



**Annual Report of Grants
January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010**

The Stranahan Foundation Board of Trustees considers grant opportunities that fall within five priority areas of interest:

- Human Services;
- Ecological Well-Being;
- Arts & Culture;
- Education;
- Mental & Physical Health

We encourage you to visit the “Grantmaking Priorities” section of our website (at www.stranahanfoundation.org) for a more detailed description of each of these areas of interest.

During 2010, over \$2.4 million in Foundation grants supported a wide variety of important programs in communities all across the country. Following is a brief description of each of these grant-funded programs.

Human Services

Adopt America Network

\$65,000 (two grants)

Toledo, Ohio

Adopt America is dedicated to finding permanent adoptive homes for children in foster care from across the United States who have special needs (i.e. those with a history of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; victims of extreme neglect, those who are mentally or medically fragile, sibling groups of two or more, older youth, and/or minority and bi-racial youth) through a broad range of services for both families and the children.

The Adoption Center offers two primary services: counseling and other related services for adopted children and/or their families living in northwest Ohio; and pre-adoption training, home studies, and post-adoption supervision for private or international adoptions for families located throughout Ohio.

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality

\$45,750 (two grants)

Toledo, OH

The AmeriCorps Homelessness Prevention and Housing Opportunity Project provides information, education, and legal assistance to help low-income individuals and families maintain or acquire safe and affordable housing in Lucas County.

The Microenterprise Legal Assistance Project (MLAP) utilizes pro bono attorneys to offer direct legal services and legal education programs for low-income individuals who wish to begin or have recently begun their own business in the Toledo central city area.

Ann Arbor Teen Center, Inc.

\$25,000

Ann Arbor, MI

The SCORE after-school program offers individual academic support, presentations by community leaders, college exploration opportunities and application assistance, and access to job internships for youth between the ages of 14 and 18 who are at risk for poor high school performance and lack the adult and/or financial support needed to be successful in high school and to pursue post secondary education.

Arts Commission of Greater Toledo

\$12,500

Toledo, OH

Young Artists at Work provides at-risk youth, ages 14 to 18, with an opportunity to engage in paid summer employment in the arts. The 6-week summer program allows the youth to explore the arts as a potential career choice, and to develop technical art and employment skills.

Beach House, Inc.

\$25,000 + \$5,000 challenge

Toledo, OH

Beach House is a 7-bedroom emergency homeless shelter that provides families, single women or women with children, men with children and married couples from the greater Toledo area, northwest Ohio, and southeast Michigan with a warm, clean, safe environment for up to 60 days and assists them in identifying and finding resources to address the problems that impacted their self-sufficiency.

Cherry Street Mission Ministries

\$19,000

Toledo, OH

Funds awarded for the purchase of kitchen equipment for the Madison Food Service and Community Center that prepares over 600 meals each day for Cherry Street Mission Ministries' residents and low-income families living in the neighborhood surrounding the Center.

Children's Place at Home Safe

\$25,000

Lake Worth, FL

The Safety Net program provides help for any adult, child, or family who has been affected by domestic assault and/or family violence through a continuum of services (crisis intervention and stabilization, case management, court advocacy, and individual and group therapy) that help the individual or family attain safety and stability and develop the strategies and skills needed to live violence-free.

Chrysalis Center

\$25,000

Los Angeles, CA

The Chrysalis Center Employment Program helps homeless and economically disadvantaged individuals in the Los Angeles area with job acquisition skill development, employment, and job retention.

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Morris and Sussex Counties, Inc.

\$25,000

Morristown, NJ

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Morris and Sussex Counties (CASA) recruits and trains volunteers to advocate for children in the foster care system who are victims of violence, neglect, or abandonment.

Dallas Mission for Life

\$25,000

Dallas, TX

Dallas LIFE, the largest emergency shelter in Dallas, provides shelter, meals, clothing, social support, and life and employment training programs for an average of 320 adults and 30 children each day.

