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Sheilah P. Clay Elected to McGregor Fund Board of Trustees

Detroit, MI, January 9, 2018 – The McGregor Fund is pleased to announce the December election of Sheilah P. Clay to its Board of Trustees. Sheilah has served as the President and CEO of Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO) since 2000. NSO is a \$24 million, Detroit-based human service organization providing mental health services, addiction treatment, crisis intervention/suicide prevention, homelessness supports, early childhood education, and much more to individuals and families in Wayne and Oakland counties. One of NSO’s signature achievements under her leadership was the \$50 million renovation of the historic former Michigan Bell Building, which now provides 155 units of permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless individuals.

“Sheilah Clay is a truly wonderful addition to our Board of Trustees,” said Kate Levin Markel, Fund President. “As a previous grantee, Miller Fellow, and longtime community leader, she brings deep insights about poverty in our community and real experience meeting the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. Her unique perspective is sure to enrich the Fund’s work.”

A graduate of Spelman College, Wayne State University College of Education, and Leadership Detroit XXIV, Ms. Clay was a McGregor Fund Eugene Miller Fellow and member

of the 2014 class of Leadership America, a national program of Leadership Women where she currently serves on the Board of Directors. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Michigan League for Public Policy, Opportunity Resource Fund, the U of M Urban Research Council, and Partners 4 Health. She is a former member of the Farmington Board of Education, the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago-Detroit Branch, Michigan Nonprofit Association, College of Behavioral Health Leaders, and ConsumerLink Network.

Ms. Clay is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2017 King Davis Award from the College of Behavioral Health Leaders, 2016 Judith D. Jackson Scholarship Fund Appreciation Award, 2015 Wayne State University Women of Wayne Headliner Award, 2015 Women of Distinction Award from Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 2014 Shining Light Eleanor Josaitis Unsung Hero Award, 2014 Mariam C. Noland Award for Nonprofit Leadership, 2014 Farmington Multi-cultural/Multi-Racial Community Award, 2014 Paul E. Bridgewater Award from the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, 2014 finalist in the Channel 7 Annual Detroit 20/20 Award, 2014 and 2012 Women of Excellence from the Michigan Chronicle, 2013 Art Van Champion of Change Award, 2012 Oakland County NAACP Hall of Fame Award, and the Carla Javits Award from the Campaign to End Homelessness.

Also at the December meeting, the following grants were approved by the Fund:

	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	YEARS
<u>BASIC NEEDS</u>			
Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS)	General operations & capital for facility improvements to support families experiencing homelessness	\$1,500,000	3
Keep Growing Detroit	Support for Detroiters growing and selling their own food	\$80,000	2
<u>RECOVERY & RESTORATION</u>			
Family Assistance for Renaissance Men (FARM)	Wrap-around support for men seeking reunification with their children	\$100,000	2

Turning Point	Annual support for wrap-around services to survivors of domestic violence	\$90,000	1
Urban Justice Center	Launching the Detroit Justice Center, a community law center to serve those negatively impacted by the criminal justice system	\$600,000	3
<u>SKILL BUILDING</u>			
New Detroit, Inc. (fiduciary)	Expanding the Atlantic Impact program to increase on-campus supports for at-risk college students	\$150,000	3
Reading Works	Support for the G.E.A.R Up project to connect adult literacy services to workforce development opportunities	\$200,000	2
<u>FOUNDATION DIRECTED</u>			
Michigan Community Resources	Support for nonprofit capacity building in Detroit and Southeast Michigan	\$50,000	1

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 over \$250 million since its founding and had assets of nearly \$172 million as of June 30, 2017.

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