McAuley Ministries serves in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming, healing presence. We commit resources and work collaboratively to promote healthy, safe, and vibrant communities.
OUR VISION

WHAT WE ASPIRE TO BE

McAuley Ministries will be known as a good neighbor whose support has contributed to neighborhoods that are safe, vibrant, and celebrated, and where residents are healthy and enabled to reach their full potential.

OUR VALUES

1. REVERENCE
   We honor the sacredness and dignity of every person.

2. COMMITMENT TO THOSE WHO ARE POOR
   We stand with and serve those who are poor, especially those most vulnerable.

3. JUSTICE
   We foster right relationships to promote the common good, including sustainability of Earth.

4. STEWARDSHIP
   We honor our heritage and hold ourselves accountable for the human, financial, and natural resources entrusted to our care.

5. INTEGRITY
   We are faithful to who we say we are.

6. COMMUNITY
   We demonstrate our connectedness to each other through inclusive and compassionate relationships.

7. COURAGE
   We dare to take the risks our faith demands of us.
Advocacy

In FY 2020, the McAuley Ministries Board modified our grantmaking strategy to proactively invest in organizations that advocate for policies aligned with our strategic priorities and core values. When we provide support to a program that provides a direct community service, the impact is seen immediately. However, by simultaneously supporting advocacy work that produces changes to laws, regulations, and policies, there is the potential to have long-term impacts. McAuley Ministries awarded $225,000 to advocacy initiatives in FY 2020, an increase over the $60,000 awarded in the previous year:

• A+ Schools: Educational Equity
• Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania: Census 2020 Philanthropic Fund
• Just Harvest: Food Security
• Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health: Restoring Adult Dental Benefits to Medicaid
• Regional Housing Legal Services: Preventing Displacement of Low-income Renters

In addition, McAuley Ministries awarded a three-year grant to the Hill Community Development Corporation to support an administrator who will facilitate and monitor compliance to the provisions in the Lower Hill Community Collaboration and Implementation Plan.

Emergency Grant Support

FY 2020 began with a devastating fire that displaced residents at the DeRuad Street apartments in Uptown, shifted to a hurricane season that negatively impacted communities in The Bahamas, and ended with ongoing health and economic challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. McAuley Ministries responded by committing support to our community partners who are meeting basic needs such as recovery efforts, food, shelter, and child care. We also contributed to community-wide COVID funds: the Emergency Action Fund at The Pittsburgh Foundation and the Critical Community Needs Fund at The POISE Foundation. During FY 2020, McAuley Ministries supported 15 organizations that are meeting the needs of our neighbors, directing $326,000 to their efforts.
PARTNER RESULTS & SPOTLIGHTS

EDUCATION | CITIZENS SCIENCE LAB

The SeaPerch competition is an innovative underwater robotics program. Through the efforts of the U.S. Navy, this program has evolved from a freshman course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology into a yearly competition that equips students with the resources required to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) in an out-of-school setting. Teams build their own ROV from a kit comprised of low-cost, easily accessible parts, following a curriculum that teaches basic engineering and science concepts with a marine engineering theme. The Citizen Science Lab recruited and mentored five middle school and high school SeaPerch teams from the Hill District program to compete in the Pittsburgh SeaPerch regional competition. A total of 24 students participated in the program; 14 students participated in the regional competition. Pre and post assessments demonstrate an improvement in student understanding of engineering and design concepts.

HEALTH & WELLNESS | PITTSBURGH MERCY

McAuley Ministries awarded two grants to Pittsburgh Mercy, one to support a case manager through Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net (OSN), providing services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Pittsburgh Mercy served 2,792 persons in 2019; housed 297 persons; and provided respite and other services to 1,004 individuals at the winter shelter.

The second grant supported a pilot related to food insecurity. At the Pittsburgh Mercy Family Health Center, the organization screens for food insecurity by asking all persons served, “within the past three months, I worried whether our food would run out before I got money to buy more.” Pittsburgh Mercy has captured responses for 78% of their patients. Based on the individual’s answer to the initial question, patients are then screened regarding their connection to food-related resources and are offered food on site at the primary health care center. Pittsburgh Mercy has successfully screened 1,997 individuals and linked 400 individuals to food directly and to SNAP benefits, food pantries, budgets, and other food-related supplies.
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT GRANTS

McAuley Ministries funded a pilot program with the Energy Innovation Center Institute (EICI), linking a workforce program with a trusted community partner. EICI collaborated with the Center That CARES to facilitate recruitment, preparation, and follow-up to maximize successful participation and job retention for the EVS Technician Training Initiative. The Center That CARES provided insights and perspectives that fostered improvements in EICI's processes. Nineteen (19) residents were recruited and enrolled in the EVS training program. 94% of the residents completed the program; 92% gained employment; and 76% retained their jobs after one year.

McAuley Ministries convened several organizations providing workforce development programs – A Philip Randolph Institute, Community College of Allegheny County, Community Kitchen Pittsburgh, EICI, and the Neighborhood Resilience Project. These partners identified transportation as a key barrier to residents participating in training programs, gaining employment, and retaining employment. McAuley Ministries awarded grants to Travelers’ Aid, which provided bus passes and gasoline debit cards to 126 individuals enrolled in the partners’ workforce programs. Travelers’ Aid reported the following benefits from providing transportation assistance: 31% reduction in program drop-out rates; 23% increase in securing employment; 29% improvement in reaching 180 days of retention; 19% increase in the number of interviews attended; and a 17% reduction in the number of days to locate work. 72% of the participants believe that transportation assisted them in retaining employment.

