



Sills Family Foundation

2011 Annual Report

History and Mission

The Sills Family Foundation is a family foundation that launched its first formal grantmaking process in 2003. The Foundation is governed by a board of three family member directors and is administered by The Philanthropic Initiative.

The Sills Family Foundation intends to help children from low income families live up to their highest promise by concentrating on the following three areas:

- 1) Comprehensive support for families in crisis, with a special focus on incarcerated parents and their children
- 2) Early and elementary childhood education that includes family supports such as medical care and parent education
- 3) Environmental justice, with a focus on contaminants that harm the developing embryo, fetus and infant.

2010 Sills Family Foundation Grantmaking Overview

In 2011 we have been able to slightly increase our grantmaking from the previous year. The total grantmaking for 2011 was \$652,000. Of this, the Board awarded \$442,000 through its regular competitive grantmaking process, \$150,000 as trustee directed discretionary grants, and \$60,000 through a mission driven selection process managed by a group of next generation foundation members. The Foundation made a total of 25 competitive grants and 6 next generation grants in New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Georgia, Texas, Louisiana, California, Washington State, and Jamaica.

We primarily make general operating grants. This allows our grantees to use the funds as needed, as opposed to being limited to a particular budget line. Our grantees report that this degree of flexibility is uncommon and has been particularly useful during the economic downturn.

The Sills Family Foundation's support for programs for children with incarcerated parents continues to be a growing area of focus. In light of this trend, we are continuing to alert some of our other grantees that we will be directing additional funds in that area and will be discontinuing grantmaking to their organizations in 2012.

Some of our energy this year has focused on follow-up from the 2010 summit on Children with Incarcerated Parents. The board members attended a nationwide convening on families in the criminal justice system, and provided support for the section of the conference focusing on the needs and experiences of the children. Deborah Sills Larussi has been asked to serve on the mental health advisory board at the Osborne Association, providing guidance on the mental health concerns for this population.

The Sills Family Foundation continues to support environmental justice organizations, as well as organizations doing critical work in providing services to families in crisis, and ensuring that the youngest children of families in poverty are receiving high quality early education.

The Foundation's second generation is increasing its engagement in the grantmaking process, and will be exploring new possibilities in the coming year through site visits in their geographical areas.

Sills 2011 Grants

Grant descriptions are organized by primary focus areas, with a special subcategory for the area of supporting incarcerated parents and their children.

Incarcerated Mothers and their Children

- ❖ **California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation / Female Offender Programs and Services
Sacramento, CA**

The California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation Female Offender Programs and Services was awarded \$20,000 to implement training of the Parenting Inside/Out program. Parenting Inside/Out is an evidence-based parenting curriculum administered by Community Works West, which is designed specifically for incarcerated parents to support frequent and consistent opportunities to remain connected with their children. CWW will provide certified training for two instructors, who will in turn provide services to 250 male and female inmates. The Office of Female Offender Programs and Services manages and provides oversight to all female programs, and the addition of the Parenting Inside/Out program will strengthen FOPS gender responsive strategies and provide complete wrap around services to inmates. The training program will be a one-time expenditure, and the instructors' continuing education training will be expensed to the State General fund. *(First year of funding. The Foundation has directly supported CWW for four years.)*

- ❖ **Centerforce
San Rafael, CA / San Francisco, CA**

The Sills Family Foundation co-sponsored the Sunday Pre-Conference Institute for the Centerforce 2011 Inside/Our Summit, which took place on October 23, 2011. The \$6,000 grant was used to support scholarship fees, speaker travel costs, printing and purchase of materials for participants and the learning tool "Responding to Children and Families of Prisoners: A Community Guide". Centerforce's mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for individuals, families and communities impacted by incarceration, and the Inside/Out Summit has been convening professionals, prison administrators, public officials and individuals impacted by incarceration for 11 years to provide a platform for progressive leadership in criminal justice and family services. The goal of the Pre-Conference was to bring together specialists in the field of research and services for Children of Incarcerated Parents with specialists in place-based community reentry planning for adults and juveniles releasing from prisons and jails. Centerforce will prepare a white paper documenting the strategies and partnerships discussed at the institute. *(First year of funding.)*

- ❖ **The Children's Center at Bedford Hills (Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services)
Bedford Hills, NY**

