

## A Brief History

Since 1857 the Sisters of Mary Reparatrix (SMR), an international congregation of women religious, has been dedicated to repairing fractured relationships among humans and with God.

In the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century global environmental crises manifested the urgent need for humans to repair their relationship to Earth.

Thinking globally, acting locally, a valued approach to sustainability motivates the lives and work of the SMRs of Full Circle EcoHouse of Prayer.

On July 2, 2018 the US Region of SMR established the Bioregion Reparation Fund through the Community Foundation of St. Clair County to continue and enhance this mission.

### The Bioregion Reparation Fund aims to:

- Raise consciousness within and about the bioregion
- Support sustainable lifestyles, environmental education, projects and services
- Assist programs which support ecological values



Full Circle opened in 1990. Soon after, sisters started SWAMP, Savers of Wetlands and Marshy Places, for youngsters eight to twelve years old. Monthly gatherings, field trips and projects helped the children mature into adults who care about Earth and its ecosystems.

Full Circle was awarded two grants. One promoted awareness of purple loosestrife, an invasive plant which chokes out native flora. The other provided funds for a frog pond on a low-lying garden area at Full Circle.

In pursuit of its mission to foster justice, peace and the integrity of creation, Full Circle continues to provide programs for all ages.



## Full Circle's Guiding Beliefs

Bioregion Reparation Fund grants will be awarded in alignment with Full Circle's ecological guiding beliefs:

- Earth Community is an interconnected web of life.
- Life within the web is sustained by diversity.
- Every creature in the web deserves respect.
- Justice and peace are integral to the life of the web.
- Compassion toward all leads to healing and reconciliation.
- Creation tends toward communion whose ultimate expression is love.

## Community Foundation

of St. Clair County

The Community Foundation of St. Clair County is the largest grant making foundation in Michigan's Thumb Region and manages multiple endowment funds that benefit every corner of St. Clair County. Since 1944, the Foundation has been helping donors achieve their goals by connecting them with like-minded donors and partners striving to improve our quality of life and increase our vibrancy and prosperity.

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