

# 2020 GREATER HARRISBURG COMMUNITY FOUNDATION UPSTREAM GRANT APPLICATION

**DATE DUE: AUGUST 1, 2020** 

Thank you for applying to the Greater Harrisburg Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. Tell your story clearly and concisely. Attachments are required; follow all directions. Failure to answer questions, utilize this template, or attach required documents will disqualify your application. Answer all questions using information that applies to the project seeking support of grant funds. Contact Jennifer Strechay, Program Offer for Community Investment, at jstrechay@tfec.org or 717-236-5040 with questions.

#### APPLICANT PROFILE

#### Applicant Organization Name

Join Hands Ministry

Provide your organization's name as currently recognized by the IRS

- □ Check box if the Applicant Organization Name above is a "Doing Business As" name and the provided 501c3 letter states a different name. To be recognized by the "Doing Business As" name, attach ONE legal document using the provided name. If not provided, TFEC will utilize the 501c3 name.
- ☐ Check box if the Applicant Organization uses a Fiscal Sponsor and provide name here Click or tap here to enter text.

#### Name, Title, Email, Phone of Executive Leader

Michael J. Burns, Executive Director, infoøjoinhands.help, 717-582-7844 All contracts and notifications of grant status will be addressed to the individual provided here

### **Applicant Organization's Physical Address**

51 South Church Street, New Bloomfield, PA 17068

### Applicant Organization's Address for Mailed Communications

PO Box 335, New Bloomfield, PA 17068

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# Name, Title, Email, Phone of Contact Completing Application

Michael J. Burns, Executive Director, info@joinhands.help, 717-582-7844 If application questions arise, this individual will be contacted by TFEC staff

#### Organization's Mission Statement

The mission of Join Hands is to meet the sincere needs of the rural poor by serving as a contact and support center for those persons living in Perry County who are seeking assistance with daily living concerns.

# Organization History (Do not exceed this page)

Join Hands Ministry is a 501(c) 3, not-for-profit organization founded in 2000. Located in New Bloomfield, the agency was initiated by the 23 members of the Perry County United Methodist Cluster. The primary services of Join Hands are to provide support, guidance, financial planning, "where to turn" referrals and limited direct financial assistance, all focused on helping persons maintain or achieve independence. Through the various programs in 2019, Join Hands Ministry assisted 6,548 individuals and families. In 2019, for the first time in the nineteen-year history of Join Hands Ministry, a dollar for dollar impact assessment was completed. For every dollar donated, it equals or equates to ten dollars and ninety-five cents of resources. This assessment

included the upstream intervention dollar impact that resulted in the regional and Perry County economics of over a two and a half million-dollar impact. For every dollar donated, ten dollars and ninety five cents of resources are produced.

Currently, Join Hands Ministry provides a variety of programs to assist Perry County residents. Services include, but are not limited to: direct one-on-one mentoring, life skills support, decision making, financial planning, medical transportation, work transportation, home repair, emergency heat response, mentoring, moving assistance, automobile repair, free furniture/household items/clothing, back to school and holiday network program. Join Hands Ministry staff also report gaps in services and unmet needs to government entities to bring about system shaping changes.

Join Hands Ministry director Michael Burns serves committee boards including the Perry County Partnership Board, Perry County Housing Task Force Committee, YWCA's Violence Intervention and Prevention Advisory Board, Tri-County Community Action Board of Directors, Cumberland/Perry County MD-I.D.D. Advisory Board, the Center for Independent Living of Central PA Board of Directors, the Perry County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Perry County 2020 Census Complete County Committee and the Perry County Covid-19 Response Team. Our greatest accomplishment is impacting the daily lives of individuals and families in Perry County.

A list of all board members is provided as an attachment. Join Hands Ministry staff: Michael J. Burns, Executive Director and Sheree Seifert, Assistant Director. In addition to staff, in 2019 Join Hands Ministry operated with the guidance of more than 3,612 volunteer hours. These volunteers are a core asset to aiding staff operations, service activities, programs, grounds and building management, special projects and keeping overhead costs at a minimum.

