

To: Dee Bunk-Hatch, Communications Director
From: Connie Cooper, Communications Coordinator
Re: Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation announces Fall Grant Recipients
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Renodin Foundation Awards 17 Grants totaling \$30,604

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 fall 2018 cycle. Mary Jo Black, board chair, is proud to announce that 17 grants were approved and awarded totaling \$30,604:

1. **ACCORD Corp** – *Household & Personal Care Items* – Belmont, NY
2. **Allegany County Mental Health Association** – *Youth Compeer Program* – Wellsville, NY
3. **Destinations - Bradford** – *Emergency Shelter & Medical Gas Cards* – Bradford, PA
4. **Friendship Church of God in Christ (Mission Agape)** – *brown bag lunches, school supplies, holiday food baskets and Christmas gifts for children* - Friendship, NY
5. **Genesis House** – *Security Deposit Funding* - Olean, NY
6. **Heritage Aflame Ministries** - *benevolence (rent, utilities, gas for employment search, school supplies, food, camperships)*- Cattaraugus & Allegany Counties
7. **Ischua Union Church** - *Fund for the Needy (utilities, medical, transportation, Christmas gifts, school supplies)* – Ischua, NY
8. **Kevin Guest House** – *Guest Lodging for Patients & Families Traveling for Medical Care from Allegany, Catt. & McKean counties* - Buffalo, NY
9. **Literacy West, Inc./Andover CSD** – *Soar Backpack Program* - Andover, NY
10. **Olean General Hospital Foundation** - *Emergency funds for those who are poor and spiritual literature & prayer aids for Pastoral Care* – Olean, NY
11. **Saving Grace Outreach** – *benevolence (rent/utilities, baby supplies, medical needs/transportation, clothing and car seats)* – Cattaraugus, NY
12. **Total Senior Care** - *"Care to Celebrate" project* – Olean, NY
13. **Archbishop Walsh Academy and Southern Tier Catholic School** - *Scholarship for an academically talented student of lower financial means* - Olean, NY
14. **Southern Tier Health Care System** – *Cribs for Kids Program* – Olean, NY
15. **The Warming House** - *Purchase healthy food, cleaning/food service supplies and end of year appreciation dinner*- Olean, NY
16. **YMCA of the Twin Tiers** – *Scholarship assistance for Olean YMCA child care and early learning programs* – Olean, NY
17. **YWCA of Bradford** – *Street Outreach Program* – Bradford, PA

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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