



From the Director



Dear Friends of the Portiuncula Foundation,

FY 2016-2017 was a year of strategic growth and advancement for the Portiuncula Foundation. Building on the four-year strategic plan developed in FY 2015-2016, we saw the funding and implementation of a pilot program designed to increase the knowledge, skills and competence of hands-on caregivers. Developed in partnership with Vincentian Collaborative System, introductory training sessions for nurse aides in dementia care began in November 2017. We will continue to evaluate results of the model for effectiveness in producing desired outcomes. This year, we also saw positive growth in assets, which allowed for an increase in total grant dollars awarded. Included in the awards were new organizations, such as New Century Careers, which promotes stable employment opportunities through manufacturing skill training.

Much of the strategic advancement in this past year would not have been possible without the focused work and dedication of long-time Director, Sister Marlene Kline. In July 2017, Sister Marlene retired from the position of Director and will continue to serve the organization as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors. Taking on the role of Executive Director in her place, I hope to continue this forward momentum of advancement and progress in achievement of our strategic goals in the upcoming years.

Peace and all good,

Natalie A. Fawcett

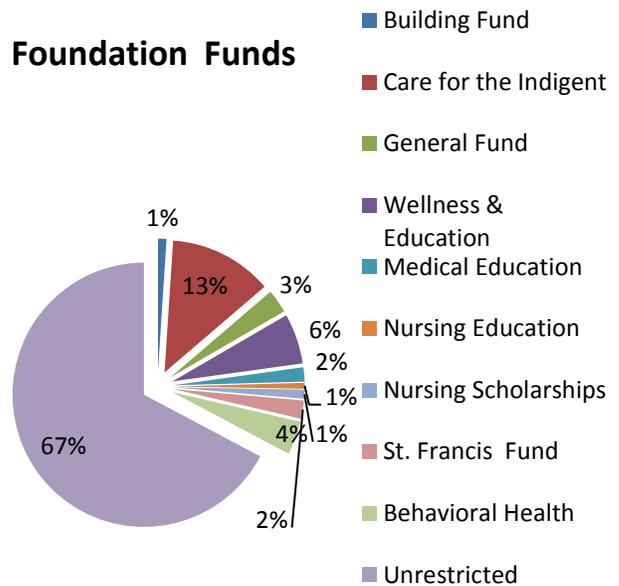
Assets and Funds

**TWO YEAR COMPARISON
BALANCE SHEET**

	06/30/17	06/30/16
ASSETS		
Cash	3,546	8,640
Investments at Cost	3,694,082	3,641,669
FMV Adjustment	667,362	396,149
Investments at Fair Value	4,361,444	4,037,818
Total Assets	\$4,364,982	\$4,046,458
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Total Liabilities	8.69	5.74
Beginning Net Assets	4,046,452	4,123,248
Current Year Net Income	318,530	(76,795)
Total Net Assets	4,364,982	4,046,452
TOTAL LIABILITIES & Equity	\$4,364,991	\$4,046,458

2016 Net Income loss resulted from an unrealized loss on investments of (\$135,969)

Foundation Funds



\$95,000 (2.17% of total net assets) in grants and scholarships were awarded in FY 2016-2017.

Grant Recipients

The teaching on life and dignity of the human person holds a prominent place in the ethical and social teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. All the organizations awarded a grant this year demonstrate that the work to enhance the lives of those they serve is grounded in a deep respect for the dignity of each individual in need.

- \$2,000 to Ursuline Support Services for educational outreach, increased communications, and marketing materials needed to increase access for individuals to adult and senior social services.
- \$3,000 to Achieva in support of the Educational Advocacy Program for students with intellectual disabilities.
- \$4,000 to the Bradley Center for the purchase of a new salad bar, promoting a healthy lifestyle to children, youth and families affected by trauma, mental illness, and behavioral health challenges.

Grant Recipients continued

- \$5,000 to the East End Cooperative Ministry for a five-week Summer Day Camp for children five to sixteen years old.
- \$5,000 to Jericho Road Community Health Center for counseling, life skills, and cultural coaching programs for asylum seekers.
- \$5,000 to The Intersection, Inc. for direct support programs. This agency serves the residents of McKeesport and surrounding Mon Valley communities who are economically poor, disadvantaged, and in need.
- \$5,000 to Sisters' Place, Inc. in support of the six-week day camp for the resident children between the ages of six and twelve.
- \$5,000 to the immigration ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis in western Pennsylvania where Sister Suzanne Susany, Esq. serves out of the Community Justice Project as a sole legal practitioner dedicated to working with Hispanic immigrants.
- \$7,000 to New Century Careers for the Pre-apprenticeship Training and Education Program, providing necessary skills to individuals in need of stable employment opportunities.
- \$8,000 to Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh for new bedding and computers to assist in job and housing searches desperately needed by women affected by domestic violence and their children.
- \$10,000 to Vincentian Collaborative System (VCS) to develop a pilot training program to upgrade the knowledge, skills, and competence of hands-on caregivers. The VCS program will support education for nurse aides in dementia care.
- \$14,000 to the Change A Heart Franciscan Volunteer Program, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis, to help support the placement of a Change a Heart member in service at a health care center for one year.
- \$15,000 to the African Mission of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities to supplement the food program for undernourished children at St. Elizabeth and St. Clare schools in Kenya.

Scholarship Recipients

The Portiuncula Foundation awards scholarships on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis to one or more students working to obtain a nursing diploma or degree at a western Pennsylvania Catholic institution of higher education. These memorial scholarships, originally established at the former St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing, were transferred to the Portiuncula Foundation by the donor families. The scholarship application process is administered by the Portiuncula Foundation, while selection of final awardees is made by the respective families or their delegate.

Teresa Lynn (Terri) Deithorn Memorial Scholarships

\$5,000 awarded to St. Francis University, Loretto, Pennsylvania for Jordan J. Troxell

Major C. Humenansky Nursing Scholarships

\$1,000 awarded to St. Francis University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for Courtney M. McCullough

\$1,000 awarded to Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for Janella J. Wynter

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