# PROJECT PROFILE

Project Title Rural Poor Outreach and Empowerment Project Title must match title listed throughout application and online.	
Project Areas of Focus  ☐ UPSTREAM GENERAL  Choose UPstream General if your project utilizes upstream strategies but categories below. See the grant guidelines for additional detail.	is not principally centered upon the
UPSTREAM: FOCUS AREAS Choose an UPstream Focus Area (if your project is principally centered up Please select only those area(s) that apply to this project. See the grant gu	
EDUCATION  ☐ Programs & projects that focus upon or nurture access to early childhood education ☐ Education & development programs for children & youth ☐ Educational programs serving adults	☐ Environmental stewardship ☐ Horticulture & the arts ☐ Health & environment ☐ Park beautification & improvement
HEALTH  ☐ Health & human services ☐ Cancer awareness and/or research ☐ Dental care for those in need ☐ Health & human services ☐ HIV & AIDS ☐ Individuals with debilitating or terminal illness ☐ Individuals with intellectual disabilities ☐ Prevention of head and/or spinal cord injury ☐ Purchasing of devices that improve accessibility	HOMELESSNESS  ☑ Homelessness & hunger
MENTAL HEALTH  ⊠ Counseling for children with terminally ill family members  ⊠ Guidance, counseling, or programming that includes guidance and/or counseling for youths  □ Mental health	SENIORS  ⊠ Programs & projects serving older adults
COMMUNITIES OF FOCUS  ☐ Disaster relief & human services that serve the communities of Leb ☐ Programs and projects that benefit residents of Millersburg, a boro ☐ Projects to enhance Camp Hill Borough parks provided by youth o or other youth organizations; programs & projects that focus upon or education within Camp Hill.	ugh of Dauphin County, PA rganizations such as Scout programs
Counties to be served as part of project; check all that apply. $\Box$ Cumberland $\Box$ Dauphin $\Box$ Franklin $\Box$ Lebanon $\boxtimes$ P	erry□ Northern York (Dillsburg Area)
Projected Number of Individuals to be served by project  5,249 Total number of ADULTS served  1,299 Total number of CHILDREN (ages 17 and 15,548 Total number of ALL INDIVIDUALS served)  If above data is not appropriate to project, be sure to fully state the audience Question 2 of the Impact Narrative.	ed by the project

#### PROJECT SNAPSHOT

1. Capture your UPstream project and the community need it seeks to address in 200 words or less.

Join Hands Ministry met the sincere need of the rural poor by serving as a contact and support center for those persons living in Perry County who sought out assistance with daily living concerns. Considered among one of most rural communities with limited resources and public services in the state. This has been amplified by the current pandemic situation. Perry County faces several challenges that other rural communities suffer: limited resources due to lower per capita income resulting in limited tax revenue, lack of public services such as transportation, greater distance for services, fewer affordable housing options, affordable health care systems and limited income and education opportunities. This has been proven correct by The U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey with the latest 5-year estimates projecting that the number to be living under the poverty line is more likely 9.4 percent as of 2014. In addition to the limited resources and services, low-income residents in Perry County have been affected greatly since the nation-wide economic downturn. An inconvenience to an affluent family -- minor car trouble, a brief illness, disrupted child care -- is a crisis to the rural poor, for it can threaten their ability to stay employed. They spend everything and have nothing to save.

#### **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

Answer questions 2-10 clearly and concisely; no limit.

Grant funds will be used to intervene on financial "dominos" that would entrap those we serve, Perry Countians, the rural poor into financial hardship. At intake with each individual/family a budget of inflow of resources and an outflow of resources is conducted. This accesses the totality of the situation. This is done for the purpose that according to the U.S. Census 2010, approximately 46,000 individuals reside in Perry County and of that number, 9.1 percent are reported as living under the poverty line. Based on the 2010 census, the analogist of Perry County done by the Perry County Planning Commission and their comprehensive plan state, "It is noteworthy observation that despite the continued increase in population over the nearly the last century, so too has the number of individuals living below the poverty level increased. Persons below the poverty level increased from 7.4 percent in 1990 to 7.7 percent in 2000, which an increase to 9.1 in 2010. It is foreseeable this continued trend could overburden many fiscally constrained social programs in the county as demands placed on these programs will undoubtedly increase."

