

2015 Daughters of Wisdom Mission Grants Pre-application Period Underway

With retirement from day to day active ministry on the horizon for a good many Daughters of Wisdom, during the October 2012 session of its Provincial Chapter, the Sisters voted to set aside money to insure that over 300 years of mission in the United States and abroad continue.

To assure this, they established the Daughters of Wisdom Mission Grant, monies set aside to be awarded yearly to compatible groups and organizations that provide community services that keep alive and continue the rich legacy of the Sisters. Such are those ministries that reach out to people, especially women and children, who are experiencing injustice, violence, poverty and oppression.



Now in its third year past grants have been awarded to fund a home health care initiative, to educate adolescent girls about human trafficking, to run a parent/child learning program for families experiencing difficult socio-economic situations, to support a day drop-in center that provides a safe place that supports and empowers women, to an organization that works for more just immigration policies, and to seed the development of independent businesses started by women in an effort to work their way out of poverty.

Grants up to \$15,000 each are awarded to organizations that share the values and emphasis of the Sisters' mission. Organizations may apply for two consecutive years of funding. The application process is multi-phased, including a pre-application and review, followed by the submission of a final application.

The second phase begins with a grant application being sent to those determined to meet the mission criteria in the pre-application review and have the endorsement of a Daughter of Wisdom (if no Sister is ministering within the project/organization). Sisters are encouraged to recommend support of organizations that reflect the mission of the Daughters of Wisdom.

Upon review of applications by a committee, recommendations will be made to the Provincial Council for the determination and awarding of grants.

The Pre-application period is underway and forms must be submitted by April 30, 2015. Applicants will be acknowledged and checks will be distributed in September 2015.