The second component involved pilot grants to each of the programs to assist their students in securing driver’s licenses. The grants could be used for driving lessons, testing, licensing, fines, and fees (with some restrictions) that served as barriers to securing a license. This component had mixed results with Community Kitchen Pittsburgh having the most success. Community Kitchen Pittsburgh (CKP) assisted 21 students to earn drivers’ licenses. Twenty of the 21 students gained employment; 12 of 13 have achieved 6-month retention status while seven are still working toward that benchmark. The 92% 6-month retention rate represents an improvement over their average results.

CAPACITY BUILDING | SHEPHERD’S HEART FELLOWSHIP

Shepherd's Heart Fellowship reported that a three-year, general operating grant assisted the organization to keep the doors open, operate the shuttle bus, drop-in center, and resource center and food pantry. The Shuttle Bus Service provided approximately 500 annual trips transporting approximately 2,000 riders who are homeless, to medical, welfare, veterans, probation, drug and alcohol counseling/rehab, mental health, and other appointments. The Drop-In Center served approximately 14,000 annual guests, ranging from 60-90 people daily. The Food Pantry supplemented the nutrition needs of more than 1,400 individuals/families. The Resource Center provided blankets, coats, shoes, clothing, and toiletries to more than 1,800 individuals/families.
One of the hopes for the Girl Talk project was to let girls see that inspiration could be found in the individuals and their work arising from the Hill District. In her interview, playwright and actress Kim El said, "August Wilson inspired me because he let me know that the Hill District was a place that you could write about. I said, Mr. Wilson, I want to be a playwright. What advice would you give me? He had this big cigar in his mouth and he took it out and said, 'Write. Write what you know.'"

Charlene Foggie-Barnett, Oral History Coordinator & Archive Specialist for the Teenie Harris Archive, Carnegie Museum of Art, said, "The Hill is more important than we realize. I'm proud to be part of a society that produced great talents like August Wilson, a photographer like Teenie Harris, activists like Sala Udin -- prominent Pittsburghers who made a difference in people's lives."

On interviewing Jackie Wright, Shanelle, 16, said: "I absolutely loved the interview. It was like speaking to an older version of myself. Her career path is amazing. What was inspiring to me was if someone tells you no, then find a way to make them tell you yes. She spoke about the struggle when she was growing up. But she broke out of it and followed her career and now she doesn't regret a thing. She wants to see us as teenagers being able to pursue amazing careers and do great things with our lives."

Grounded Strategies worked with the Project Love Coalition to improve a lot at the corner of Somers Street and Webster Avenue. This project was led by ReClaim Ambassador Kent Bey. The goal for this site was to clear a knotweed infested area of land and implement a community garden for veterans and neighbors. This area will also act as a place where neighbors can congregate, celebrate, and learn how to grow and prepare healthy food. Seventy-two (72) raised beds have been installed and prepped for planting in the spring.

"I don't know what I want to do after high school." This is what I said during the very beginning of my first year of high school, because I did not have any post-secondary plans. I lived in a small town, New Kensington, which did not provide much of an understanding as to why academics can be vital to a student. I had no plans or goals because I was just going to school to get my education and that was it; I did not think far ahead into the future.

However, this all changed dramatically when my family moved to the Hill District, which opened new doors and many different opportunities for me. I joined an afterschool program known as School 2 Career that expanded my horizons in academics. I had felt I was lacking the power to challenge myself more because I struggled with my classes in school. This made me fall behind in my studies, causing me to fail at times, and it took a toll on me.

Having people along the way to help me with my studies and tutors to help with my homework gave me a stronger sense of knowledge and led to my success. I worked at a variety of job placements and now have a lengthy resume that can appeal to and impress employers. I earned Microsoft Outlook 2010 and Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 certifications. My afterschool program, School 2 Career, has paved a way for me to become successful. It gave me the overall feeling of being able to desire more out of my education, which led me to moving from a 3.0 GPA student to a higher GPA, because I can truly be smart and prepare myself. In the future, I want to pursue a bachelor's degree in forensic science.

Moving from one area to another can affect and influence you greatly by how you take advantage of the community's resources around you. The success I have achieved over three years began from a single opportunity; it branched out into many more opportunities. This period has influenced me so much I have named it "A Game Changer."
FY 2020 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

A+ SCHOOLS
ACH CLEAR PATHWAYS
ACCULTURATION FOR JUSTICE ACCESS & PEACE OUTREACH (AJAPO)
AMIZADE
BETHLEHEM HAVEN
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER PITTSBURGH
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
CENTER THAT CARES
CITIZEN SCIENCE LAB
CITY OF PITTSBURGH
CLEAN SLATE E3
DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GIRL SCOUTS WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GRANTMAKERS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
HACK PGH
HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
HILL DISTRICT CONSENSUS GROUP
HOMELESS CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND
HUG ME TIGHT CHILDLIFE CENTERS
JUST HARVEST EDUCATION FUND
MACEDONIA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT CENTER (FACE)
MERCY VOLUNTEER CORPS
M-POWERHOUSE
NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIES
NEIGHBORHOOD LEARNING ALLIANCE
NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT
NORTHSIDE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
PARTNER4WORK
PENNSYLVANIA COALITION FOR ORAL HEALTH
PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY KITCHEN
PITTSBURGH MERCY
POISE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM TO AID CITIZEN ENTERPRISE (PACE)
REGIONAL HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES
SCHENLEY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
SHEPHERD'S HEART FELLOWSHIP AND VETERAN'S HOME
STEEL CITY SQUASH
STRONG WOMEN STRONG GIRLS
STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
THE INTERSECTION, INC.
THE PITTSBURGH FOUNDATION
TICKETS FOR KIDS FOUNDATION
TRUECHILD
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