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THE ANDREW JERGENS FOUNDATION AWARDS \$15,000

Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center Receives Grant Award To Help Feed Those In Poverty

Lockland, OH— March 2023 —Today, The Andrew Jergens Foundation announced a grant award of \$15,000, enabling Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center (Valley Interfaith) to continue to meet the food insecurity needs of those experiencing extreme poverty in Hamilton County.

Helping the needs of children since 1962

The Andrew Jergens Foundation was established in 1962 by Andrew N. Jergens with a primary focus and mission on enhancing health, education, cultural experiences and social welfare of children in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Since 1962, The Andrew Jergens Foundation has provided well over \$20 million dollars in grant awards for the benefit of youth in our community.

This award will help alleviate the food insecurity pressures families face in the Mill Creek Valley Neighborhoods of Hamilton County.

Since 1963, Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center (Valley Interfaith) has been working to provide hurdle help to those experiencing extreme poverty in the Mill Creek Valley Communities in Hamilton County, such as, Elmwood, Carthage, Hartwell, Arlington Heights, Lockland, Lincoln Heights, Reading and more.

Valley Interfaith officially became a registered non-profit on March 24, 1989 when it incorporated and obtained its IRS tax exemption determination. Since 1963, the Valley Interfaith has provided emergency food and clothing to well over one hundred thousand people in our community.

“Valley Interfaith has a long-standing reputation in the community for filling the gap and assisting those in the larger county community suffering from poverty cycles.” Mr. Keuffer, Executive Director stated. “In 2022, after surviving two years of a global pandemic, Valley Interfaith, along with many nonprofits are facing the grave impact of a declining economy. Food shortages and higher costs are creating a gap for nonprofits who are also trying to help more as a new class of poverty is being created.” Mr. Keuffer added.

“The award from The Andrew Jergens Foundation will help Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center bridge the gap and allow us to help provide that immediate hurdle help for families struggling during these difficult times.” Mr. Keuffer concluded.

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