For practically every family, the ingredients of poverty are part financial and party psychological, part personal and part societal, part past and part present. Every problem magnifies the impact of others, and all are so tightly interwoven that one setback can produce a chain reaction with results far reaching from the original cause. A run-down moldy trailer can aggravate a child's asthma, which leads to a call for an ambulance, which generates a meical bill that cannot be pai, which ruins a credit record, which hikes the interest rate on an auto loan, which forces the purchase of an unreliable used car, which jeopardizes a mother's punctuality at work, which limits her promotions and earning capacity, which confines her to continue in poor housing.

3. When and where will the project take place? List dates and locations as appropriate in chronological order. State if provided dates/locations are confirmed, estimated, or to be determined.

The Rural Poor Outreach and Empowerment project will start on January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. All services will be provided at the office site, which is in New Bloomfield.

#### **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

4. Does the project involve partnerships, collaborations, service, or affiliations with other organizations that will strengthen the project? If so, LIST their name(s) and corresponding role(s) within the categories below OR if this does not apply to you, state why your project is best positioned for success as a single organization.

**SINGLE ORGANIZATION STATEMENT:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**PARTNERSHIPS**: We are equally invested in providing this project and success is dependent upon all organizations and shared roles although one entity serves as the applicant for this grant. <u>Our application includes a letter from each partner that states their role in this relationship.</u>

Click or tap here to enter text.

**COLLABORATIONS:** We are working with other organizations to make this project happen, but we serve as the lead organization for this grant opportunity and our project success is enriched by, but not dependent upon, our collaborators. An additional letter is NOT required, but may help the application.

Letters of support from PA State Senator John M. DiSanto, PA House Representative Mark Keller, Perry County Commissioners, Perry County Children & Youth, Perry County Area Agency on Aging, Perry County Literacy Council, Perry County Chamber of Commerce, Perry Human Services, Cumberland/Perry County Rental Assistance Office/HUD, Center for Independent Living of Central Pennsylvania, Family Health Council of Central Pennsylvania, Newport Assembly of God Church/Bread of Life Outreach, Tri-County Community Action Agency and YWCA of the Greater Harrisburg are attached.

**SERVICE:** Our project will serve these organizations and cannot take place without their commitment to accept service. Our application includes a letter from each organization (this includes schools) that states their intent to participate.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Our project may be affiliated with these organizations in some way, but is not 100% dependent upon their participation. <u>An additional letter is NOT needed.</u>

Join Hands partners with many agencies in Perry County and many out-of-county. For this grant, the primary partnering agencies are, but not limited to, the Area Agency on Aging, the Bread of Life Outreach, Perry County Assistance Office, Sadler Health Center, Salvation Army, Perry Human Services, Perry Housing Partnership, Perry County Literacy Council, Perry County Family Service Partnership Board, Perry County Food Bank, Perry County Rental Assistance Office, Perry County Veteran Affairs, Perry County Children & Youth, Cumberland-Perry County MH. IDD and Family Health Council of Central Pennsylvania.

#### **COMPARABLES**

5. Are other organizations in your service area providing services that are similar to your proposed project? If yes, state their names or services and explain how your project differs. If no, state NA.

There are similar organizations in our service area providing services similar to our proposed project. These organizations collarbarte well with Join Hands Ministry to fill in the "gaps" where such organizations are not

allowed to go. This is part of Join Hands Ministry history, vision and mission, to aid those gaps for persons in need, creating a standardization of qualifying true poverty needs and establishing lines of accountability for responsible management of funds and goods donated to the cause.

These organizations are, Area Agency on Aging, the Brea of Life Outreach, Perry Human Services, Perry Housing Partnership, Perry County Rental Asisstance Office, Perry County Veteran Affairs and Family Health Council of Central Pennsylvania.

#### **ASSESSMENT & IMPACT**

**6a.** What will project success look like? Provide a brief overview of the project's key outcomes, outputs, and/or other results of success.

There is no single variable that can be altered to help working people move away from the edge of poverty. The upstream/full array of factors must be addressed to impact the situation. Join Hands Ministry uses a holistic approach to do more than merely "band aid" a problem. The type of assistance provided serves as a "hand up" versus a "hand out", intervening on the multiplied downstream cost of resources.

