



**Annual Report of Grants
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012**

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 2012, over \$2.8 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

\$30,000 (2 grants)

Toledo, OH

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

\$15,000

Toledo, OH

The Legal Aid Line provides client information sheets, self-help packets, and other self-help forms and resources for low-income adults.

Beach House, Inc.

\$40,000 (2 grants)

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.

Dallas Mission for Life, Inc.

\$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 a central location 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 Project, Inc.

\$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.

Grace Place for Children and Adults

\$31,684

Naples, FL

Bright Beginnings, a program for parents of children between the ages of birth and 5, is designed to teach techniques and build the confidence of parents so they can provide quality social and emotional learning experiences for their children.

In Every Story dba IES Labor Services

\$20,000

Charleston, SC

IES is a temporary employment agency that places homeless adults in unskilled, temporary day jobs. This service provides employers (such as the City of Charleston, local landscapers, contractors, warehouses, etc.) with workers as they are needed, and provides the workers with a source of income and work experience.

International Boxing Club

\$27,500 (2 grants)

Toledo, OH

International Boxing Club provides a structured environment and positive adult mentors who help youth at-risk for academic failure, gang involvement, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, suicide, and/or other self-destructive activities, develop social and life skills, academic motivation and skills, and vocational exploration and training through its Learning Center and the Vocational Training Center.

Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.

\$50,000

Toledo, OH

The Medical Legal Partnership for Children is a collaboration of attorneys and medical providers designed to improve the health and well-being of low-income children and their families by providing legal assistance in the health care setting.

Life Skills for Youth of Northern New Mexico dba The First Tee Santa Fe

\$35,000

Santa Fe, NM

The First Tee of Santa Fe Life Skills Program offers golf and life skills lessons for youth ages 7-18. Through The First Tee Life Skills experience, children and teenagers learn how the skills essential for golf such as self-management, interpersonal communication, goal setting, and effective conflict resolution can help them be successful in their daily lives.

Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

\$25,000

West Palm Beach, FL

This organization uses volunteers to deliver hot meals five days a week to homebound residents of Palm Beach County, Florida

Mobile Meals of Toledo

\$25,000

Toledo, Ohio

The Weekender Program helps to ensure that students who qualify for free or reduced lunches from six Toledo elementary schools have enough food over the weekend so they are not hungry when they return to school on Monday morning. Each student receives a bag of food containing such items as canned entrees, soup, individual boxes of cereal, fruit cups, snack bars, and milk and fruit juice boxes on Friday afternoon to take home

NCBI Missoula

\$15,000

Missoula, MT

The Empowering Youth, Transforming Communities programs are designed to reduce the prejudice and violence in Missoula and other Montana schools that negatively impact students' mental health, self-esteem, and academic performance through student support groups, student workshops, and teacher training.

Neutral Zone (Ann Arbor Teen Center)

\$20,000

Ann Arbor, MI

The SCORE after-school program offers individual academic support, 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. A new Transitions program serves young adults who need support to be successful with post-secondary education or employment.

Railyard Stewards

\$35,000

Santa Fe, NM

Railyard Youth Education Programs, which take place in the Santa Fe Railyard Park + Plaza, serve over 600 youth each year. Five different programs provide gardening-related learning and work experiences for vulnerable teens and young adults and Santa Fe area school children; volunteer and community service opportunities for youth; intergenerational workshops; and a location for art displays and presentations.

Senior Independence

\$12,500

Toledo, OH

A recreational therapist is employed by the Adult Day Center to help staff engage Center clients in activities such as cooking, arts and crafts, and music appreciation that address their interests and physical and cognitive abilities and limitations.

Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center

\$10,500

Toledo, OH

The Community Gardens Youth Enrichment program provides safe summer activities and employment for 24 youth between the ages of 11 and 14. The youth learn basic gardening, carpentry, and painting techniques; and develop social and teamwork skills as they perform needed work (weeding, watering and harvesting produce; delivering food to community agencies; building raised garden beds, birds houses or squirrel feeders; and/or designing and constructing decorative art work) for nine community gardens. Those youth who complete the 32 hour program receive a small stipend.

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, Clallam, and northern Pierce 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.

Thrive

\$25,000

Bozeman, MT.

The Partnership Project is an intense, weekly home visiting program during which struggling, low-income families receive parent education, life skills training, and assistance to access needed services for both themselves and their children.

Western Avenue Family Center

\$25,000

Toledo, OH

Baby U is a free, 10-week Saturday program for the low-income parents of children from birth to three. The program, based on the Nurturing Parenting Curriculum, is designed to provide parents with the information and skills needed to take an active, positive role in their children's development.

