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TOLEDO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$20,000 GRANT TO CONTINUE GOOD WORK OF TOLEDO AREA MINISTRIES' SECOND CHANCE PROGRAM

Toledo, Ohio (June 15, 2010)—The Board of Trustees at the Toledo Community Foundation has approved a grant to Toledo Area Ministries' Second Chance Ministry for the amount of \$20,000. The funds will go toward the sustainability of the program and their staff members to allow them to continue to provide services to women and children victimized by sex trafficking and prostitution.

Toledo currently ranks the 4th highest in the nation for human trafficking. It has been estimated to be the #1 city in the nation as well for child sex trafficking. Second Chance is currently the only prostitution and trafficking-specific program in Toledo, Ohio that follows the Social Work Code of Ethics and offers quality and comprehensive programming in partnership with professionals and survivors. The program was founded in 1993 through the efforts of Dr. Celia Williamson. The design of the Second Chance program was based on over 500 hours of interviews conducted with survivors/victims of sex trafficking and prostitution from the Toledo community. Second Chance Ministry works to lift women and children out of this lifestyle through outreach services, counseling, and support groups. The program also works on prevention by offering education, public awareness and recruitment of highly at-risk community members into the program. The funds provided by the Toledo Community Foundation will help directly fund the staff support necessary to keep the program functioning at high capacity, and providing support to those who need it most.

The Toledo Community Foundation, Inc. is a public charitable organization created by citizens of our community to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in our area. In existence since 1973, the Foundation now has over 450 funds with assets of approximately \$138 million. The Foundation provides philanthropic services for individuals, families, businesses and corporations to meet their charitable giving needs. For more information on the Foundation visit the website, www.toledocf.org.

Toledo Area Ministries seeks to network area churches, community organizations and public agencies to better meet human need, create community and work for justice. Founded in 1886, we have been serving the community for over 124 years, and are the largest and oldest ecumenical non-profit agency in the state of Ohio. For more information, contact Rev. Steve Anthony, 419-242-7401, santhony@tamohio.org.

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