The Children's Center at Bedford Hills received \$10,000 for general operating support. Children's Center programs include transportation services, parenting education, advocacy, the nursery unit, the Overnight Program, and the Summer Program. During this funding year the Children's Center will continue their process of reviewing and updating existing parenting education curricula and introducing new curricula, developing quantitative measures to evaluate existing programs, and increasing the number of participants in both

the Overnight and Summer Programs. Past funding had specifically financed the cost of transportation for children of women incarcerated at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility to and from their homes, so that they could participate in overnight visiting programs offered by the Center. *(Third year of funding)*

❖ **Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter)**
Barre, VT

Circle was awarded \$20,000 to develop and implement housing and programming options for incarcerated women reentering Washington County. The program will include a referral process, professional development opportunities for staff, and specialized programming for battered women charged with crimes. Circle will also research best and emerging practices of family reunification models for incarcerated women with their children; promote community support and resources for incarcerated women reentering Washington County; create agreements with the Network and DOC; and reserve living space in their emergency shelter for incarcerated women transitioning back into the community. Past Sills funds have supported domestic violence shelter programming for women and their children. *(Ninth year of funding)*

❖ **Community Works West**
Berkeley, CA

Community Works West (CWW) received a \$20,000 grant in support of the One Family Initiative, and its continued implementation of Parenting Inside/Out, an evidence-based parenting curriculum designed specifically for jailed parents, in San Francisco County Jails #2, #5 and #6. This parent education program makes frequent, consistent contact visiting as meaningful as possible for families by enhancing bonding and communication, which will prepare parents for reunification and successful reentry when they leave jail and help lower rates of recidivism. During this funding period CWW will work to enhance the program's integrity and sustainability by explicitly identifying, reinforcing, and institutionalizing the key elements of the program model; and ensuring that both staffing and program partnerships reflect and reinforce those key elements. *(Fourth year of funding)*

❖ **Foreverfamily**
Atlanta, GA

Foreverfamily was awarded a \$20,000 grant to support the general operations of the Atlanta based affiliate. Funds will help ensure the stability of the organization and continuation of the services they provide children of incarcerated parents and their families. As the parent organization and model for all other affiliates and expansion efforts, Foreverfamily Atlanta has been directly serving children with incarcerated parents and their families for 23 years. Sills funding would add the financial resources needed to continue to provide an array of programming including an Afterschool Program, the Family Visitation Program, Summer Camp, and the Teen Program. Goals for the coming year include increasing the number of and strength of collaborative partnerships; publishing impact papers; and strengthen the volunteer base. *(Third year of funding)*

❖ **Greenhope**
East Harlem, NY

Greenhope received \$20,000 for general operating support. Greenhope offers comprehensive residential treatment services, supportive housing, and a range of prevention and outpatient programs to formerly incarcerated women, women referred by the courts as an alternative to incarceration (ATI), and women from the community who require substance abuse and HIV prevention and treatment services. Eighty percent of the women served by Greenhope have children, and are provided with advocacy services to assist them in re-unification efforts. Greenhope clients have a recidivism rate of less than 10%, contributing to their selection by the New York State Division of Parole as the program to receive and rehabilitate all female parolees coming out of prison who were natives of Harlem before their imprisonment. In the coming year, Greenhope will focus on the development and implementation of the Child Development Center to enable women to reunite with their young children after incarceration, improve their parenting skills and repair the early mother-child attachments that were interrupted at a critical developmental stage in the lives of their children. *(First year of funding)*

❖ **Hour Children, Inc.**
Long Island City, NY

Hour Children received a \$20,000 grant for general operating support, which will allow them to continue fulfilling their mission of supporting pregnant women and mothers while incarcerated in NYS correctional facilities, and providing crucial housing and post-release services that prevent recidivism and provide for and protect their children with compassionate and loving care. Each year Hour Children serves approximately 60-70 women and 80-90 children in their supportive housing programs, as well as women directly in prison, and women and infants in their prison nursery programs. In the coming year Hour Children will focus on construction of their new permanent supportive housing building, and increasing enrollment in their Hour Early Learning Program. *(Ninth year of funding)*

