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Circle Of Concern Food Pantry Awards Scholarships to Area Students

Valley Park, MO., July 26, 2017 ... Circle Of Concern Food Pantry in Valley Park last month awarded \$59,400 in scholarships to high school seniors and college freshman from its service area. Twenty-two students living within Parkway, Rockwood, and Valley Park school districts received awards ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000. Three students who plan to study locally next year also received laptop computers. Altogether, Circle Of Concern has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships.

Circle's scholarships are awarded through a competitive process that includes an in-depth application and panel interview. Candidates had to demonstrate financial need and merit based on academic achievement, character, community service and / or employment. Scholarships can be used at accredited professional trade schools, community colleges or four-year institutions.

Cyndi Miller, executive director of Circle Of Concern, said, "We believe that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and that higher education can lead to greater job opportunities. Circle is proud to be able to contribute to these students' desire to better themselves through ongoing education."

For more information about Circle Of Concern's Food Pantry and its services, visit

<http://www.circleofconcern.org> or call 636.861.2623.

About Circle Of Concern

Circle Of Concern is a non-profit food pantry and social services agency serving low-income families in West St. Louis County. The organization helps feed approximately 1200 households annually and offers financial support, scholarships, job mentoring, children's programs and holiday events to allow its clients to use their limited resources to regain their financial footing.