Faith*Hope*Love*Charity

\$25,000

Lake Worth, FL

The First Stop Veteran's Resource Center provides case management services and space for representatives from almost 20 nonprofit agencies who help current military personnel, veterans, and military family members with such needs as emergency assistance for rent, utilities and food; referral for medical or mental health care, individual or family counseling, job training or placement, permanent housing, and/or legal assistance.

Food for Santa Fe

\$10,000

Santa Fe, NM

Feeding the Hungry program provides food for needy families once a week at its drive-through food distribution center. Each adult in the car receives one bag of groceries containing perishable and non-perishable food, milk, and healthy snacks for children.

Food Project

\$25,000

Lincoln, MA

The Food Project's Local Youth Programs engage youth who develop critical life and job skills while working to build a more just and sustainable food system. The participants develop knowledge and skills in the areas of leadership, job skills, diversity, social service and change, healthy eating, sustainable agriculture, and communication.

Good Grief, Inc.

\$25,000

Summit, NJ

Good Grief provides education, advocacy, and year-round peer support groups for grieving children, teens and adults all designed to normalize grief and create resilient communities where children coping with loss grow up emotionally healthy and able to lead meaningful and productive lives.

homeWORD

\$50,000

Missoula, MT

homeWORD assists low-income families to ensure that they have safe, affordable housing by maintaining over 160 affordable housing units and by providing first-time homebuyer financial education and foreclosure prevention counseling services through its walk-in HomeOwnership Center. Grant funds were awarded for the construction of a new homeWORD administrative office and HomeOwnership Center.

House of Emmanuel

\$50,000

Toledo, OH

The House of Emmanuel Residential Treatment program provides intensive treatment services and individualized education programs for boys under the age of 18 who are in the foster care system due abuse or neglect and have a history of mental health issues and/or severe behavior problems.

New York Youth at Risk, Inc.

\$20,000

New York, NY

Woman to Woman is a two-year program that works to ensure that teenage mothers and girls at high risk of becoming teen mothers complete their education and develop into self-sufficient and financially independent adults. This voluntary program helps to deter teenage pregnancy, school drop out, delinquent behaviors, and/or permanent dependence on New York City's social services system

Open Door Ministry

\$75,000

Toledo, OH

Open Door Ministry renovated a 3,400 square foot house to provide transitional housing for an additional 20 to 24 men who are recovering from drug and/or alcohol abuse.

Santa Fe Children's Museum

\$15,000

Santa Fe, NM

The Children's Museum provides a safe place for children ages two through twelve to have fun and learn as they choose from a number of age-appropriate interactive environmental and educational programs and activities.

Santa Fe Mountain Center

\$25,000

Tesuque, NM

The Emergence Program assists and supports Native youth, young adults, and their communities in central New Mexico in reconnecting with the rich traditions and values of their heritage while providing the skills and knowledge necessary for economic, environmental, and social justice development through experiential learning.

Sound Experience

\$25,000

Port Townsend, WA

Sound Experience is a Puget Sound-based organization that delivers environmental education programs aboard the 133' historic wooden schooner *Adventuress*. Targeting youth living in Jefferson, Kitsap, and Clallam Counties on the Olympic Peninsula, three-hour and overnight programs are designed to help these youth develop a greater understanding of the complexity of the Puget Sound marine ecological systems and a stronger commitment to the stewardship of these waters.

Toledoans United for Social Action (TUSA)

\$25,000

Toledo, OH

TUSA works through the faith community and socio-economically, racially, denominationally, and geographically diverse Lucas County congregations to build relationships, listen to common concerns, research community problems, and then take action to see that systems in the community are held accountable to principles of justice and fairness.

University of the Cumberlands Inc

\$15,000

Williamsburg, KY

Scholarships allow Cumberland students to serve as Team Leaders for the Mountain Outreach Program, a student organization that assists low income families in Appalachia by building new homes or helping with home repairs and other infrastructure needs.

Western Carolina Higher Education Commission

\$18,000

Allendale, SC

The University of South Carolina's Salkehatchie Leadership Institute promotes the development of community leaders, nurtures civic development, and serves as a catalyst for community and economic development.

