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SET MINISTRY, INC. WINS MERCY GRANT

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April 3, 2009 – SET Ministry will provide Family Empowerment services to families living in systemic poverty in Milwaukee’s central city thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the Sisters of Mercy, West Midwest Community.

The Family Empowerment program provides holistic, individualized case management to support low-income residents of Milwaukee to reach their potential as self-reliant, active, contributing members of society. During 2009, SET will take two significant steps to expand its Family Empowerment:

- exploit synergies between the Family Empowerment and School Services programs to build capacity for youth and families living in systemic poverty in the city of Milwaukee, and
- integrate a newer initiative, known as *Project Restore*, to support homeless families at scattered sites in the city of Milwaukee.

The Sisters of Mercy grant comes from the Agatha O’Brien Ministry Fund, named in honor of Sister Agatha O’Brien (1822-1854), superior of the first Sisters of Mercy who arrived in Chicago in 1846. Over the last 17 years, the Sisters of Mercy have awarded 302 grants to various ministries in which its sisters and associates bring Mercy to the world. The funds help local efforts to meet the needs of poor or suffering people, to support “innovative ministries” which respond to contemporary human needs, and to respond to the needs of women, children and multicultural communities. Grant recipients have included literacy programs, inner-city schools, family centers, prison ministry, housing development, retirement centers, leadership training, women’s shelters, spiritual counseling, and more.

The Sisters of Mercy are a global congregation of Catholic women religious who value prayer, life in community, and compassionate ministry. Sisters, associates, and volunteers serve people who are poor, sick and uneducated, with a special concern for women and children. Since its founding in 1831, Sisters of Mercy have used their deep knowledge and expertise to initiate systems for healthcare, education, housing, advocacy, and social services.

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