

SJA Justice Grants Spring 2015

The Advocates for Human Rights: \$5000

330 Second Ave S #800

Minneapolis, MN 55401

Attn: Deepinder Singh Mayell

Alliance Housing Inc.: \$2000

2309 Nicollet Ave

Minneapolis, MN 55404

Attn: Barbara Jeanetta

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative: \$5000

2610 University Ave W #100

St. Paul, MN

Attn: Laura Vitelli

Doctors Without Borders: Bands for Ebola (FAIR School): \$1000

Attn: Stephen Hoffman

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition: \$3500

122 W Franklin Ave #315

Minneapolis, MN 55404

Attn: Brian Rusche

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of St. Paul at Adams: \$3600

615 Chatsworth St S

St. Paul, MN 55102

Attn: Amanda Bravo-Boeseneilers

Simpson Housing Services: \$5000

2100 Pillsbury Ave S

Minneapolis, MN 55404

Attn: Charlotte Kinzley

White Dove Foundation (Girls' School): \$3500

P.O. Box 1902

Burnsville, MN 55337

Attn: Margaret Hottinger

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The Advocates for Human Rights: \$5000 to provide low-income Central American refugees with equal access to justice and free legal representation in asylum cases so that they may be able to work and reunite with their families. *What we learned: In 2014, the Advocates provided full representation in approximately 490 asylum cases and received more than \$2.5 million in donated pro bono attorney hours. Letters of support from parishioners Vince Moccio and Rose Grengs*

Alliance Housing Inc.: \$2000 to subsidize rents and support the work of a Jesuit Volunteer Corps member to establish a tenant leadership council. *What we learned: Alliance has 450 units of housing throughout the Twin Cities, all affordable to people earning less than 50% of the area median income. Letters of support from parishioners Martin and Mary Jo Malecha and RJ Kemp-Stevens*

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative: \$5000 to support the efforts of Beacon Citizens, a network of congregations and individuals advocating for public resources directed to ending homelessness. *What we learned: In the past legislative session, Beacon Citizens helped to secure a \$25.5 million boost for housing and homeless services including \$10 million in bonds to build or rehab affordable housing and \$9 million more for homeless services (including a \$2 million increase for the Homeless Youth Act). Letters of support from parishioners John Song and Diane Haugesag*

Doctors Without Borders: Bands for Ebola (FAIR School): \$1000 for supplies to help stop the Ebola Virus in West Africa. *What we learned: To raise money for this project, FAIR School 8th graders have sold wristbands and accepted donations at parent-teacher conferences, school concerts, school board meetings, school lunch hour and one team member sold bands in Togo while he was there! Letters of support from parishioners (and students) Christopher Ehlert and Ananda Cordova-Stuart and teacher Kristin Woolever Ehlert*

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition: \$3500 to expand and strengthen statewide networks for social justice with trainings for district leaders and key advocates. *What we learned: JRLC conducts policy analysis and mobilizes citizen advocacy among Jews, Muslims, Catholics and Protestants to speak with a united voice on issues of the common good. Letters of support from parishioners Sue O'Brien and Phil Sterner.*

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of St. Paul at Adams: \$3600 to help bring interns from Carmen Pampa (the only higher education institution in Bolivia) to be teaching assistants at this culturally and racially diverse St. Paul school. *What we learned: The United Nations designated Carmen Pampa as one of the most seven most effective anti-poverty initiatives worldwide. Letters of support from parishioners Tim and Mary Beth Leone-Getten and Shannon Pfarr Thompson*

Simpson Housing Services: \$5000 to provide training for staff, volunteers and program participants in the areas of diversity and cultural competency and strengthen agency efforts in undoing racism. *What we learned: Trained parent participants will become ambassadors for other families in Simpson's programs. Letters of support from Charlotte Kinzley, Cheryl Imdieke, Kathy Curran, Larry Sheehan and Paula Storsteen*

White Dove Foundation (Girls' School): \$3500 to provide sponsorship for girls attending the White Dove School in Rwanda, the only all-girl school in the country to offer a career-preparatory, computer science curriculum. *What we learned: The 100 day genocide in Rwanda in 1994 resulted in the deaths of more than 800,000 people and left 300,000 children orphaned. Letters of support from parishioners Dave Kuntz and Nancy Stockhaus*