Here is an example, ""Due to my unemployment ending and an issue with another agency filing paperwork I needed help with my rent. After contacting JH they were able to pay my rent so that I didn't get behind. With all that is going on right now it would have been impossible for me to catch up back rent. Join Hands has taken that stress away. I can't express how thankful I am for their help. — S"

**6b.** How will project success be measured and documented (i.e.: how will you know the project is successful? Are you collecting value statements, numbers served, surveys, photos, before and after images, or using other methods)?

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Here is another example, "We needed to fix up our trailer and clean it up to bring our kids home because they were taken from us for 2 months. You guys helped us by getting a huge dumpster for us and getting us help with replacing windows, finish painting, and fixing our leaking sinks.

It helped us out because if it wasn't for you guys at join hands and the volunteers that help we wouldn't have been able to bring our kids home as quickly as we did and for that we are very great full you have brought my world back into mine and my husband's lives thank you." - M

#### **FUNDING & SUPPORT**

7. If this proposal is not funded at the level requested, will you be able to implement the project as stated? Explain as needed.

Yes. Under current leadership, paid staff and volunteer staff along with our supporters and partners Join Hands Ministry has grown to be a Community Health Educational central hub for empowering rural communities in Perry County. It is empowered by such organizations and foundations to make a greater impact. We do this collabroately no matter the resources, to conquer barriers that are specific to local communities. This occurs, as our team and network work to equip them to identify issues and mobilize resources to achieve positive, sustainable change. The outcome is that lives and local communities are transformed by their own people working together to address their local needs.

- 8. This grant opportunity will not fund 100% of any project. Restate the amount you are seeking and describe other funding sources and amounts.
  - Join Hands Ministry is requesting consideration for a grant in the amount of \$8,000.00. Other grantors like the Stabler Foundation, Hoverter Foundation and Greater Harrisburg Realtor Foundation.
- 9. Did the applicant organization end its most recent fiscal year with a budget surplus or deficit? If so, briefly state the amount of the surplus or deficit and state how the surplus may be used (i.e. is it earmarked for another program) and/or how the deficit may be handled.

The most recent fiscal year for Join Hands Ministry ended with a deficit for \$36,816.21. Currently, grant funds are put into savings and do not always show up in the same fiscal year. The deficit is the product of that. All bills were paid on time with no late fees.

#### **ACCESS & INCLUSION**

10. As a community foundation, TFEC fosters a climate of purposeful inclusion that values diversity of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, range of abilities, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status. Please state how your project will be made accessible to all individuals who qualify for participation in the project and describe any accommodations, modifications, technologies, or services you will offer to ensure that all eligible participants experience the best possible services or outcomes.

Join Hands Ministry is a collaborative community outreach program and organization providing direction, intervention and support to persons facing a variety of daily living challenges in Perry County. Referrals are accepted from all sources with no referral restrictions beyond Perry County residence. The team at Join Hands Ministry has and will continue to make accessible all of it's resources to individuals who qualify for participation in the project no matter the barriers. For example, during Covid-19 crisis, the team at Join Hands Ministry worked remotely from their homes, the intake paperwork was quickly made accessible in digital form to continue our vision and mission.

# **BUDGET WORKSHEET**

Complete the Budget Worksheet below; a Project Total is required.

ITEM OR SERVICE Examples include: Contracted Services, Equipment, Personnel, Supplies; list your own as appropriate.	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM OR SERVICE	REQUESTED GRANT FUNDS Indicate where funds sought through this grant opportunity will be applied.	OTHER FUNDING SOURCES State the names and amounts of all other funding sources.	PENDING, COMMITTED, OR RECEIVED Using a P, C, or R, indicate the status of all funding sources.	\$ TOTALS Add across to provide a total for each row. Total columns as indicated in bottom row.
Automobile	fuel, insurance, loan payments, registration, service	\$0.00	\$30,000 Stabler, Hoverter Foundations	Р	\$30,000.00
Family	childcare, child custdy, counseling	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00 from Stabler, Hoverter Foundations	Р	\$3,000.00
Home	rent, mortgage, property tax, repairs, insurance, appliances	\$2,000.00	\$18,000 Stabler, Hoverter Foundations	Р	\$20,000.00
Utilities	electric, home fuel, heating assistance, basic phone, water/sewer/trash	\$2,000.00	\$23,000 Stabler, Hoverter Foundations	Р	\$25,000.00
Medical	diagnostic testing, dentist/doctor visits, toth extractions, medical equipment, pres meds	\$1,000.00	\$2,000 from Stabler, Hoverter Foundations	Р	\$3,000.00
Emergency	emergency lodging, clothing, food, family reunification	\$2,000.00	\$3,000 from Greater Harrisburg Realtor Foundation	R	\$5,000.00
Community Health Education	equips communities to ientify issues and mobilize resources to achieve positive change	\$0.00	\$5,000.00 local churches, civic groups, businesses and individuals/families	Р	\$5,000.00
Back 2 School	supplies, shoes, hair cuts	\$0.00	\$8,000 and \$2,000.00 from Perry County Community Foundation	С	\$10,000.00