YWCA Missoula

\$25,000

Missoula, MT

GUTS! Leadership Project is an after-school and summer program that uses a variety of best practices including single-gender programming, mentoring and peer support, small group discussions, and hands-on service learning to help girls between the ages of 9 and 18 identify their personal strengths, hone their leadership skills, and increase their self-confidence.

Ecological Well-Being

Black Swamp Conservancy

\$17,000

Perrysburg, OH

This organization encourages and assists with the conservation and protection of farmland and natural areas in sixteen northwest Ohio counties for the benefit of current and future generations.

Huron River Watershed Council

\$25,000

Ann Arbor, MI

Adopt-A-Stream is a volunteer stream monitoring program that utilizes experiential learning and personal involvement as way to educate those living along the river about the sensitivity of the river and the impact that everyone in the area has on the river quality, and to collect and maintain data about river and stream conditions that can be accessed by local and state agencies.

Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area

\$50,000

Toledo, OH

A new chiller system was installed at the Manor House. Built between 1936 and 1938, the Manor House served as the home for R.A. Stranahan and his family and became part of the Metropolitan Park District in 1974. It is currently open to the public on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and for various other events including weekly concerts, a weekly tea, special programs, and private events.

University of Toledo Foundation

\$30,500

Toledo, OH

Enhancing Environmental Education and Careers is a collaborative effort involving the University of Toledo, the Toledo Early College High School (TECHS), and several local agencies designed to help TECHS students learn about nature and then develop and implement an Ottawa River urban stream restoration project under the guidance of University of Toledo faculty.

Arts & Culture

Arts Council of Beaufort County

\$20,200

Beaufort, SC

This After-School Art program for youth ages 8 to 15 provides instruction in the visual and performing arts through a series of 7-week classes.

Community MusicWorks

\$25,000

Providence, RI

This organization provides an after-school program for urban youth ages 7 – 18 that features mentoring; music instruction on the violin, viola, or cello; and other music related activities designed to improve the participants' self-confidence, communication skills, leadership abilities, and discipline.

National Dance Institute of New Mexico

\$25,000

Santa Fe, NM

The Santa Fe In-School Program provides 3rd through 5th graders with dance experiences that help them develop the foundational skills and attitudes necessary to succeed in school such as following directions, teamwork, discipline, the value of perseverance, self-esteem, cardiovascular fitness, and sensory motor development through dance while the After-School Program allows selected students to further develop their dance skills.

Toledo Jazz Society dba Art Tatum Jazz Heritage Foundation

\$7,500

Toledo, OH

Tatum Jazz Day is a one-day event that provides an opportunity for selected Toledo Public School 5th and 6th grade students to visit the University of Toledo campus and participate in hands-on activities as they learn about jazz history, music composition, and musical instruments.

Toledo Opera Association

\$7,500

Toledo, OH

Opera on Wheels: Outreach and Education is an age-appropriate opera production presented in over sixty elementary schools throughout northwest Ohio and southeastern Michigan each spring by four young artists recruited from NYC to help students experience the exhilaration and excitement of an operatic performance.

Toledo Repertoire Theater

\$15,000

Toledo, OH

The Rep, the oldest community theater group in northwest Ohio, offers productions that appeal to a broad audience including five Main Stage productions, the EdgyRep series, the annual production of A Christmas Carol, and the Young Playgoers Series presented at local elementary schools.

Toledo Symphony Orchestra

\$155,000

Toledo, OH

The TSO has served Toledo and northwest Ohio for over 65 years providing classical, pops, holiday and family-centered performances in Toledo venues; educational and outreach concerts and small ensemble performances in schools, community centers, homes, and hospitals throughout northwest Ohio; and a newly opened School of Music where private lessons are available for children.

Education

Belmont Day School

\$50,000

Belmont, MA

The Peers Forum for Excellence in Teaching is a multi-faceted center that provides in-person and virtual training and interaction; model classrooms and educational resources; electronic dissemination of education-related news and articles; and electronic communication open to educators from around the world to help them learn about and collaborate on best teaching practices and professional development; and to share questions, concerns, experiences, and knowledge about teaching in the PK-12 setting.

