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St. Mary's Healthcare Accepting Applications for Carondelet Community Funds

Amsterdam, NY - The **Carondelet Community Fund** was originally established in 1996 as a Board Designated Fund to honor and continue the spirit of St. Mary's founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The Sisters mission of service is rooted in a commitment of outreach to the "Dear Neighbor." The Fund seeks to provide modest assistance to local programs and agencies whose values and mission align with the mission and values of St. Mary's Healthcare.

Grants are now available to eligible non-profit community agencies that are located within the service area of St. Mary's Healthcare. The deadline for submissions to the Carondelet Community Fund is 4:30 pm on March 10, 2017. Late applications cannot be considered. Requests may not exceed \$10,000. The Carondelet Community Fund Committee will review the applications and make recommendations for funding to the St. Mary's Healthcare Board of Directors for final approval.

To obtain an application, please contact the St. Mary's Mission Integration Office at St. Mary's at 841-7135.

The Carondelet Community Fund will utilize the following process in evaluating applications for funding:

Applicants are asked to submit a letter of introduction and an application that is no more than (5) pages in length. The application must be typed double spaced and is to include the following:

- Brief description of the history and scope of the applicants' services.
- Brief statement of the problem or needs addressed.
- Applicant expertise in addressing problem or need.
- Geographic area and population served by applicant.
- Brief narrative or summary of the project including objectives and anticipated results.
- Financial statement including IRS 990, proposed budget for the requested grant.
- Proposed program start and completion dates.

- List of collaborative partners.

Completed applications can be mailed to the Carondelet Community Fund, c/o Sr. Joan Mary Hartigan, CSJ, St. Mary's Healthcare, 427 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam, NY, 12010.

Applications can also be emailed to: Joan.Hartigan@smha.org. All applicants will be notified of final decisions after May 1, 2017.

For additional questions regarding the Carondelet Community Fund or the application process, please contact Sr. Joan Mary Hartigan at St. Mary's Healthcare at (518) 841-7135.

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About St. Mary's Healthcare, Amsterdam

St. Mary's Healthcare features an award-winning acute care hospital, primary and specialty care centers throughout Fulton and Montgomery counties, more than 30 behavioral health services for persons in Fulton, Montgomery and Hamilton counties, a full continuum of physical rehabilitation services and a 160-bed nursing home. The organization has earned exceptional national rankings for excellence in medicine and has a continuing commitment to provide an exceptional patient experience. For more information about St. Mary's Healthcare, call (518) 842-1900 or visit us online at www.smha.org. To stay connected to St. Mary's, follow us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/smha.org. St. Mary's Healthcare is a member of Ascension Health, the largest not-for-profit Catholic healthcare network in the world.

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