

To: Denise Bunk-Hatch, FSA Communications Director
From: Connie Cooper, RF/SEMS Communications Coordinator
Re: Renodin Foundation announces Spring Grant Recipients
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Renodin Foundation Awards Spring 2018 Grants

Each year, the Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, provides grants for programs and projects whose public charitable purposes are carried out in a manner consistent with the tradition of the Franciscan Sisters. Requests for monies must show a connection to the mission of the Foundation, assist the needy, the underprivileged, the elderly, the developmentally disabled, the handicapped or the economically disadvantaged. Awarded projects also showed sustainability to live on long after the award period is over.

The Foundation board of directors met recently to review grant applications for the spring 2018 cycle. Dominic Rogers, board chair, is proud to announce that 14 grants were approved and awarded totaling \$30,982:

1. **Allegany Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse** – *Transportation costs for Camp AHSSUM (A Happening Safe Summer for U and Me) for at-risk Allegany County children* – Wellsville, NY
2. **Boy Scouts of America** – *partial scholarships for Boy Scouts to attend summer camp* – Falconer, NY
3. **Canticle Farm, Inc.** – *Field to Fork for everyone (provision of produce shares for distribution to those who are needy)* – Allegany, NY
4. **Congregational Samaritans** – *Ramps Project (purchase building materials for accessibility ramps on homes in Allegany County for financially disadvantaged people)* – Wellsville, NY
5. **First Baptist Church of Cuba** – *Camp JYC scholarships; diapers for fall 2018 "Love the Little Children" baby shower; and backpacks for the "Pencils and Crayons from Heaven" project* – Cuba, NY
6. **First Baptist Church of Olean** – *food vouchers to assist community members in need* – Olean, NY
7. **His Dwelling Place Ministries** – *Love to Spare Program (provide needy families with food, clothing furniture, household items, emergency housing, utilities and CHRISTmas boxes)* – Dayton, NY
8. **Interfaith Caregivers, Inc.** – *Volunteer Recognition (appreciation dinner and provide gift certificates to volunteers for transportation of clients to medical appts./general errands)* – Olean, NY
9. **Loaves & Fishes So. Tier Food Pantry** – *Nutrition Assistance (funding to purchase food for distribution to those who are needy)* – Olean, NY
10. **Olean Food Pantry** – *funding to purchase folding, wheeled shopping carts for customers who do not have their own transportation* – Olean, NY
11. **City of Olean Housing Authority** – *funding for the continuation and expansion of the Veggie Mobile to provide fresh vegetables and fruit to low-income housing complexes in Olean and Salamanca* – Olean, NY
12. **Basilica of St. Mary's – Stephen Ministry** – *Grief Support Program (funds to reprint grief booklets for distribution in churches, funeral homes and hospitals)* – Olean, NY
13. **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store** – *Hope for the Needy (funding for direct cash payments to struggling individuals and families to pay for housing, utilities, food and prescriptions)* – Olean, NY
14. **The ReHabilitation Center – Subcon Industries** – *2018 Years of Service & Awards Banquet (sponsorship of awards banquet for employees with disabilities)* – Olean, NY

The Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation, attentive to the religious tradition and pastoral mission of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, New York, is committed to the Gospel stance of social justice which is lived out in a spirit of love, healing and compassion. The Foundation focuses its energy and resources primarily in the Allegany/Cattaraugus Counties of New York and McKean County of Pennsylvania and strives to improve the quality of life of our poor and marginalized neighbors.

To learn more about the Renodin Foundation grants or to apply or donate, visit www.RenodinFoundation.org or contact Laura Whitford at 716-373-0200 or via email at LWhitford@FSAlegany.org.

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RF-1: The Renodin Foundation Board of Directors met this month to review and grant \$30,982 to 14 local agencies. Pictured (L-R) are: Dominic Rogers, board chair, Janine Fodor, Brenda Kasperski, and Tracy Crisafulli, vice chair and grant recommendation committee chair.



RF-2 or RF-3: The Renodin Foundation has been providing grants to Loaves & Fishes Southern Tier Food Pantry for 10 years. To date, the pantry has received over \$37,000 to use toward the purchase of food for distribution to area families and individuals who are economically poor and/or whose food benefits have been cut. Pictured (L-R): Sue Watson, Renodin Foundation board member, and Linda Shafer, pantry director.

