

## **ST. JOHN'S 2016 ECW OUTREACH GRANTS**

### **GRANTS FOR CHILDREN:**

#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB of NEW ROCHELLE - \$2,000**

Grant will support the Positive Sprouts children's garden project at the New Rochelle Boys and Girls Club. The Positive Sprouts program teaches children how to plot gardens, cultivate gardens, healthy cooking and eating habits and how to sell items grown in their garden. The grant would allow for the purchase of equipment, including a cultivator and storage shed, and will help fund the expense of hiring a garden educator/facilitator who has experience with both community and children's gardens. (Garden Educator - \$1,000; Shed and lock for equipment - \$300; Tiller cultivator - \$300; Seeds, hoses, tools - \$400).

#### **FAMILY SERVICES OF WESTCHESTER: SHARING SHELF, Port Chester - \$1,500**

Grant will support FSW's Sharing Shelf, a program that collects new and gently used children's clothing to distribute to low-income families throughout Westchester. The grant will also support the Teen Boutique, which offers free clothing to low income teens, ages 13 - 19. And FSW's backpack program, which distributes backpacks filled with age appropriate school supplies to low-income children, ages K to high school, throughout Westchester County. Each year, FSW's Sharing Shelf distributes more than 50,000 items of clothing, shoes, coats and accessories to nearly 2,000 children and teens who are living below the poverty line.

#### **HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICES, New Rochelle - \$1,500**

Grant will support the HOPE Annual Backpack Event. Through this initiative, HCS is able to provide backpacks and school supplies to every low-income child registered at Hope Food Pantry. HOPE works with the school social workers to distribute the backpacks. This ensures that those most in need receive the backpacks and also helps HOPE identify families in need who can register for the Food Pantry.

#### **MAMARONECK-LARCHMONT STUDENT AID FUND - \$1,000**

Grant will fund a scholarship toward college tuition for a student graduating from Mamaroneck High School in June 2016. The MLSAF gives two-year need-based scholarships to MHS students to help them close the gap between the grants and scholarships they receive as part their financial aid packages and the cost of attending college.

### **GRANTS FOR PARENTS:**

#### **COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER, Mamaroneck - \$2,000**

Grant will support the Immigrant Parent Leadership Group, an initiative that ECW helped to launch two years ago. The Immigrant Parent Leadership Group educates and counsels Hispanic parents whose children are in the Town of Mamaroneck School District. A Social Worker at CRC works with these parents to help them become more involved in their

children's life at school and in their children's futures. This initiative is needed because of the unique challenges that immigrant parents and their children face: language proficiency, cultural and social adaptation, and poverty. The grant will help cover the cost of a facilitator and hourly salary compensation for child care providers so that women can attend the IPLG and other related programs.

**DON BOSCO COMMUNITY CENTER OF PORT CHESTER, INC. - \$2,000**

Grant will support the ESL program, which includes the purchase of appropriate ESL educational materials and provides child care for women with young children so that they can attend classes. The ESL program is targeted mainly towards women seeking language skills to support the path to citizenship, integration into the job market, and advocating for their child in the schools.

### **GRANTS FOR WOMEN:**

**HOPE'S DOOR, Pleasantville - \$2,000**

Grant will support the refurbishment of the "Cottage", a multipurpose room located on the same property as Hope's Door emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence. The Cottage (a former studio apartment) is a multi-purpose room that is used for art therapy, wellness programs, support groups, counseling and children's program.

**MY SISTER'S PLACE, White Plains - \$2,000**

Grant will support MSP's Children's Counseling Program. The counseling program provides both individual and group counseling. MSP's children's counseling staff is highly adept at working with children impacted by violence and utilizes a strengths-based approach to attend to immediate and longer-term social and emotional needs.

**PROVIDENCE HOUSE, New Rochelle - \$2,000**

Grant will provide move-in kits to women who arrive at Providence House IV (New Rochelle) to help ease their transition from homelessness into a comfortable, home-like and supportive environment. The grant will ensure that clients will receive clean and adequate bedding items, and other essential items, especially at a moment's notice in cases of emergency intakes.

### **GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY:**

**AT HOME ON THE SOUND, Larchmont/Mamaroneck - \$2,000**

Grant will support the recruitment of new volunteers and training of new and existing volunteers, including training volunteers to work with frail and physically limited elderly people in our community. The most needed service provided by AHS is transportation. Currently, AHS has over 60 volunteer drivers who provide rides weekly to over 185 members.

FURNITURE SHAREHOUSE, Westchester County - \$2,000

Grant will help furnish six female-headed households (approximately \$300 per family). The cost covers the warehouse rent and trucking costs of donated furniture, as well as efforts to acquire more furniture.

**GRANTS FOR ST. JOHN'S EASTER APPEAL:**

ST. JOHN'S EASTER APPEAL – Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services - \$1,000

Grant will support IRIS's Early Learning Program, which serves preschool-aged refugee children. The program is aimed at providing “school readiness” skills for refugee children, while at the same time enabling their mothers to attend IRIS's daily English classes.

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