



Women's Giving Circle

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Thank you for accepting our invitation to apply for a grant from the Women's Giving Circle (WGC), an initiative of the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Cleveland. Please respond clearly and concisely and adhere to the word limits below.

Organization Name: Doors of Hope Geauga (aka JALS, Inc.)

Address of Organization: Mailing Address: P.O. Box 603, Newbury, Ohio 44065

Organization Snapshot (75 words max)

Briefly describe your organization's mission, whom you serve, and where you serve.

Rooted in the example of the Holy Family, our mission is to provide a sanctuary of hope for homeless families. We are committed to offering shelter and supportive services empowering families toward healthy, independent living. Homeless families of any composition who have at least one child under the age of 18 are eligible. Geauga County families are the highest priority, but families from surrounding counties can be served as capacity allows.

Project Summary (100 words max)

Describe the specific project or program for which you are requesting Women's Giving Circle support.

We seek support for our shelter program which provides more than a roof and four walls. It works in partnership with each family to understand their unique journey and develop a roadmap out of homelessness and into independence. Services include assessment to identify each family's needs and barriers to housing; assistance with housing search & employment; educational enrichment for children; and linkage with critical community providers. We believe in the well-being of the whole person, so the program provides space and opportunities for families to grow in all aspects of family life while experiencing a sense of community.

Community Need (100 words max)

What need does this project address, and why is it important at this time?

Doors of Hope was started by three women of faith who shared a passion for the homeless. Through work and personal encounters, they had witnessed the impact of homelessness, particularly on children. Data supported their concern. United Way's 2020 needs assessment found 28% of Geauga County adults identified a critical housing need. Local providers and churches reported receiving calls from families seeking shelter in a community where no family homeless shelter existed. Doors of Hope continues to be the only family shelter in the county at a time when the economy and housing shortages have increased the incidence of homelessness.

Impact & Outcomes (100 words max)

What impact do you expect this project to have? Include one or two measurable outcomes

Based on past performance, over a 12-month period, we anticipate providing over 2500 nights of shelter to 8-10 households, depending on family size. 100% of families will receive extensive case management services consisting of housing and employment search, linkage with appropriate community resources, and enrichment services for both adults and children. At least 90% of those served will be able to successfully exit shelter into independent living or a long-term stable living situation and will have benefits and/or earned income to allow them to sustain themselves and their families.

Use of Women's Giving Circle Funds (75 words max)

How will Women's Giving Circle funds be used?

Funds will be used for supportive services to help families with housing and employment search and facilitate connections with educational opportunities for parents (job training, GED, parenting), educational, daycare and enrichment services for children, and referrals for health, mental health, legal, substance use and other concerns. Staff will also guide families in gathering for meals and activities such as crafts, budgeting, career building, and spiritual enrichment to create a sense of community and support.

Alignment with Catholic Values (75 words max)

The Women’s Giving Circle supports projects that respect the dignity of the human person, serve those most in need, and contribute to the common good. Please describe how this project reflects these values and how its activities are consistent with the mission and teachings of the Catholic Church.

The ministry of Doors of Hope Geauga is strongly aligned with principles of Catholic Social Teaching and embodies the Church’s preferential option for the poor. We serve a vulnerable population honoring their dignity as children of God by offering respect, shelter, basic needs, and community support, creating conditions allowing them to realize their dignity and potential. We do this in a family setting to nurture relationships, interdependence and responsibility for the common good.

Partnerships (50 words max, if applicable)

Briefly describe any project partnerships.

We have been blessed with incredible partners who have donated countless hours of professional time and supplies. From Habitat for Humanity; to Geauga Hunger Task Force; to Holy Angels, Resurrection, St. Helen’s and St. Joan of Arc (just a few!) churches, our 50+ partnerships have been critical to our mission.

Funding Request:

Amount Requested: \$ \$18,000

Total Project Budget: \$ \$211,000

Signature: *Pamela Reisinger*

Name: Pamela Reisinger

Title: President

May 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Expense	Projected Budget	Actual Expenses	Difference to Budget
Client Support Specialist*	9,000		
Food & Supplies**	8,000		
Travel***	1,000		
*Part-time case management support to assist families with housing search and programming such as parenting & budgeting, and activities for children in shelter			
**Food and personal items for families in shelter			
***Transportation for clients to interviews, work, medical appts., etc.			
Other Funding Sources			
Grants			
Donations			

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Expense	Projected Budget	Actual Expenses	Difference to Budget
Salaries & Wages	110,000		
Program Expenses	25,000		
Occupancy Costs	21,000		
Consulting Fees	15,000		
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	17,500		
Office Expenses	5,000		
Insurance	4,500		
Other	13,000		
Other Funding Sources			
Grants	57,000		
Community Organizations	6,000		
Events	70,000		
Donations	60,000		