Women's Opportunity and Resource Development, Inc. (WORD, Inc.)

\$25,000

Missoula, MT

The Women's Leadership Project helps low-income women gain the skills needed to reach their full potential, actively participate in decisions that affect their lives, and become leaders in their families and communities through skills training, and information and networking.

Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Greater Toledo

\$25,000

Toledo, OH

The Wayman Palmer Community YMCA serves low-income families from Toledo's central city through a number of programs including a Computer Technology Lab used by both adults for literacy acquisition activities and job searches and youth for homework and tutoring activities; licensed before and after school programming for school-age children who are between the ages of 5 to 12 years; and an Early Childhood Education program for children between the ages of 3 and 5 years of age.

Ecological Well-Being

Black Swamp Conservancy

\$15,000

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.

Arts & Culture

Arts Council of Beaufort County

\$36,500

Beaufort, SC

Storytelling: Building on Our Past, Creating Our Future focuses on storytelling as both an art form and educational tool. Storytelling is used to entertain and inform through activities that include professional development for teachers, storytelling troupes for school-age children and for families, and community storytelling events for Beaufort area residents and tourists.

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.

Toledo Orchestra Association, Inc. dba The Toledo Symphony

\$25,000

Toledo, OH

The Youth Orchestra Programs serve a diverse group of youth in 7th – 12th grades from northwest Ohio and southeastern Michigan through the Philharmonic, Symphonic, and Concert Orchestras all of which include private and group instruction and opportunities for public performances.

Education

Belmont Day School

\$25,000

Belmont, MA

The Peers Forum for Excellence in Teaching is a multi-faceted center that provides in-person training and interaction; educational resources; electronic dissemination of education-related news and articles; and electronic communication to help educators 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.

Four Corners School of Outdoor Education

\$25,000

Monticello, UT

The Bioregional Outdoor Education Project (BOEP) is an environmental education training program designed to increase the capacity of elementary and middle school teachers to integrate place-based, outdoor learning experiences into their classroom math, science, language arts, and/or cultural course content.

Greens Farms Academy

\$20,000

Greens Farms, CT

Horizons at Greens Farms Academy offers a tuition-free education program for 144 low-income students in grades K-8 through an intensive, full day, six-week summer program and ten Saturdays during the school year.

Jefferson County Rural Library District

\$25,000

Port Hadlock, WA

Interactive panels with activities that promote young children's fine motor, perceptual and cognitive skill development have been added to the Jefferson County Rural Library Children's Room that houses books, music, learning toys, displays, and magazines for children and their parents. The panels are available for use by all visitors to the Children's Room with an emphasis on the children and parents attending the weekly Preschool, Toddler, and Babytime group programs.

Manaus

\$50,000

Carbondale, CO

The Early Childhood Education programs address the school readiness of 0 – 4 year old low-income children living in the Roaring Fork Valley of Colorado. Teachers model effective play and learning activities and interactions to help parents/caregivers of infants and toddlers support their children's development at home and provide a variety of typical preschool learning activities for 3 and 4 year old children during bi-weekly programming.

Mary C. Wheeler School

\$25,000

Providence, RI

Providence Summerbridge offers a tuition free education program for 90 low-income or otherwise disadvantaged 7th and 8th grade students that includes an intensive full-day, 6-week summer program, 24 after-school sessions, 9 Saturday sessions, and weekly school year tutoring. The program is designed to prepare these students for the academic and social rigors of a college preparatory high school curriculum.

Philips Exeter Academy

\$32,510

Exeter, NH

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

Polly Fox Academy

\$25,000

Toledo, OH

Polly Fox Academy is a charter school that provides a comprehensive academic curriculum, social and health services, parent education, and career guidance for 7th – 12th grade pregnant and parenting teens from throughout Lucas County.

Read for Literacy

\$15,000

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 and Kindergarten 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.

Rutgers University Foundation

\$25,000

Piscataway, NJ

A Bullying Prevention Institute (BPI) is offered by staff from the Rutgers Center for Applied Psychology to help teams of teachers and administrators from twelve (12) New Jersey schools create individualized plans to assess and address bullying. The year-long program includes four all-day training sessions scheduled over the school year and between session assignments with on-site assistance provided by BPI staff.

Toledo Day Nursery

\$35,000 (2 grants)

Toledo, OH

This accredited Step Up to Quality preschool 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 School for the Arts

\$10,000

Toledo, OH

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

Veggie U

\$55,000 (2 grants)

Milan, OH

Earth to Table, offered to schools throughout the United States, is a five-week, standards-based curriculum that includes fun, hands-on, educational activities for 4th grade students as they learn about soil, seeds, planting, and growing vegetables in their classroom. Students also learn about nutrition and sample a variety of fresh and prepared vegetables.