❖ **Lund Family Center**
Burlington, Vermont

Lund Family Center was awarded a \$20,000 grant to support the *Kids-A-Part Program*, a program that supports children of incarcerated parents, as well as their families, to reduce trauma and maintain strong family ties. The Kids-A-Part program was transferred from Vermont Children's Aid Society to Lund Family Center in April 2011. Lund Family Center is a parent-child center with a mission to help children thrive by serving families with children; pregnant or parenting teens and young adults; and adoptive families. Sills funding will allow Lund to solidify and expand the scope and impact of the Kids-A-Part program moving forward. This will include developing a plan for the program, continuing to develop outcomes, expanding and building upon the collaborative capacity of the program, and increasing the access that women in prison and their families have to services that help them increase their parental capacity. *(Sixth year of funding Kids-A-Part)*

❖ **Northern Lights Program at the Howard Center
Burlington, VT**

The Northern Lights Program (NL) at the Howard Center was awarded a \$20,000 grant for general operating support to sustain its efforts to provide housing and support to women transitioning from prison back to the community. Northern Lights houses 11 women at a time for seven to twenty month stays, where they are supported by community providers, service providers, and each other as they develop skills, reconnect with their children, seek employment, improve their health, and make positive connections. Northern Lights has recently expanded the 3-phase movement through the program to include a pre-phase where women still incarcerated at the women's prison in St. Albans, VT are introduced to the program prior to release, and receive pre-release planning at weekly "office hours". A fourth phase is also being instituted that will support women for 6 to 12 months after they exit the NL program. *(Fourth year of funding)*

❖ **The Osborne Association
Bronx, NY**

The Osborne Association received \$20,000 for continued support of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) and other Children & Youth Services to children of incarcerated parents. The YAB currently consists of 10 members, and provides an opportunity for young people impacted by a parent's incarceration to connect with each other, build their speaking and communication skills, and add their voice to practice and policy reform. YAB activities have recently expanded to include direct advocacy to legislators and government officials, with the goal to fund travel to support local trips for a young people to visit their representatives at the City and State level. Sills funding is also provides a portion of the incentives offered to YAB members for regularly attending weekly meetings and events. Other services include creative writing workshops, academic tutoring, pro-social activities with adult role models, college prep, recreational activities, prison /therapeutic visiting, case management, technical assistance/case consultation, and televisiting. *(Sixth year of funding)*

❖ **Pernet Family Health Service, Inc.
Worcester, MA**

Pernet Family Health Service was awarded a \$20,000 grant to support their Incarcerated Fathers Program, which promotes responsible fathering through counseling support groups at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction and three other locations in Worcester, MA. The program will impact over 50 families by improving parenting skills and nurturing a healthy relationship between incarcerated fathers and their children/families. These funds will specifically support the salary and expenses of the program director. Board member Sr. Margaret Leonard of Project Hope introduced the foundation to this organization, which helps high risk Worcester families enhance fathers' parenting skills, prevent child abuse and neglect, and strengthen overall family functioning. *(First year of funding)*

❖ **St. Mary's Women and Children's Center
Dorchester, MA**

St. Mary's was granted \$20,000 to implement the Incarceration Intervention/Prevention Initiative, which will serve families in Margaret's House and St. Mary's Home shelters who are confronting criminal justice-related issues, as well as prevent teens and children from

criminal activity that often leads to incarceration. A significant number of the adult and teen mothers served by St. Mary's have family members who are incarcerated, face unresolved criminal charges, or have been incarcerated themselves. Launching this initiative will involve training staff to understand the issues surrounding children with incarcerated parents and equipping staff with intervention strategies to support the development of resiliency and coping skills. The program will support the healthy development of teens' education; provide assistance to adult mothers and advocates on behalf of teen mothers; provide children and teens with activities to build confidence and decrease risk of future criminal activity; provide transportation to prison for clients with incarcerated family members; and help mothers resolve outstanding criminal charges. St. Mary's operates educational and residential programs designed to meet the needs of our target populations: homeless and low-income women with little or no job prospects, pregnant and parenting teens, adolescents with multiple risk factors, and children at great risk of repeating the cycle of poverty and its outcomes. Past Sills funding has supported education and training programming, including the Women's Learning Center and Women @ Work Plus. *(Seventh year of funding)*

