



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
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## Women's Giving Circle

### Women's Giving Circle Invitation-Only Grant Application

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:** [Mother Cabrini Food Pantry](#)

**Address of Organization:**  
2143 Homewood Drive Lorain, OH 44055

### Organization Snapshot (75 words max)

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

Our mission is to continue Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini's vision to provide food with a smile and respect to those in need throughout our community. We are open the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturday of the month regardless of weather. We serve on average 1300 persons per month. On Jan 24, 2026 we gave out food in 1 degree weather. We understand the need doesn't change. But I'm sure God doesn't want people to jeopardize their own health helping others. We need a shelter and more room.

### Project Summary (100 words max)

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

We received approval from the diocese to fix and add on to a dillapidated two car garage currently on the church's property right next to our current location. We would use this as a food distribution center. This will allow the weather to have minimal impact on volunteers' health, who vary from 11-95 years old.

### **Community Need (100 words max)**

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

We have grown in the three years that I became Director. We started delivering food to local senior/disabled apartment complexes in July, 2025 and its been successful. They are very appreciative. We need a larger facility that allows us to cover our volunteers while distributing food with a covered car port, increase our food supply and impact our community more.

### **Impact & Outcomes (100 words max)**

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

Increase the amount of non-perishable food items in our boxes from 14 to 20.

Decrease the chances of volunteers getting ill

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

*How will Women's Giving Circle funds be used?*

Funds will be used to pay for the following:

- Construction costs
- Increase food supply
- Market our services

**Alignment with Catholic Values (75 words max)**

*How does this project align with Catholic values or Catholic Social Teaching?*

Our services absolutely align with the Catholic values. We start every morning with a prayer circle and pray for those we serve prior to doing so. We truly believe in Mother Cabrini's mission & vision and pray for her guidance.

**Partnerships (50 words max, if applicable)**

*Briefly describe any project partnerships.*

We have a partnership with second harvest food bank. This partnership was created out of grant funding for our food but is limited.

**Funding Request:**

Amount Requested: \$ 15,000

Total Project Budget: \$ 25,500

**Signature:** *Michelle Ann Richards*

**Name:** Michelle Ann Richards

**Title:** Director Mother Cabrini Food Pantry