We educate, advocate, and act in collaboration with others for the dignity of life and the care of all creation (YAS, C 9, 17; GD 19).

School Sisters of Notre Dame
Atlantic-Midwest Province
2017-2018
We discern as a congregation which urgent and critical global concerns we are called to address and we dare to respond boldly in unsuspected ways

(YAS, C 17; GD 36-38).

The Atlantic-Midwest Province has responded to this challenge since its beginning by establishing the Gospel Fund which provides grants to small organizations working for justice. These groups would not be eligible for bank loans; their programs benefit people, mostly women and children, caught in poverty, human rights abuses, or environmental devastation.

Each year US$125,000 and CA$150,000 are distributed through applications and requests from many countries throughout our world. This booklet lists the Gospel Fund Grantees from 2017-2018.
For justice to which we are all called, and for charity which is a privilege for all of us to offer, we join our prayers and financial resources with these organizations and groups as they work for a more just global community.

- Ethel Howley, SSND

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Catholic Mobilizing Network
Center for Youth Emancipation & Development CYED
Comboni Secondary School - South Sudan
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Dawn's Place
EveryBlackGirl, Inc.
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Friendship Offices of the Americas
GEDCO Cares
Health & Human Rights Education
Heart’s Place Services
Ignatian Spirituality Project - BWC
Institute of Notre Dame High School
Justice for Immigrants
KinDoo Family Center
LifeWay Network, Inc.
Mother Seton Academy

CNEWA - Catholic Near East Welfare Association is Pope Francis' special agency for humanitarian and pastoral support of Eastern churches - Syria, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Egypt.

Catholic Missions in Canada - funds ministry to missions in northern Canada, especially indigenous peoples.

Canadian Food for Children - Dr. Simone founded this charity. He operates on a low budget. Food, clothing, and household supplies are shipped to countries in Latin America and Africa.
Farm Radio International
Supports broadcasters in African countries to strengthen small scale farming and rural communities while maintaining a commitment to gender equality. Tens of millions of small-scale farmers are reached with life-changing information and opportunities to have a stronger voice in their own development.

NASHI - Maple Leaf Centre in Regina is a home for 20 girls at risk of human trafficking. This group of women operates an orphanage in the Ukraine for orphan children.

YMCA - Hamilton Area - Beyond the Bell Program is in 13 schools where students in Grades 1-5 are tutored in math and reading. It helps to develop the social skills of these children.

SOPAR - Program was founded by Anglele Gingras to assist widows, orphans, poor children and homeless in rural, poor India. It organizes model communities and villages. It partners with religious communities and other groups to support basic human rights.

NDMU - Philippines Library
NDMU - Teacher Training Haiti
National Farm Worker Ministry
Notre Dame Learning Center
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Notre Dame Prep School
Notre Dame Secondary School - Nigeria
Office of the Human Dignity & Solidarity
Our Lady of Hope/St Luke School
OLPH Mission Grammar School
Pilgrim Ministries
Rochester Refugee
SSND Educational Center
Sacred Heart of Jesus - St. Patrick Religious Education
SHARE El Salvador
St. Patrick's Missionary Society
SisterHouse
Second Chance for Women
Thomas More Project
Tutweiler Community Education Center
Well for the Journey, Inc.
Wilkommen Mensch in Eggenburg
Recipient Examples

Adiaha Obong Secondary School - Mbribit Itam, Nigeria
This boarding school services girls in the impoverished area of Nigeria. Grant money is being used to build a new kitchen for the 450 girls who are boarders. This will enable them to have a decent place where food is prepared for the girls.

LifeWay Network, Inc. - Forest Hills, NY
When a woman is freed from a human trafficking situation, she frequently has no safe haven and is economically unable to provide for her basic daily needs. Funding is used towards the staffing salaries and benefits. LifeWay has served women from 32 different countries.

National Farm Worker Ministry - Raleigh, NC
Approximately 2 million immigrant and migrant workers are hired in this country each year. The vast majority are Latino and an estimated 70% are undocumented. This organization’s goal is to create significant impact to improve farm worker’s conditions and change the current abusive agricultural system.

Dawn’s Place - Philadelphia, PA
The residential program offers direct, long-term healing and rehabilitative services including trauma-informed care and case management to victims of sex trafficking. The goal is to help these women reclaim their lives and successfully reenter society.
**Recipient Examples**

**Archbishop Borders School - Baltimore, MD**
Archbishop Borders School has the distinction of being the only dual-language, community school serving grades Pre-K 3 through 8 in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The school relies on grants and donations to contribute to financial aid funds for the majority of parents who cannot pay the full tuition.

**KinDoo Family Center - Indiantown, FL**
 Provides child care for parents who attend classes in sewing, English, cooking, art, and computer skills. Our grant has helped provide a salary for an assistant to work with the coordinator for this growing service.

**Heart’s Place Services, Inc. - Baltimore, MD**
The Baltimore City Public Schools have 3,000 students registered as “homeless”. Heart’s Place has been meeting the needs of these children for the past 8 years by providing backpacks of food called the Weekend Survival Kit for students each school week.

**Grants 2017-2018**

- Interval House, Toronto
- Jesuit Refugee and Migrant Service, Toronto
- L’Arche - Hamilton
- Marillac Place, Kitchener
- Michael House, Guelph
- Mission Services of Hamilton
- Missionaries of Africa, Toronto
- NASHI, Regina
- Neighbour to Neighbour Centre, Hamilton
- On Eagle’s Wings, Edmonton
- Ramoth Life Centre, Mount Forest
- Romero House, Toronto
- Roncalli International Foundation, Montreal
- Rose of Sharon
- Save the Mothers, Ancaster
- Scarboro Foreign Mission Society
- Sistering, Toronto
- Sisters of St. Joseph (Core Refugee Committee)
- SOPAR, Gatineau, Quebec
- St. Clements Parish – Jamaica Fund
- St. John the Compassionate Mission, Toronto
- St. Mary of Egypt Refuge, Toronto
- Street Haven, Toronto
- The Working Centre, Kitchener
- Waterloo Region Food Bank
- WNED, Toronto
- Women’s Crisis Services of Waterloo Region, Kitchener
- World Vision, Toronto
- YMCA – Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford
- YWCA – Kitchener/Waterloo
Center for Youth Emancipation and Development, CYED - Congo, Africa
This ministry’s goal is to increase the female population at the Cihumba elementary and high school levels. A highly sustainable project was developed to distribute goats and guinea pigs to parents and students.

Camp Umoja - Baltimore, MD
A summer camp created to provide Baltimore’s inner-city children with an outstanding two week day camp experience on the campus of the Notre Dame Preparatory School. Each child participates in swim lessons, arts and crafts, and tutoring.

Rochester Refugee Resettlement Service - Rochester, NY
Providing services, tutoring, and opportunities to ensure assimilation of refugees into our society by providing assistance as they strive to be self-sustaining neighbors while still maintaining their own cultural heritage.

Catholic Mobilizing Network - Washington, DC
Funding for operating expenses in establishing the Women’s Religious Death Penalty Advocacy Council. This group will amplify the Catholic Church’s strong pro-life stance against the death penalty.

Comboni Secondary School - Jubay, South Sudan
Providing food for their day students and staff who frequently have none or too little at home. Without meals, their school work has suffered. Having food encourages attendance, participation, and good spirit.

WillkommenMensch in Eggenburg - Eggenburg, Austria
Over 90,000 refugees have asked for asylum in Austria. They come illegally, without documents, mostly from Afghanistan and Syria. This initiative gives quick and unbureaucratic help to these refugees.