

## 2017 Grantees

### Domestic grants

#### Mission to End Modern Slavery (MEMS), New York, NY

**\$5,000**

<http://endmodernslaverynow.org>

*"Telling Our Stories, Reclaiming Our Dignity"*. This program will use cultural forms (theatre and video) to develop leadership among survivors of human trafficking, educate the public about the hidden phenomenon of labor trafficking and promote healing and dignity for survivors of trafficking. The majority of those affected are women and this program has two main components: a theatre production and a video series. An original stage play will be written and performed by survivors who will then perform it for the public to raise awareness and garner support, but also to reclaim their stories as a source of empowerment instead of shame. In addition - interviews will be recorded and made into a series of min-documentaries for use in social media. The program will run over a period of 9 months.

#### Asha's Refuge, Collierville, TN

**\$3,000**

<http://ashasrefuge.org>

*"Asha's Refuge Playground for Preschool Refugee Clients"*. Their goal is to provide their preschool age refugee children with playground equipment that will encourage them to exercise and socialize. They wish to provide a safe space for the children to gain confidence by communicating with other children and not be too far behind. Many refugee children have never played on outdoor equipment and having a playground of their own would be an educational tool for the preschool program.

#### Latino Union of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**\$1,025**

<https://www.latinounion.org>

*Chicago Coalition of Household Workers*. The bulk of their grant would go to paying the salary of the Domestic Worker Program Coordinator with the rest for interpretation, community event expenses and printing costs. The plan for the trainings is equip 100 domestic workers to protect their health, safeguard their wages, recognize their legal rights and seek recourse for sexual violence at work. They also work on job placements for 30 workers at an average wage of \$15/hour.

## **International grants**

### **Sister's Association in Mindanao (SAMIN), Philippines**

**\$5,000**

*"Duyog Kalinaw: Interfaith and Ecumenical Accompaniment for Internally Displaced Women and Children in Mindanao"*. This is an outreach program using psychosocial interventions for women and children victims of trauma, post-traumatic stress, and other mental health challenges that occur from staying in evacuation centers and foster homes. Specifically targeting internally displaced persons part of almost 300,000 forcibly evacuated due to the still-raging armed siege of the Islamic City of Marawi. In addition to providing mental health services they also want to increase access to healthcare and strengthen women's participation in interfaith and ecumenical solidarity building, as well as documenting human rights violations.

### **LEAP (Learn-Empower-Act-Promote) Pakistan, Province Punjab, Pakistan**

**\$4,225**

*"Education and Healthcare project (EHP) for Child Laborers of District Faisalabad"*  
The objective of this program is to enhance the literacy and non-formal education of 100 child laborers by establishing 5 evening schools. They also plan to educate the parents of the children about the risks of child labor (child trafficking, slavery, prostitution) and to provide weekly nutritional support and medication to the children.

### **Nyakasanga Development Community Foundation (NYAKU), Western Uganda**

**\$3,000**

*"Stop Violence Against Women Project"* This is an empowerment project benefiting 100 women. They plan to conduct awareness campaigns directed towards neighborhood assemblies, community outreach, and workshops on educating women, children and men about violence and how to break the cycle. They plan to also use radio talk shows, films and seminars. In addition, they plan to train 10 groups of women in income generating plans such as Village Savings and Loans.

**WACC (World Association for Christian Communication)**, Based in Canada and the US - but work all over the world.

**\$5,000**

<http://www.waccglobal.org/home>

*"RMP Radyo Lumad"* This project seeks to address the structural discrimination of the Lumads that allows the escalating attacks against their leaders and their traditional and community-based structures. Without the structures of community development fighting for their rights, the Lumads will be subjected to a repeated cycle of oppression and exploitation. The project establishes a community radio named 'Radyo Lumad' to air 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. Programming will be

solely dedicated to Lumad stories, news reports, alternative music and advocacy songs for the Lumads produced by Mindanao musicians. Religious leaders, Lumad advocates and heads of social action desks from various churches will be regularly invited to speak in radio programs to give their views on the current issues of human rights violations attacking indigenous communities. The beneficiaries will mainly be the Lumad communities who will be operating their own radio station, and be the main target audience of the programs. The participation of the indigenous communities in the Radyo Lumad project is ensured through the involvement of Kalumbay Regional Lumad Organization as the partner. Kaiumbay is the largest alliance of community-based indigenous organizations in Northern Mindanao, to which the beneficiary communities (with an estimated 18,000 individuals) are members. Most of the trainees for the Radyo Lumad programs are women with some self-identifying LGBT.