violence prevention stakeholders have been working toward reducing family violence by creating programs designed to aid families involved with Family Crisis Services as well as those living in neighborhoods identified as “at risk.”

Initiative

The first stage of the community plan was an information campaign. The group distributed community resource guides, held Spanish-language parenting and youth development sessions, provided training in trauma-informed counseling to the Family Crisis services staff, and hosted neighborhoods events. In addition, local landlords, property managers and employees of local organizations such as the YMCA were trained to recognize and talk about signs of family violence and domestic abuse.

In the coming year, the violence prevention stakeholders hope to expand their efforts in education, counseling and community interaction. The group would like to expand a family health worker program to six workers who will assist families in the Hispanic, Somali and Burmese communities. They also plan to develop a coordinated community response task force to address domestic violence, especially when children are involved, and to work with local government to reduce violence in local bars.

Key Goals and Objectives:

Based on community input, the goal of the violence prevention initiative is to reduce family violence in specific neighborhoods by 3% annually beginning in 2013, for a total reduction of 21% by 2020.

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