❖ **Vera Institute of Justice**
New York

Vera Institute of Justice received \$20,000 to support Common Justice, a participatory justice project in Brooklyn that brings together the victim, the perpetrator, and family and community members impacted by a crime for a face-to-face dialogue to determine an appropriate response to the harm caused. The project aims to provide a respectful and effective means of accountability, healing, and opportunity to break cycles of violence. The project was launched in 2009 and has recently moved out of its pilot phase, and anticipates serving 180 people (including 30 responsible parties and 30 harmed parties) in the coming year. This grant will help support core staff and increase the case load to full capacity. The mission of the Vera Institute of Justice is to serve people and government by improving the systems and services we all rely on for justice and safety. *(First year of funding)*

❖ **Women's Prison Association**
New York

The Women's Prison Association received a \$20,000 grant for general operating support, which is critical to their mission of helping women overcome the obstacles to successful reentry and build lives defined by more than their past criminal justice involvement. WPA operates from four community sites in Manhattan and Brooklyn and offers discharge planning, case management, support securing and maintaining housing and employment, and programs that work directly with children and mothers. The grant will help support WPA's goals to enhance communications capacity, create a Pre-Entry Initiative toolkit on alternatives to conviction, and re-open the Hopper Home, a transitional housing program for homeless women. The grant will also help WPA absorb the costs and minimize the impact on the agency's operations when emergency costs arise. *(Eighth year of funding)*

Families in Crisis

- ❖ **Julie's Family Learning Program**
South Boston, MA

Julie's Family Learning Program was awarded \$20,000 to support the general operations of their Adult and Children's Services. Julie's is dedicated to helping low-income children and their mothers break the cycle of poverty, and has been providing comprehensive family support and education programs for low-income families in crisis in South Boston for over 30 years. The grant will help support early childhood programming, Montessori pre-school, adult education, and parenting and life skills education. In the coming year Julie's will focus on enhancing the integration and collaboration of their technology and education curricula to support adult learners' progress, and identify additional external resources to support a growing number of our pre-school children and their parents with learning disabilities and/or challenges. *(Seventh year of funding)*

- ❖ **STEPS to End Family Violence/Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families**
New York, NY

STEPS to End Family Violence was awarded \$20,000 for the Children's Therapy Program, which provides comprehensive supportive counseling services to children up to age 14 who have been affected by domestic violence. The program offers a safe place to begin healing from the violence to which they have been exposed and cope with the losses and trauma they have endured. This grant will allow STEPS to continue to provide individual play therapy to 45-50 children per year addressing loss, abandonment, abuse, family relationships and other traumas; family therapy sessions to strengthen parent-child attachment and communication; two twelve-week children's groups; and two twelve-week parenting groups addressing parenting skills, child development, impact of domestic violence and incarceration on the family, trauma, and other related topics. *(Seventh year of funding)*

Early and Elementary Childhood Education with Family Supports

- ❖ **Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service**
East Harlem, NY

Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service (LSA) received \$20,000 for general operating support. LSA provides low-income East Harlem families with an integrated combination of home-based and center-based services in the areas of health, education, and crisis intervention, as part of their mission to help them build on their existing strengths, attain self-sufficiency, and contribute to a vital community. Funds will be directed to their Home Based and Socialization program (HBS), which supports parents in the work of raising children, works to improve parent and child communications, tracks the development of the children, and refers children with suspected developmental delays to other appropriate services. To further strengthen the HBS program, LSA will hire a nutritionist with whom the staff will consult regarding menu planning and who will provide nutrition classes for the mothers in the group. LSA will also increase the schedule of socialization groups from alternate weeks to weekly, which will better ensure consistent attendance and increase the impact of the program. *(Eighth and final year of funding)*

❖ **Project Hope
Dorchester, MA**

Project HOPE was awarded a \$20,000 grant for continued support of the Children’s Center, which offers low-income and homeless children from the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods of Boston the opportunity to receive high-quality education and child care, in line with their mission to move families beyond homelessness and poverty. Specifically, Sills funding supports the salary of the Literacy Specialist, whose role is to expand and enhance the literacy component of the center’s curriculum, including activities to promote reading, writing, speaking, and listening through circle/group time, art projects, and music and movement. *(Eighth and final year of funding)*