			through tFec		
Christmas Holiday Network	Christmas for 660+ at risk Perry County Children	\$0.00	\$7,500.00 from local churches, civic groups, businesses and individuals/families	Р	\$7,500.00
·		\$8,000.00	\$100,500.00		\$108,500.00
TOTALS		Total: Requested Grant Funds	Total: Other Funding Sources		PROJECT TOTAL



#### Join Hands Ministry

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Gary Bellis, Pastor 253 N. 6th Street Newport, PA 17074-1214

January 8, 2020

Greater Harrisburg Foundation Upstream 200 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter to support Join Hands Ministry as they reach out to persons living in Perry County who are seeking assistance with daily living concerns. Join Hands referrals are accepted from all sources with no referral restrictions beyond Perry County residents.

Join Hands serves children, youth, adults, veterans, and the elderly. These services include automobile assistance with fuel, insurance, loan payments and registration; family assistance, including child care, child custody, counseling, emergency shelter and transportation; home, including appliances, insurance, mortgage, property taxes, rent and repair; medical, including diagnostic testing, dentist/doctor visits, tooth extractions and/or dentures, medical equipment and prescriptions; utilities, including electric, home fuel/heating assistance, basic telephone and water/sewer/trash; as well as emergency funding for immediate needs.

Join Hands Ministry has worked with various human service agencies in our community for many years providing assistance to those who have come upon hard times.

Your financial assistance to Join Hands Ministry would be greatly appreciated and utilized in our community.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 717-567-3333 x 7102.

Sincerely,

Linda Finkenbinder

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Treasurer

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## Center for Independent Living of Central PA

Your LI ING A STANDER With A Disability Provider & Advocacy Organization

January 10, 2020

Greater Harrisburg Foundation UPstream 200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Colleague,

The Center for Independent Living of Central Pennsylvania (CILCP) is pleased to write this letter in support of Join Hands Ministry.

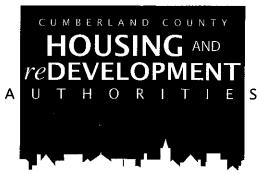
As a Center for Independent Living, the CILCP provides services to people with disabilities in Perry County. Our mission is to eliminate and prevent barriers that people with disabilities experience and our vision is a society where people with disabilities can participate in all walks of life that will enable them to Live Well. Community resources are an integral part of CILCP accomplishing its mission and seeing its vision come to fruition.

Join Hands Ministry has played an essential role in this mission and vision by assisting people with disabilities in Perry County. It is a pleasure to work with them and a comfort to know that no referral has ever been more than they can handle.

Join Hands Ministry has demonstrated continued commitment, passion, integrity and a servant heart in the delivery of needed services. Therefore CILCP strongly, and without reservation, supports Join Hands Ministry in this project.

Sincerely,

Janetta W. Green, MBA Chief Executive Officer



January 8, 2020

Greater Harrisburg Foundation UPstream 200 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

From: Fran Cook

CCHRA, Perry County Office

On behalf of the Perry County Rental Assistance office, a branch of Cumberland County Housing Authority, I would like to express my support of Join Hands Ministry. This agency helps many families in our community with various needs including prescription assistance, household items, automotive help, (fuel, insurance, etc.), utility, rent, and mortgage assistance, to name just a few.

My office provides financial assistance to 144 low-income families or individuals who are unable to meet their monthly rent payment. We do not, however, provide any type of emergency assistance if they fall behind in their rent payments, utility and/or medical bills. There is a great need in this area for emergency help. Our county is very rural and resources are limited. Join Hands has been a very big asset to our community by providing assistance

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Join Hands and would strongly encourage your support of them.

