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McGregor Fund Awards over \$5.5 Million to Alleviate Poverty in Metro Detroit

Detroit, MI, July 12, 2017 – The McGregor Fund is pleased to announce recent grants to 42 area nonprofits working to alleviate poverty and strengthen social supports for the region’s most vulnerable teens and adults. They are the first awarded under the Fund’s new grantmaking framework released in February.

The grants total over \$5.5 million and include: \$2.3 million for basic human needs such as food, shelter, and access to primary medical care; \$1.7 million for holistic, personally transformational skill building programs that lead to broader work and educational opportunities; \$1.0 million to support recovery and restorative pathways for people who have experienced abuse, trauma, and/or substance abuse disorders; and \$600,000 to support tools for civic engagement, organizational capacity building, and safety net systems-focused work.

“We’re honored to provide support to this broad array of partners, who work tirelessly to empower Detroiters to pursue opportunities to improve their lives despite difficult, and at times multiple obstacles born of poverty,” said McGregor Fund President, Kate Levin Markel. “We are committed to showcasing our area’s most innovative and effective safety net organizations, and contributing to a broader community dialogue around how to do a better job of supporting our less fortunate neighbors.”

Details of the grants include:

BASIC NEEDS		\$2.3 million
American Red Cross - Southeastern Michigan Chapter	Disaster relief	\$ 100,000
Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services (ACCESS)	Comprehensive social services	\$ 200,000

Central United Methodist Church of Detroit Community Development Corp	NOAH Project	\$ 80,000
Coalition On Temporary Shelter	Shelter and other supports for families	\$ 300,000
Covenant Community Care, Inc.	FQHC pre-development	\$ 250,000
Crossroads of Michigan	Comprehensive social services	\$ 100,000
Focus Hope	Regional food security and warehouse improvements	\$ 350,000
Forgotten Harvest Inc.	Regional food security	\$ 300,000
Gleaners Community Food Bank Inc.	Regional food security	\$ 125,000
Hope Hospitality and Warming Center Inc.	Recuperative Care Center to provide medical care for homeless individuals	\$ 125,000
Humble Design Inc.	Dearborn warehouse startup	\$ 100,000
Lighthouse of Oakland County Inc.	Comprehensive social services	\$ 50,000
Macomb County Warming Center	Rotating shelter	\$ 90,000
South Oakland Shelter	Rotating shelter and permanent housing support	\$ 125,000

SKILL BUILDING **\$1.7 million**

Detroit Food & Entrepreneurship Academy	Youth entrepreneurship program	\$ 75,000
Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation	Youth development program	\$ 100,000
Developing KIDS	Youth development program	\$ 85,000
Downtown Boxing Gym	Youth development program	\$ 85,000
Empowerment Plan	Employee support program expansion	\$ 180,000
Greening of Detroit	Detroit Conservation Corps	\$ 350,000
Michigan Historic Preservation Network	Living Trades Academy	\$ 60,000
Midnight Golf Program	Youth development program	\$ 100,000
Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit	Youth development program	\$ 60,000
Neighborhood Service Organization	Youth Initiatives Project	\$ 100,000
Racquet Up Detroit	College-oriented youth program expansion	\$ 100,000
Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United Inc.	Career readiness & restorative justice for returning citizens	\$ 200,000
Student Advocacy Center of Michigan Inc.	"Check and Connect" youth mentoring program	\$ 100,000
Urban Neighborhood Initiatives	Youth development program	\$ 75,000

RECOVERY & RESTORATION		\$1.0 million
Alternatives For Girls	Shelter for young women and their children	\$ 200,000
Common Ground	Crisis line text/chat expansion	\$ 80,000
First Step - The Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Assault	Services for domestic violence survivors	\$ 75,000
HAVEN, Inc.	Services for domestic violence survivors	\$ 90,000
Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency	Wayne County LGBTQ Juvenile Justice Project	\$ 150,000
Ruth Ellis Center, Inc.	Wayne County LGBTQ Juvenile Justice Project	\$ 235,000
Vista Maria	Pre-development of permanent supportive housing for young adults	\$ 140,000
FOUNDATION-DIRECTED		\$675,000
Citizens Research Council of Michigan Inc.	Tools for civic engagement	\$ 30,000
Corporation for Supportive Housing	Homeless system technical assistance strategies	\$ 328,500
Michigan Community Resources	Organizational capacity building	\$ 65,000
Michigan League for Public Policy	Tools for civic engagement	\$ 50,000
Southeast Michigan Community Alliance Inc.	WIN talent research and analysis project	\$ 100,000
The Center for Michigan Inc.	Bridge Magazine - tools for civic engagement	\$ 30,000
The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia	McGregor Collection digitization project	\$ 70,000

The McGregor Fund is a private foundation established in 1925 by gifts from Katherine and Tracy McGregor “to relieve the misfortunes and promote the well being of humankind.” The geography of principal interest is the city of Detroit and Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, and grantmaking prioritizes basic needs, recovery and restoration, and transformational skill building opportunities for teens and adults living in poverty. The McGregor Fund has granted nearly \$242 million since its founding and had assets of \$162 million as of June 30, 2016.

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