Jefferson Community School

\$430

Port Townsend, WA

Tuition assistance was provided to secondary school teachers to attend the Summer Professional Development Conference.

Mary Immaculate School

\$12,500

Toledo, OH

Project Focus is an occupational therapy program for students with Sensory Processing Disorders who attend Mary Immaculate School (grades 1-8). The students engage in carefully selected activities designed to improve their ability to concentrate and perform fine motor tasks that directly impact the development of reading and writing skills.

Ohio Grantmakers Forum

\$2,500

Columbus, OH

Education Initiative focuses on positioning and strengthening Ohio's philanthropic community as a strong, clear voice in statewide education reform discussions, helping foundations effectively target education dollars, and working with statewide policy leaders.

Ounce of Prevention Fund

\$2,000

Chicago, IL

Operating support for the Ounce of Prevention Fund, “which has persistently pursued a single goal: that all American children – particularly those born into poverty – have quality early childhood experiences in the crucial first five years of life”. This grant was made in honor of Harriet Meyer.

Phillips Exeter Academy

\$23,739

Exeter, NH

Tuition assistance was provided to secondary school teachers to attend the Summer Professional Development Conference.

Read for Literacy

\$55,000 (2 grants)

Toledo, OH

This organization offers basic adult literacy tutoring using specially trained volunteers who help illiterate and functionally illiterate persons learn to read and/or to improve their reading skills.

Creating Young Readers is a program designed to increase the reading readiness of preschool-age children from low-income families by exposing them to intensive reading and reading-related experiences provided by adult volunteers who have been trained to implement a technique known as Shared Reading.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D)

\$50,000

Columbia, SC

The Learning Through Listening Support Center is a collaborative project between the South Carolina Unit of RFB&D and the College of Charleston designed to increase the likelihood that students who have learning disabilities or visual impairments in the Charleston area will receive the needed referrals, services and products of RFB&D through a teacher training program.

Toledo Ballet Association, Inc

\$5,700

Toledo, OH

First Steps is a school-based outreach program for kindergarten students in Toledo Public Title I schools that integrates literature with dance and music.

Toledo Day Nursery

\$29,140 (2 grants)

Toledo, OH

This accredited Step Up to Quality pre-school program provides affordable child care for Toledo's working and student parents. The curriculum is designed to enhance the children's educational, social, emotional, and physical development.

Toledo Day Nursery teaching staff, under the direction of an occupational therapist, provides fine motor and sensory motor skill development activities for selected children with significant delays to help prepare them for success in kindergarten.

Toledo School for the Arts

\$20,000

Toledo, OH

This charter school provides 6th – 12th grade students with creative opportunities to achieve personal and academic success through an arts-based education.

University of North Florida Foundation

\$2,000

Jacksonville, FL

UNF/FIE PreCollegiate Connections: College Reach-Out Program provides camp clothing for participating middle school PreCollegiate Scholars. This grant was made in honor of Dr. Cheryl Fountain.

Mental & Physical Health

Alzheimer's Association – California Southland Chapter

\$50,000

Los Angeles, CA

This research project is studying a class of drugs known as SARMs (selective androgen receptor modulators) to determine whether they can be used to reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease in aging men.

Camp Holiday Trails

\$25,000

Charlottesville, VA

This camp provides day and overnight camping experiences for children ages 5 to 17 who have chronic illnesses that prevent them from attending traditional camps. With volunteer medical staff present to monitor medical conditions, campers are able to participate in typical camp experiences.

Healthy Schools Campaign

\$25,000

Chicago, IL

The School Nurse Leadership Program, designed to provide school nurses with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop health promoting policies, practices, and programs for their schools, was implemented by Healthy Schools Campaign (HSC) in rural Illinois and Chicago over a 4 year period. Sharing Lessons Learned is the culmination of this project with HSC staff gathering, analyzing and disseminating the information gained over the four years as the next step in developing a national school nurse leadership education model.

Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio

\$89,380

Toledo, OH

Lucas County Initiative to Improve Birth Outcomes Project utilizes Community Health Coordinators who identify low income, at-risk women in targeted zip codes and help the women access prenatal care and address basic needs such as lack of transportation, adequate housing, or food, and/or substance abuse all with the goal of the women delivering healthy, full-term babies.

Island Dolphin Care

\$25,000

Key Largo, FL

Dolphin Time-Out is a 5-day restorative program for children with special needs and their families. The program offers professionally guided recreational and educational activities that are tailored to meet the needs and abilities of each of the children, with an emphasis on recreation and enjoyment.

Jumping Mouse Children's Center

\$25,000

Port Townsend, WA

Jumping Mouse Children's Center provides counseling and advocacy for children ages 2 to 12 who are the victims of abuse or neglect. The Center also provides parent education and counseling to strengthen parenting skills.

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

\$25,000

Boston, MA

This research project is designed to determine whether the retinal abnormalities found in patients with early Alzheimer's Diseases are also present in patients diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment (a pre-Alzheimer's condition) with the hope it will ultimately lead to earlier diagnosis of the disease.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey, Inc.

\$35,000

Morristown, NJ

The Center for Family Life Education added an educator so they could provide more youth with the information and decision making tools they need to make responsible choices in their relationships.

Regents of the University of Michigan

\$48,000

Ann Arbor, MI

The research project titled "*Taking SCA6 Ataxia Research to the Next Level*" is directed at finding a cause for SCA6 Ataxia, a genetic neurodegenerative disease that effects muscle control.

Toledo-Lucas County CareNet

\$25,000

Toledo, OH

Toledo-Lucas County CareNet, which provides coordinated healthcare for low-income Lucas County residents who are not eligible for public or private healthcare coverage, has begun a 3 year fundraising project called Campaign for CareNet with grant funds being used to leverage community support for the project.

University of New Mexico Foundation

\$81,488

Albuquerque, NM

The University of New Mexico Cancer Center purchased equipment to expand its high-speed internet connections and videoconferencing and two-way communication capabilities so that primary care physicians and other care providers located throughout New Mexico can have access to Cancer Center medical specialists for consultation on individual patients, and can participate in Tumor Boards, Grand Rounds, Clinical Trials, and Community Education without traveling to Albuquerque.

Victory Center

\$25,000

Toledo, OH

This organization provides a number of palliative, support, and education services for cancer patients and their family members from Northwest Ohio and Southeastern Michigan.

Other Philanthropy

Council on Foundations

\$9,620

Arlington, VA

This national membership organization provides education, information, and other resources for private and public foundations engaged in grantmaking.

Foundation Center

\$2,000

Cleveland, OH

This national organization provides information and resources designed to assist nonprofit organizations in the grant seeking process. The Center provides databases, print resource materials and training sessions at libraries across the country, including the Toledo/Lucas County Public Library.

Ohio Grantmakers Forum

\$6,031

Columbus, OH

This state membership organization provides education, information, and other resources for private and public foundations engaged in grantmaking.

Toledo Community Foundation

\$403,500 (3 grants)

Toledo, OH

- \$15,000 operating grant in support of the Toledo Community Foundation;
- \$386,000 to the Stranahan Supporting Organization. The Supporting Organization Board of Trustees is responsible for awarding grants to charitable organizations in the northwest Ohio area.
- \$2,500 to Brotje Family Donor Advised Fund in Memory of Robert J. Brotje, Jr.

United Way of Greater Toledo

\$225,000 (3 grants)

Toledo, OH

- \$150,000 for the annual community fundraising campaign, which supports local social service agencies in a three-county service area in northwest Ohio
- \$25,000 challenge grant to assist with the new energy-efficient United Way building, which provides office and meeting space for United Way staff and services as well as meeting and training rooms that can be utilized by community organizations.
- \$50,000 for demolition of the former United Way building and site restoration