



Williamsburg Community Health Foundation

Increasing Access to Quality Care – Promoting Responsible Health Practices

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WCHF Awards Grants Totaling More Than \$2.6 Million to Four ‘Foundation-Directed’ Programs

WILLIAMSBURG, VA – The Williamsburg Community Health Foundation today announced it has awarded grants totaling \$2,643,240 to four programs that increase access to quality health care and promote responsible health practices.

Jeanne Zeidler, president and chief executive officer, said, “These grants support ‘foundation-directed’ programs, which are those initiated by WCHF and its partner agencies to address unmet needs in the community. As demand for community services continues to rise, these programs are becoming even more important to the health of our citizens.”

The foundation-directed grants are:

- \$446,198 for the **Greater Williamsburg Medication Access Program**, which helps patients at community clinics secure free prescription medications. In 2011, GWMAP provided prescription medications to 2,985 patients, which was 30% more than GWMAP served in 2010. The medication’s wholesale value was more than \$11 million.
- \$554,000 for the **School Health Initiative Program**. SHIP, a multifaceted program

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in Williamsburg-James City County schools, teaches nutrition and promotes physical activity. More than 2,000 elementary school students participated in after-school Challenge Clubs, one element of SHIP programming, during the 2011-2012 school year. That figure is a 25% increase over the previous year's participation.

- \$332,363 for the **Children's Behavioral Health Initiative**, which operates the Greater Williamsburg Children's Assessment Center and manages a vetted online directory of health and human services providers. Since the GWCAC opened in March 2010, calls for assessments have risen 60%.
- \$1,310,679 for the **Chronic Care Collaborative**, which addresses chronic illness among underinsured and uninsured citizens. The program works to make service delivery more effective and affordable by helping patients manage their conditions. Collaborative member clinics report patient visits increased 15% during 2011. The six agencies receiving funding are Angels of Mercy Medical Mission, Colonial Behavioral Health, Gloucester-Mathews Free Clinic, Olde Towne Medical Center, Lackey Free Clinic and Rx Partnership.

More information about the Foundation's grant-making policies and process is available at www.WCHF.com.

The Williamsburg Community Health Foundation, a private non-profit organization, supports programs that improve the health of people living in Williamsburg and surrounding counties. It focuses on enhancing access to quality health services and promoting responsible health practices. The foundation was formed in 1996. Since then it has given more than \$50 million to support community health programs in the area.

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