Sincerely,

CUMBERLAND COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

PERRY COUNTY OFFICE

Fran Cook

Housing Representative

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# Senate of Pennsylvania

January 13, 2020

Greater Harrisburg Foundation UPstream 200 N. 3rd Street, 8th floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

#### To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the application being submitted by the Join Hands Ministry in New Bloomfield, Perry County. Join Hands is requesting this grant to provide assistance to Perry County families in need.

Join Hands is a contact and support center for persons living in Perry County who are seeking assistance with daily living conditions. They accept referrals from all sources with no restrictions beyond Perry County residency. This active organization provides an extensive array of services including assistance with concerns related to automobiles (fuel, insurance, loan payments, registration, service/repair), community health education (advocacy, mentoring, personal development), family (childcare, custody, counseling, emergency shelter, transportation), home (appliances, insurance, mortgage, property tax, utilities, rent, repair), medical (diagnostic testing, dentist/doctor visits, medical equipment), personal and any other emergency needs. They are a vital resource in enabling Perry County residents in need to overcome short-term challenges and move toward self-sufficiency and independence.

Please accept my full support for Join Hands Ministry's grant application. I respectfully request your favorable consideration. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John M. DiSanto



President / CEO

3461 Market Street Suite 200 Camp Hill, PA 17011 717-761-7380 717-763-4779 FAX www.fhccp.org

February 28, 2020

Family Health Council of Central Pennsylvania (FHCCP) and the organization's Tapestry of Health WIC program is pleased to support Join Hands Ministry and the work they do in the Perry County Community.

FHCCP/Tapestry of Health's WIC office is located next door to the Join Hands Ministry office in New Bloomfield, and staff often send clients next door for food bank services, utility assistance, and many of the other services Helping Hands Ministry provides for low-income people in the community. Helping Hands Ministry, in turn, refers their clients to the WIC office.

FHCCP and Helping Hands Ministry share the common goal of supporting low-income people in Perry County so they have access to food, shelter, and other life necessities. We are pleased to continue our partnership and encourage you to consider them for funding opportunities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 717-686-4269.

Karen McCraw

Vice President of Advocacy and Development

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Greater Harrisburg Foundation Upstream 200 North 3rd St., 8th Floor Harrisburg, Pa 17101

January 7, 2020

DIRECTOR

PO Box 725

**Gregory Wirth** 

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this correspondence is to support the grant application by 'Join Hands' Ministry'. I understand the purpose of their request for a grant is to provide the people of Perry County in need of assistance with ways to improve themselves to be self-sufficient resulting in them giving back to the community.

Assistance with vocational training, financial planning, counseling, advocacy, and just a hand up to get back on track are all ongoing needs of the elderly population we serve. We have always found the 'Join Hands Ministry' ready and willing to help the senior citizens of Perry County. There have been many instances when the 'Join Hands Ministry' has been the only local agency able and willing to assist us with needs that go beyond the scope of what this office is able to provide.

'Join Hands Ministry' is an organization that benefits the entire community.

I highly recommend the 'Join Hands Ministry' be the recipient of any assistance you can give them. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me at the Perry County Area Agency on Aging (PCAAA).

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Wirth

Director

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GLADYS K. CARNS
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

February 24, 2020

Greater Harrisburg Foundation Upstream 200 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

To Whom It May Concern:

As Perry County Commissioners, we write in support of the funding request being explored by Join Hands Ministry. This ministry helps to fund the basic needs of our vulnerable Perry County Citizens.

Through local funding they are able to help with transportation needs. This help may come in the form of fuel, repairs, loan payments, or insurance. Child custody, emergency shelter, and counseling are a few of the needs being met to help maintain the family unit. Shelter needs such as basic repairs, appliances, taxes, rent or insurance are often covered to help families stay in their homes. Medical assistance is given to help individuals have a basic quality of life. Help is given for diagnostic testing, doctor and dentist visits, tooth extractions, dentures, hearing aids, eyeglasses, and prescription medications. Utility help is given in the form of help with electricity, heating assistance, basic telephone, water, sewer and trash.

Join Hands accepts all referrals. The only stipulation is that those in need must be residents of Perry County.

