

April 27, 2007

Constance Brown
SW Association of Neighbors
620 Bachert Ct. SW
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Dear Constance,

Church of the Savior received a Good Samaritan grant from Sisters of Charity to provide a Part-time Parish Nurse. We were able to hire a Part-time nurse starting November 1, 2006. We are seeking funding to continue the program for a second year. One of the requirements of the grant application is a letter of support for our project from individuals not directly affiliated with our organization.

Church of the Savior has an ongoing outreach to low income residents of the downtown Canton area by providing free breakfast on Sunday mornings (Oatmeal Breakfast), weekly grocery support, and helping persons obtain State of Ohio identification cards.

Since November 1, 2006 we have been able to provide health care screening and education by providing blood pressure and blood sugar checks to our breakfast clients and grocery clients.

We also put on a Healthy Day that was an outreach to some of our neighbors in the southwest area of Canton. The Healthy Day provided screening and education about breast cancer and Life Line Screening in addition to healthy food and exercise.

Serving the Oatmeal Breakfast clients has allowed us to support and counsel them in preventative health care especially for children and to advise them of low cost medical services and prescription coverage available to those who qualify. In 2006 we served 7768 clients at an average of over 150 per week.

Our Parish nurse has also initialized contacts with Timken High School about educating pregnant teens about pre-natal care, new born care and child care. We are anticipating starting a program with Timken High School at the start of the 2007-2008 school year. She is also working with Family First and recently provided a seminar on Shaken Baby syndrome.

She has made contact with Senior/Low-income housing complexes in the downtown area and will provide blood pressure and blood sugar screening to them on a monthly basis.

The proposal is to continue a part-time Parish Nurse who can minister to low-income families, especially children. To assist these residents of the local area around Church of the Savior to find low cost medical support and prescription assistance. To provide information in preventative health care, nutrition and hygiene. Also to provide a special

outreach to older, unchurched adults for whom adequate preventative health care is always an issue.

In addition the Parish Nurse would also provide the following:

Organize and market health fairs for local area residents.

1. Provide seminars for community families on pre-natal care, caring for a new baby, taking care of toddlers, etc.
2. At health fairs, provide/advertise Church of the Savior's intent to provide parish nurse services to non members in the community.
3. Continue to support church members with counseling / blood pressure screening and prescription interaction advice.
4. The Parish Nurse would organize seminars and training sessions for laity to equip them with needed skills for visitation and outreach.
5. Provide information on preventative health care, nutrition and hygiene.

We are requesting your support in our application to help us to be a good neighbor in the City of Canton and to continue to help our neighbors that are in need.

Sincerely,

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