



## **Community Organizer Position Funded at Dolores Mission Catholic Church in Downtown L.A.**

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The William H. Hannon Foundation, founded by the late Catholic philanthropist and real estate developer William H. Hannon, has provided a \$38,600 grant to Dolores Mission Catholic Church, located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, to fund a community organizer position at the Church. Nestled in a residential area close to the 101 Freeway, the Church's community organizer will help parishioners work to improve their community. Parishioners have successfully worked to gain speed bumps, street lights and overtime policing in their neighborhoods. The community organizer will work to build on these successes.

"As a real estate developer, my late uncle understood the importance of improving neighborhoods. At Dolores Mission, the parishioners have worked hard to improve their community and I am proud that we can help lend a hand. I have enjoyed visiting the Church and have seen first hand the good works they are doing," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation, Hannon's niece and a Board member of the Foundation since its founding in 1983.

"The William H. Hannon Foundation's help provides both a financial and morale boost. Their personal interest in our parishioners' efforts to improve our community demonstrates that while LA is a big city it is really a small town when it comes to good people reaching out and offering help," said Rev. Scott Santarosa, S.J., Associate Pastor of Dolores Mission Catholic Church.