

2022

Through 2021 the Cleveland Commandery donated a total of US\$112,387 to eight different worthy charities. The majority of the money was donated to support COVID-19 services around the community. This was true for Greater Cleveland Hunger Network, East End Neighborhood House, St. Herman's House, Project Hope Lake County and Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Additionally, donations were made to the Hitchcock Center for Women both for Covid support and providing holiday dinners to their clients and families. Finally, nearly \$6k was donated to Marion Sterling Elementary School to provide gift totes for the children, the only gifts they received during the holidays. In addition, while it will not be finalized in time for this report, it is the Commanderies intent to donate a further US\$65,000 before the end of 2022.

2021

Greater Cleveland Hunger Network...to support COVID-19 services they are providing to their clients and the related community. \$20,000

East End Neighborhood House...COVID-19 as above. \$15,000

Hitchcock Center for Women...COVID-19 and provided Holiday Dinner for clients and families. \$10,800

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$45,800

2020

East End Neighborhood House...to support COVID-19 services they are providing to their clients and the related community. \$20,000

St. Herman's House...COVID-19 as above. \$15,000

Project Hope Lake County...COVID-19 as above. \$10,000

Greater Cleveland Hunger Network...COVID-19 as above. \$10,000

Great Cleveland Food Bank...COVID-19 as above. \$5,000

Marion Sterling Elementary School...provided gift totes for the children at the school – the only gifts the children received during the Holidays. \$5,887

Hitchcock Center for Women...provided Holiday Dinner for clients. \$700

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$66,587

2019

Connecting For Kids: Connecting for Kids requested funds to create 2,500 Sensory Awareness Kits to give to preschools in Solon and surrounding suburbs; to educate families about sensory awareness; to hold free Sensory Consults in May 2020; use flier provided with the kits to invite families to attend and be screened by pediatric occupational therapists from Cleveland Clinic Children's. The Commandery provided the full \$5,000 to fund this request.

St. Herman House: St. Herman's helps people living in poverty, assisting in serving food and other basic needs. To enable individuals with physical disabilities and/or limited mobility to access services, St. Herman's requested a grant for the purchase and installation of a new vertical platform lift. The Commandery gave a grant of \$14,000 to meet this important need.

The Music Settlement: The Music Settlement provides music therapy to a wide range of individuals, from pre-school children to the elderly. In order to provide better access for clients with disabilities to the building on Magnolia Drive, they requested a grant of \$10,000 to purchase and install a PAR16 parking ramp and automatic swing door. The Commandery met this request in full

Hitchcock Center for Women: Commandery Members served a catered holiday meal and joined in fellowship with women and their children who were in-patient residents. This was a donation cost of \$1,674

Marion Sterling Elementary School: Commandery members served a catered holiday meal to students and families of the school and joined in craft-making activities with the students. The school's students are from low-income families. This was a donation cost of \$1,573

2011 through 2016

Marion Sterling Elementary School – During the renovation of this school's library, the Cleveland Commandery provided \$10,000 for the purchase of furniture which was more suitable to the needs of the students and provided \$15,000 for the purchase of books (including digital books). The school honored the donation by naming the library the "Sovereign Order of St. John Library." The Cleveland Commandery has continued its support of the school by gifting books to the students, providing Thanksgiving dinners to the students and their families, and providing each student with a gift card for a pair of boots.

2014 through 2016

Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital

In 2014, the Cleveland Commandery began communications with Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital regarding a project to combat childhood obesity, a community health epidemic. With research identifying exercise as a key factor, physicians probed various ways to increase a child's activity and ultimately recommended a project using Fitbits. The intrigue of Fitbits lay not only with the children's interest in wearing them, but also in the fact they allow for remote monitoring and more frequent feedback from the physician to the family. SOSJ Cleveland funded \$160,000 for the purchase of Fitbits to be used in a two-year study. The study has

prompted physicians to provide services of a more personalized nature in connection with their Healthy Kids Healthy Weight program. As part of this program, SOSJ Cleveland also hosted a half-day “Fun Fit Fest” at which families received information about healthy food options, learned about healthy activities, and had fun while doing so.

For a full listing and description of the Cleveland Commandery’s many projects, please refer to the Cleveland Commandery Profile under “Who We Are – Commanderies.”



Marion Sterling Library Books and Christmas Dinner

2017



The Hitchcock Center for Women: The Hitchcock Center for Women remains a leader in substance abuse treatment for women, carrying out the mission to “holistically” empower women to achieve and maintain productive, chemically-free, lives at home, at work and in the community.

Hitchcock Center is unique in that it is the only residential treatment center in the region to which a woman can bring her children (up to age 12) while receiving treatment.

The building has served as the home to thousands of women since 1992, it was suffering the effects of aging. The roof was in such poor condition that leaks have damaged many of the rooms, leaving them unusable at this point. In that condition, the building cannot operate at full capacity and efficiently provide all the services women need to face their addiction and heal their families.

The Cleveland Commandery approved to award the Center with a check for \$31,000 in September 2017, to repair the roof.



providence house
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Providence House: Providence House is Ohio's first and one of the nation's longest operating [crisis nurseries](#) among the 70+ in operation in the US and Canada today. They offer free, voluntary (non-custodial) [emergency shelter](#) to children newborn through twelve years old, actively living in crisis situations which place them at risk of abuse or neglect.

Providence House [protects at-risk children](#) and [supports families through crisis](#), strengthening communities to end child abuse and neglect. At Providence House, they have cared for nearly 8,000 [families](#) and [children](#) in crisis.

The Providence House services and campus have undergone significant growth and expansion in recent years to meet the growing needs of families in crisis who have young children. The campus supports three distinct service areas in two buildings.

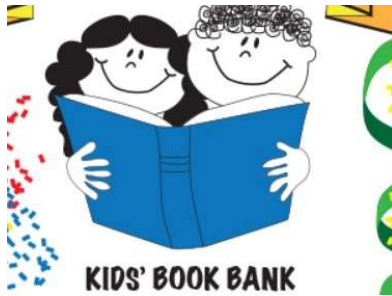
Providence House was in need of a surveillance camera to provide a secure and safe environment for its residents and workers. The Cleveland Commandery approved a donation of \$10,000 to the Providence House for this purpose in September 2017.



ZOE: Many women are fortunate to have the love and support structure to lead them to marriage, children, and a meaningful life. Others, however, are not as fortunate. They find themselves in a crisis pregnancy.

ZOE serves as a conduit, guiding women to a wider range of support organizations, providing them with a more attractive set of options and hopefully a more promising outlook on their situation. For example, there is counseling, housing assistance, medical assistance, prenatal care, adoption and other services available that are usually unknown to most women in crisis pregnancies.

The organization was seeking funds to purchase an ultrasound machine to help women understand where they are at in the pregnancy process. The Cleveland Commandery granted this organization a donation \$28,000 in September 2017.



Kids' Book Bank: Studies show that being read to as a child and having books in the home are the two most important predictors of future academic success. Yet two-thirds of low-income families do not own a single children's book.

Since 2013, children throughout Cleveland neighborhoods have enjoyed taking books from 60 Little Free Libraries. Little Free Libraries are small, engaging neighborhood kiosks filled with books, encouraging neighbors to "Take a Book, Leave a Book". Today there are more than 50,000 in 80 countries around the globe including more than 85 in Greater Cleveland.

Several Cleveland Commandery members are personally involved with this organization that has the mission to foster literacy and a love of reading by providing free books to children in need. The Cleveland Commandery approved a donation of \$10,000 to the Center in September 2017.