Environmental Justice

❖ **Advocates for Environmental Human Rights
New Orleans, LA**

Advocates for Environmental Human Rights was granted \$20,000 for general operating support. AEHR is dedicated to upholding our human right to live in a healthy environment, holding companies accountable when this right is violated, and advocating for public policy that supports this right. General operating funds will be used to broaden and deepen support for the Mossville human rights case, including creating the tools that enable organizations to file amicus briefs in support of Mossville; conduct skills sharing with other human rights organizations to cultivate and model a human rights organizational culture; and invest in web-based infrastructure and communications in increase online donations and support. *(Eighth year of funding)*

❖ **Alternatives for Community and Environment
Roxbury, MA**

Alternatives for Community and Environment received a \$20,000 grant for continued support of the *Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Project (REEP)*, which nurtures youth development and leadership in Roxbury through an environmental justice curriculum, organizing and membership program, and youth-led campaigns. Funds from the Sills Family Foundation will allow REEP to support six to eight youth organizers; conduct youth-led environmental justice campaigns; develop the leadership capacity of 20-30 core members annually through bi-weekly meetings and two overnight retreats where they receive training and participate in campaign and program planning activities; and provide an environmental justice curriculum in one to two Boston Public Schools *(Eighth year of funding)*

❖ **Community In-Power and Development Association
Port Arthur, TX**

Community In-Power and Development Association (CIDA) was awarded \$12,000 for general support to help continue their mission to protect, educate, and alert the underserved communities in Port Arthur, Texas, of the dangers of toxic chemicals being released into their community. The funds will enable CIDA to pay the office rent for one year as well as a portion of utilities, so that they can continue to maintain their ability to serve the

community. Presently CIDA is advocating for an audible alert system that can alert residents in the event of an explosion at one of the local facilities; pushing the city of Port Arthur to develop both a grocery store and a recreation center for the youth in the west side community; and planning for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, to be taken over by the EPA. In April 2011, CIDA Founder and Executive Director Hilton Kelley received the Goldman Environmental Prize for North America. *(Sixth year of funding)*

❖ **Health Care Without Harm
Boston, MA**

Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) was awarded \$20,000 for general support of their mission to transform the health care sector worldwide, without compromising patient safety or care, so that it is ecologically sustainable and no longer a source of harm to public health and the environment. The grant will help HCWH conduct and publish a comprehensive business case identifying the financial impact of the range of sustainability measures identified in the Healthier Hospitals Agenda; work with the six inaugural HHI members to identify operational Environmental Best Practices in health care and develop a set of metrics/quantitative measures that could be utilized across the entire sector, and with Practice Greenhealth (PGH) further develop the Environmental Purchasing Score Card, which requires participants in the supply chain to disclose information on everything from chemical ingredients to carbon emissions, environmental violations and labor practices. *(Eighth and final year of funding)*

❖ **Mercury Policy Project
Montpelier, VT**

The Mercury Policy Project (MPP) was awarded a \$15,000 grant to continue to expand their *Zero Mercury Campaign - Exposure Awareness and Reduction* efforts, which seeks to reduce consumer exposure to mercury from the consumption of commercially caught fish, particularly among pregnant women, young children, and disadvantaged populations who subsist on low incomes. Specifically, the campaign will advocate for strengthening the Federal fish advisory for mercury; counter the tuna industry efforts to increase exposure to methylmercury by promoting consumption of canned tuna by women of childbearing age; and reduce exposure to methylmercury among school children by encouraging public schools to reduce serving of canned tuna fish in schools across New England and New York. *(Eighth year of funding)*

❖ **Mossville Environmental Action Now
Mossville, LA**

Mossville Environmental Action Now (M.E.A.N.) received an \$8,000 grant for general support that will allow them to further address the health consequences endured by the Mossville residents exposed to the high levels of toxic pollution in their community. To address the growing health concerns, MEAN is in the process of establishing a free health clinic that is focused on tracking and monitoring toxins that the residents of Mossville are regularly exposed to. Sills funds will be used for start-up operations of the clinic, including the purchase of medical equipment and supplies that will allow the clinic to begin operations and start conducting toxicology testing. Past Sills funding has been used to support health fairs and symposiums to raise awareness of the connection between pollution and health; fund the travel of environmental health experts to come and make presentations to the

local health professionals in the community; offer free screenings to local residents; continue shareholder activism work; and execute the community's soil testing. (*Fourth year of funding*)