Veggie U consultants are developing an Earth to Table curriculum for children with autism. This curriculum will be based on the developmental levels of the students rather than grade level, be activity-based rather than time-based, include more hands on opportunities for the students, and emphasize self-sufficiency and pre-employment skill development (gardening, food preparation, and cooking) rather than state and national science standards.

Physical and Mental Health

Bridgercare

\$35,000

Bozeman, MT

A Teen Clinic was opened for three hours a week to provide reproductive and related health care services for male and female teens age 19 and under.

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.

Family Service of Northwest Ohio

\$15,000

Toledo, OH

The Batterer Intervention Program is designed to reduce the risk to victims of domestic violence by providing expert treatment for the male batterer. The 26-week group program that emphasizes the batterer's accountability and ownership of choices and actions is co-facilitated by a licensed psychologist and licensed therapist.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

\$30,000

Bedford Heights, OH

The Toledo Teen Clinic, for youth ages 19 and under, offers a full range of reproductive health care services as well as education on sexuality, abstinence, and birth control methods aimed at preventing sexually transmitted infections, reducing teen pregnancy, and promoting responsible, healthy choices.

Toledo-Lucas County CareNet

\$15,000

Toledo, OH

CareNet provides coordinated healthcare for low-income Lucas County residents who are not eligible for public or private healthcare coverage which results in more efficient use of existing resources, coordinated care for the clients, a decrease in duplication of services, and an improved

quality of life for uninsured Lucas County residents. Services include primary physician care, hospital and emergency room services, reduced cost prescription drugs, referral to volunteer medical specialists, and reduced cost dental care.

Other Philanthropic

Foundation Center – Cleveland

\$5,000

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.

United Way of Greater Toledo

\$100,000

Toledo, OH

Funds were provided for the annual community fundraising campaign which supports local social service agencies in a three-county service area in northwest Ohio and as a capital campaign challenge grant.

Other

The Stranahan Foundation also supported the efforts of other philanthropic organizations, including the Council on Foundations, Ohio Grantmakers Forum and the Toledo Community Foundation.

Grants in Honor of Retiring Trustees

In addition to the grants listed above, the Stranahan Foundation made grants in 2012 to Hillsdale College, Jonsson Cancer Center, Toledo Day Nursery, and Toledo Hospital in honor of retiring Trustees Diana Foster, Marcia Piper and Pat Stranahan.

Early Childhood Education Special Initiative – Invitation Only

AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation, Inc.

\$325,000

Washington, DC

AppleTree operates high-quality, publicly funded (charter), full-day preschools. AppleTree's model includes identifying/hiring qualified teachers; high adult-child ratios; ongoing teacher professional development; and regular monitoring of children's performance.

Community Action Project of Tulsa County

\$588,067

Tulsa, OK

Community Action Project of Tulsa County (CAP) provides high-quality early childhood programming for more than 2,000 children from birth through preK in ten Tulsa area centers. CAP evaluates teaching strategies and practices used in early childhood settings and supports early childhood educators as they develop and implement those teaching strategies and practices that are found to be the most effective.

Erickson Institute

\$150,000

Chicago, IL

Erickson Institute operates the New Schools Project which establishes partnerships with Chicago Public Schools to implement high-quality PreK-3rd education that includes family and cultural connections, classroom learning communities, practices that support child development, intellectually challenging teaching and learning activities, and continuous assessment to guide instruction.

First Steps Kent

\$150,000

Grand Rapids, MI

First Steps' Early Learning Communities (ELC) program works to strengthen the skills of in-home early child care providers (family, friend, neighbors), thereby enhancing children's literacy and language development. ELC has multiple components including play & learn groups, home visits, community field trips, parent and provider monthly training sessions, and Kindercamp which prepares parents and children for the expectations of kindergarten and beyond.

Meridian Community College Foundation

\$78,000

Meridian, MS

Meridian Community College, which offers an Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education Technology degree, is implementing educational programs to improve the skills and knowledge of the Early Childhood Education Technology program faculty, offering professional development opportunities to local child care workers, and providing education and training for parents in the community.

Ounce of Prevention Fund

\$100,000

Chicago, IL

Ounce's Professional Development Initiative (PDI) provides intensive, individualized training and technical assistance to improve the quality of care, education, and family support for children in community-based early childhood centers.