



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).

Love



School Sisters of Notre Dame

**Atlantic-Midwest Province**

**2017-2018**

## INTRODUCTION

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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## ABOUT OUR COMMITTEES

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## U.S. GOSPEL FUND

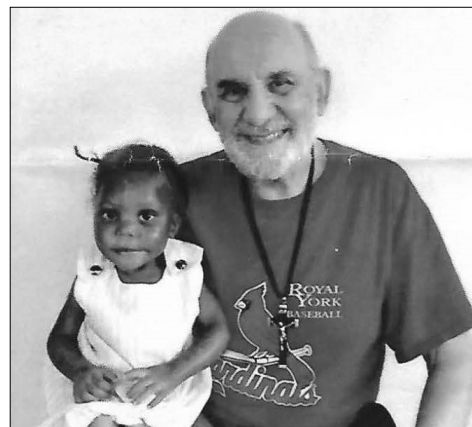
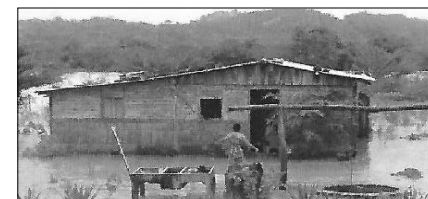
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Archbishop Borders School  
Camp Umoja  
Caroline Center  
Catholic Charities - Arch.of Baltimore  
Catholic Mobilizing Network  
Center for Youth Emancipation & Development CYED  
Comboni Secondary School - South Sudan  
Daughters of St. Paul  
Dawn's Place  
EveryBlackGirl, Inc.  
EXPO - Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing  
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

## RECIPIENT EXAMPLES



**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.

## CANADIAN GOSPEL FUND



### **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 Angèle 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.



## GRANTS 2017-2018

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.  
 Willkommen Mensch in Eggenburg

## CANADIAN GOSPEL FUND

Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan – Youth Program, Alberta  
Birthright Organization of Hamilton  
Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank  
Camp Micah, Kitchener  
Campaign Life Coalition, Ottawa  
Canadian Bible Society, Toronto  
Canadian Council of Churches, Toronto  
Canadian Food for Children, Toronto  
Canadian Jesuits International- Jesu Ashram, India  
Canadian Red Cross  
Catholic Centre for Immigrants Foundation, Ottawa  
Catholic Missions in Canada, Toronto  
Catholic Near East Welfare Association Canada- CNEWA  
Comboni Missionaries, Kitchener  
Covenant House, Toronto  
David Suzuki, Vancouver  
Development and Peace, Quebec  
Doctors Without Borders  
Eagle's Nest Association of Waterdown  
Farm Radio International  
Food Bank of Waterloo Region  
Fred Victor  
Friends of Canadian Broadcasting, Toronto  
Good Shepherd Centres, Hamilton  
Guelph Food Bank  
Habitat for Humanity - Canada  
Habitat for Humanity – Waterloo  
Horizons of Friendship - Cobourg  
House of Friendship, Kitchener  
Inter Pares, Ottawa  
International Needs Canada

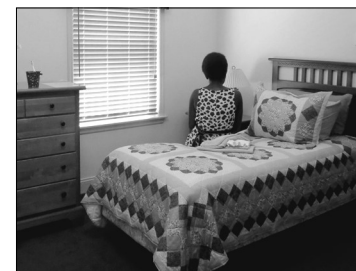
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### **Adiaha Obong Secondary School - Mbribit Itam, Nigeria**

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

## US GOSPEL FUND

The following short list of **Gospel Fund Grantees** presents snap-shot views of projects dealing with dignity of women and children; climate change; education for all; and human rights.

### **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.

## RECIPIENT EXAMPLES

### **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.