Sills 2011 Next Generation Grants

❖ Centerforce/Oakland Children's Hospital Collaboration: San Rafael, CA

Centerforce received a grant for \$6,800 to fund service and discovery activities through a learning support group, to enhance an existing case management program for incarcerated pregnant women and mothers with children. The existing program, the MOMS program, includes parenting classes, case management services inside the jail and in the community after release, and assistance with housing and referrals to treatment, employment services, and other programs upon release from jail. Through this collaboration, Centerforce and their partner, Oakland Children's Hospital Early Intervention Services, will have the opportunity to educate participants on attachment, trauma and developmental concepts related to their parenting. This discovery will enable Centerforce and EIS to tailor future programming to meet the specific needs of mothers incarcerated in jail with infants and young children, taking into consideration the specific context of Santa Rita conditions and programs.

❖ Communities In Schools of Auburn Auburn, WA

Communities in Schools of Auburn was awarded a \$16,600 grant. CISA has six major program areas: assistance for students in need, peer tutoring, volunteer tutoring and homework assistance, day time tutoring provided by CISA staff, after school math tutoring provided by contracted school staff and whole school support. Whole school support includes parent events and distributions of supplies, books and enrichment materials. Case managed students receive multiple interventions as needs dictate and services are available. CISA provides integrated support services for students focused on two of the most significant risk factors for dropping out, poverty and lack of academic success. The Sills grant will be applied to support 1/2 time site coordinator salaries and to students in need at Gildo Rey, Terminal Park, Washington and Dick Scobee Elementary Schools.

❖ Family Services of Westchester Port Chester, NY

Family Services of Westchester (FSW) was awarded \$10,000 for EMERGE (Educating Mothers to Embrace Re-entry and Gain Employment). EMERGE is a parenting education program for incarcerated women to prepare them for re-entry into the community. The overarching goal of EMERGE is to provide parenting and employment skills education to the target population of mothers incarcerated in the Westchester County Department of Correction (DOC) in order to best prepare them to successfully rejoin their children and families when they are discharged into the community. The Sills grant will help fund an additional part-time staff member to assist the part-time educator in filling a critical need for services (in the form of support groups and case management) upon release and reentry into the community.

FSW also received \$5,000 for the Fathers Count program, a federally funded initiative promoting responsible fatherhood and economic stability for fathers who have been involved in the Westchester County or New York State Criminal Justice System. Sills funding will

allow the program to add a family centered component that will reinforce what the men have learned in the workshops and to ensure a successful transition back into the family and community, as well as provide needed support to the families impacted by the incarceration. The program will provide a holistic approach to the family relationship, model healthy activities and enable FSW to observe the men as they practice what they have learned in the workshops. *(Second year funding)*

❖ **The Guidance Center
New Rochelle, NY**

The Guidance Center received \$1,600 for general operating support for Parents Place, a drop in center for children aged 0-5 years old and their caregivers. The mission of the program is to promote positive parent-child relationships and healthy development in young families. This is a low cost program that can provide informal play opportunities as well as Medicaid reimbursed early intervention services. Also provided are parent support and educational groups, as well as referrals for additional services as needed. *(Fifth year funding)*

❖ **Community Works West - Project WHAT
Berkeley, CA**

Community Works West was awarded \$10,000 for Project WHAT, a leadership development and job -training program for young people with an incarcerated parent. Project WHAT raises awareness of the impact of parental incarceration on young people with the long-term goal of improving services and policies affecting these children. It is the only program in California that hires children of incarcerated parents to train Social workers, Mental Health professionals, policy makers and administrators about issues relating to this population. The Sills grant will provide funding for a part-time coordinator as well as provide stipends for peer educators. *(First year funding for Next gen, fourth year for foundation)*

❖ **The American Friends of Jamaica, Inc. / St. Andrew Care Centre
Jamaica, W.I.**

The American Friends of Jamaica, Inc. will receive a \$10,000 grant for the St. Andrew Care Centre. The St. Andrew Care Centre is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that offers a program to rehabilitate “street and at-risk boys” between the ages of 10 to 15. The goal is to reintegrate them into society to become productive and positive contributors through re-socialization, education, rehabilitation of drugs, and the provision of income earning opportunities. The St. Andrew Care Centre is the first point of entry for services for these boys, where they are to be assessed and referred to appropriate social and educational and skills training services and possible employment. Sills funding will provide literacy skills classes for identified boys in the program.

