



# **BR. DAVID DARST CENTER**

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## **THE BR. DAVID DARST CENTER RECEIVES \$36,500 IN GRANT FUNDING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS**

**Chicago, IL. (6/23/17)** – The Br. David Darst Center, a social justice retreat center located on Chicago's Southside, is pleased to announce it has recently received three major grants to help support their social justice education programs.

The Center was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Sisters of Mercy Midwest, a \$6,000 grant from the Priests of the Sacred Heart and a \$5,500 grant from the Christian Brothers of the Midwest's LaSallian Mission Opportunity Fund. The funding will be used to provide resources for the Center's Urban Immersion Retreats and Social Justice Workshops, which educate youth and young adults on the real life experience of the many populations who have faced oppression as well as the systematic barriers that exist that lead to marginalization.

"We're definitely proud to continue our partnership with these amazing organizations," explained Jennifer Jackson-Outlaw, Director of Development and Communication for the Darst Center. "Their support has been crucial to our social change advocacy work over the years so we're thrilled that many more students will benefit from their generosity."

All three organizations regularly fund local nonprofits in the U.S. that provide much-needed services to those who are poor and disadvantaged. The grants are to be applied for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, which officially begins July 1<sup>st</sup>

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### **About the Br. David Darst Center:**

The Brother David Darst Center is a social justice education center located on the Southside of Chicago, in the Bridgeport neighborhood. Founded in 2002 as a ministry of the De LaSalle Christian Brothers, the Darst Center is unique in providing opportunities for youth and young adults to see more clearly the faces pushed to the margins of our society.

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