Please know that the assistance given by Join Hands is vital to the many people they are able to serve. We very much support this agency and ask for your consideration of their request for funding. Should we be able to provide more information on their behalf, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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To: Greater Harrisburg Foundation Upstream 200 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

From: Kristin Daneker Executive Director

January 16, 2020

Re: Letter of Support

As Executive Director of Perry Human Services I am writing this letter of support for Join Hands Ministry regarding their grant application to your foundation for funds to assist Perry County residents who are seeking assistance with daily living concerns.

Join Hands provides client assistance in the following areas:

- Automobile (fuel, insurance, loan payments, registration and service/repair)
- Family (childcare, child custody, counseling, emergency shelter and transportation)
- Home (appliances, insurance, mortgage, property tax, rent and repair)
- Medical (diagnostic testing, dentist/doctor visits, tooth extractions and/or dentures, medical equipment such as hearing aids and eyeglasses, and prescriptions medications)
- Utilities (electric, home fuel/heating assistance, basic telephone and water/sewer/trash, LIHEAP application, OnTrack Applications)
- Emergency (immediate needs)
- Guidance (Where to turn resources, Central Hub Resourcing)
- Advocacy Coordination
- Rural Poor Empowerment through Community Health Education

Perry Human Services has collaborated with Join Hands for many years in helping Perry County residents with their basic needs. This grant would provide additional needed funds to help more clients in these times of economic hardship.

Sincerely,

Kristin Daneker

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# House of Representatives

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Harrisburg

### MARK K. KELLER

86th Legislative District

February 18, 2020

Greater Harrisburg Foundation UPstream 200 North 3rd Street, 8th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

To Whom It May Concern,

I write this letter to express my full support to the Join Hands Ministry based in New Bloomfield, Perry County.

Throughout its inception, the Join Hands Ministry has made immeasurable contributions to the welfare of my constituents through a sense of fellowship and their ongoing programs. This has been accomplished by acting as a contact and support center for individuals seeking assistance with daily living concerns to crisis situations. Children, youth, adults, veterans, elderly, anyone residing within Perry County seeking assistance with daily living issues may contact Join Hands Ministry.

The ministry provides many services designed to enhance the quality of life for all such as assistance with automobile expenses, family emergency shelter, home mortgage and repairs, as well as medical and utility needs.

My office has worked closely with Join Hands Ministry since its inception. The level of professionalism and spirit of community is unparalleled throughout Perry County. I am immeasurably proud of this organization and its commitment to the citizens of Perry County.

As the State Representative of the 86th Legislative District, it is my primary work to advocate for our citizens and community. I can think of no greater cause than Join Hands Ministry and the services they provide to Perry County.

I strongly urge you to support the request for the Join Hands Ministry. Please be assured my endorsement of Join Hands Ministry is based upon my personal knowledge of this organization and have no doubt that the resources will be used in a responsible manner.

Sincerely,

MARK K. KELLER State Representative

86<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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February 28, 2020

Ms. Jennifer Strechay Program Officer for Community Investment The Foundation for Enhancing Communities 200 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Ms. Strechay,

On behalf of Tri County Community Action, I am pleased to offer a letter of support for Join Hands Ministry, and all that they do in Perry County, and for Perry County residents.

As you know, Join Hands Ministry is a contact and support center for our most vulnerable residents who need assistance with daily living concerns. Join Hands Ministry serves everyone, regardless of income, as long as the person lives within the County. The services and supports provided by Join Hands Ministry are critical, and are almost too numerous to list. In fact, we have yet to find a need that Join Hands Ministry is unable to assist with in some way. There simply are no other organizations in Perry County able to meet this level of need.

Tri County Community Action is pleased to be a partner of Join Hands Ministry, and I appreciate the continued support from The Foundation for Enhancing Communities' UpStream grant. Should you have any questions or request further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (717) 232-9757, extension 103.

My very best,

Jennifer Wintermyer Executive Director



February 25, 2020

Greater Harrisburg Foundation UPStream 200 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

To Whom it May Concern,

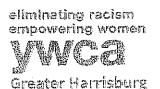
The YWCA Greater Harrisburg is pleased to support the application of Join Hands Ministry. The YWCA has a long standing history of collaborating with Join Hands Ministry to address issues of violence and daily living concerns within Perry County. The Director of Join Hands Ministry also sits on the YWCA's Violence Intervention and Prevention Program's (VIP) Advisory Board, giving a voice to Perry County residents and guiding service provision to victims of sexual assault.