Sills 2011 Grants Summary

Strategic Grants

Name of Organization	2011 Program/Purpose	Grant Awarded?
Advocates for Environmental Human Rights	General Support	\$20,000
Alternatives for Community and Environment	Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Project	\$20,000
CA Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation Female Offender Programs & Services	Parenting Inside/Out Training Program for Instructors	\$20,000
Centerforce	2011 National Inside/Out Summit - Pre-Conference Institute	\$6,000
The Children's Center at Bedford Hills	General Support	\$20,000
Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter)	Housing options & programming for battered women charged w/ crimes	\$20,000
Community In-power and Development Association	General Support	\$8,000
Community Works West	One Family/Parenting Inside Out	\$20,000
Foreverfamily	General Support	\$20,000
Greenhope	General Support	\$20,000
Health Care Without Harm	General Support	\$20,000
Hour Children, Inc.	General Support	\$20,000
Julie's Family Learning Program	Julie's Adult and Children's Services	\$20,000
Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service	General Support/Home Based Socialization Program	\$10,000
Lund Family Center	Kids-A-Part	\$20,000
Mercury Policy Project	Zero Mercury Campaign -Exposure Awareness &Reduction	\$20,000
Mossville Environmental Action Now	General Support	\$8,000
Northern Lights Program - Howard Center	Northern Lights Program	\$20,000
Osborne Association	Children & Youth Services	\$20,000
Pernet Family Health Service, Inc.	Incarcerated Fathers Program	\$20,000
Project Hope	Children's Center	\$10,000
St. Mary's Women and Children's Center	Incarceration Intervention/ Prevention Initiative	\$20,000
STEPS to End Family Violence/Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families	The Children's Therapy Program	\$20,000
Vera Institute of Justice	Common Justice	\$20,000
Women's Prison Association	General Support	\$20,000
Total Grants:		\$442,000

Next Generation Grants

Name of Organization	2011 Program/Purpose	Grant Awarded?
Centerforce	Centerforce/Oakland Children's Hospital Collaboration	\$6,800
Communities In Schools of Auburn	Site coordinator salary and students in need	\$16,600
Community Works West	Project WHAT	\$10,000
Family Services of Westchester	EMERGE	\$10,000
	Fathers Count	\$5,000
Guidance Center	Parents Place	\$1,600
The American Friends of Jamaica, Inc.	St. Andrew Care Centre	\$10,000*
Total Grants:		\$60,000

*Pending visit to Jamaica in December 2011.

2011 Trustee Discretionary Grants

The 3 trustees of the Sills Family Foundation made a total of 25 discretionary grants, ranging in size from \$2,500 to \$25,000, and totaling \$150,000.

Art Sills

Brookline Education Foundation - \$5,000

Cambridge Family and Children's Service - \$5,000

Cambridge Friends School - \$25,000

Hampshire College-\$5,000

School is Open - \$5,000

The Guidance Center - \$5,000

Peter Sills

Brooklyn Community Services - \$1,250

Community Connections for Youth (Bronx program for youth justice) - \$2,500

Family Center of Washington County - \$10,000

Jewish Community Center of Mercer Island Washington (scholarships for disadvantaged youth) - \$5,000

New York Juvenile Justice Initiative - \$2,500

Rutgers University (REaCH summer program for disadvantaged youth) - \$2,500

Twinfield Union School (Twinfield Together Mentoring Program) - \$5,000

Vera Institute of Justice (study on the value of busing children for visits with their incarcerated parents) - \$5,000

Vermont Children's Aid Society - \$1,250

VSA Vermont (art programs for the disabled) - \$5,000

Ward Brook Center (school for the children of AIDS victims in Rwanda) - \$10,000

Deborah Iarussi

Green Chimneys - \$1,000

Hampshire College (Denice O'Neill Scholarship) - \$7,500

Meals of Marin - \$10,000

New Rochelle Campership Fund - \$1,000

New Rochelle Fund - \$2,500

Parents Place program at the Guidance center - \$4,000

Sharing Shelf program at Family Services of Westchester - \$1,500

SEAD program at Dartmouth College - \$20,000

Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls (scholarship for girls with incarcerated parent) - \$2,500