The YWCA and Join Hands Ministry both work to support the Perry County community. The YWCA Greater Harrisburg strives to empower men, women, and children through a variety of county-based programs including services for veterans, domestic and sexual assault survivors (housing, case management, hotline assistance, counseling, support groups, civil legal representation, medical and legal accompaniments), and comprehensive human trafficking services. Through VIP, YWCA also works to increase access of services for victims of all crime, including rural areas such as Perry County. VIP provides free, confidential, trauma-informed services to victims and their non-offending loved ones, as well as education to schools and community groups and professional trainings on topics relating to domestic and sexual violence.

Join Hands Ministry is a contact and support center for persons living in Perry County, who are seeking assistance with daily living concerns. <u>Referrals are accepted from all sources with no referral restrictions beyond Perry County residence</u>. Services and support available through Join Hands Ministry include:

- Automobile (fuel, insurance, loan payments, registration and service/repair)
- Family (childcare, custody, counseling, emergency shelter and transportation)
- Home (appliances, insurance, mortgage, property tax, rent and repair)





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- Medical (diagnostic testing, dentist/doctor visits, tooth extractions and/or dentures, medical equipment such as hearing aids and eyeglasses, and prescriptions medications)
- Utilities (electric, home fuel/heating assistance, basic telephone and water/sewer/trash)
- Emergency (other immediate needs)

This grant proposal, "Rural Poor Outreach and Empowerment" would enable Join Hands Ministry to continue and enhance their ability to provide critical services to the Perry County Community in the ways listed above. With this funding, Join Hands Ministry will be able to serve more residents and to provide basic needs that would have before gone unmet.

The YWCA Greater Harrisburg recognizes the continued need assistance with daily living in Perry County and is committed to supporting Join Hands Ministry in the implementation of this project. Thank you for your consideration in this grant application. Please feel free to contact me at 717-234-7931 with any further questions. I look forward to hearing about this project's successes and the positive impact it has on the community.

Sincerely,

Mary Quinh, CEO

# 2020 GREATER HARRISBURG COMMUNITY FOUNDATION UPSTREAM SIGN & SUBMIT FORM Provide signatures from the applicant organization, below. Both organization representatives must sign.

By providing your original OR digital signature below, you agree that the provided information in this application is true to the best of your knowledge and may be submitted for review. Completion of this form is one component of your Complete Application.

✓ President/CEO
✓ Michael J. Burns Digital Signature

✓ Board President
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Rev. Fred Rudy Digital Signature

#### REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO BE UPLOADED & SUBMITTED BY 4PM ON THE DEADLINE DATE

All grant materials must be submitted through the TFEC online application system by 4pm on the deadline date.. This grant opportunity does not utilize delivered or mailed materials.

- Complete Application: Applicant Profile, Project Profile, Project Snapshot, Project Narrative, Budget Worksheet, and Sign & Submit Form with original or digital signatures.
- ☐ Board of Directors List: Professional affiliations (ie: work positions and/or titles as applicable) must be included.
- ONE, TWO, or THREE letters of support with original or digital signatures. Applicants may submit the number of letters that will best support their application. Letters of support from the applicant organization's Board of Directors will not be accepted. Identical form letters are discouraged. A minimum of ONE letter of support is REQUIRED for this grant opportunity regardless of response to Question 4.
- ☐ If you have indicated PARTNERSHIP with or SERVICE to other Agencies as stated in Question 4, you must upload letters with original or digital signatures documenting the relationship. A letter of partnership or service may also serve as a letter of support if support is expressly stated.
- Applicants who utilize a FISCAL SPONSOR must include a letter signed by the Executive Leader of the Fiscal Sponsor organization indicating agreement to serve as the Fiscal Sponsor. An original or digital signature is required.
- 1st Page of Applicant Organization's Most Recent 990. If 990 is not available, upload applicant organization's most recent audit or financial statement to meet this requirement.

#### **QUESTIONS**

If you should have any questions regarding this form or TFEC grant opportunities, contact Jennifer Strechay, Program Officer for Community Investment, at <a href="mailto:jstrechay@tfec.org">jstrechay@tfec.org</a> or 717-236-5040.