



Williamsburg Community Health Foundation
Increasing Access to Quality Care – Promoting Responsible Health Practices

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WCHF Awards Grants More Than \$2.8 Million to 20 Programs Improving Health

WILLIAMSBURG, VA – The Williamsburg Community Health Foundation today announced it has awarded 20 grants totaling \$2,821,590 to programs supporting health care, behavioral health, human services and community health and wellness.

Douglas J. Myers, chair of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, said, “Health and human service organizations in the Historic Triangle continue to experience increasing demand for services while financial support from public and private sources is not growing at the same rate. The Williamsburg Community Health Foundation is pleased to provide needed support to programs offering services important to improving the health and long-term wellness of people living in this community.”

The grants supporting direct health care services are:

- \$1,179,000 for the **Chronic Care Collaborative**, which treats chronic illness among underinsured and uninsured citizens. The program works to make service delivery more effective and affordable while helping patients remain healthier by managing their conditions. Collaborative member clinics anticipate providing more than 20,000 patient visits during the next 12 months. 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.

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- \$378,090 for the **Greater Williamsburg Medication Access Program**, which helps uninsured, chronically ill patients at community clinics secure free prescription medications. GWMAP anticipates providing prescription medications to 2,770 patients during the next 12 months. The medication's wholesale value is estimated at nearly \$14 million.
- \$35,000 for the **Virginia Health Care Foundation** to support conversion of the Pharmacy Connection software to a web-based platform. This upgrade will enable continued support of the Greater Williamsburg Medication Access Program.

The grants supporting behavioral health services are:

- \$40,000 for **The Center for Excellence in Aging and Geriatric Health** to support a program that trains clinicians to identify substance abuse in patients 55 years of age and older and make treatment referrals.
- \$38,000 for **Child and Family Connection** to support a program addressing the emotional and physical well-being of uninsured and under-insured clients. The program includes a focus on the region's Latino population.
- \$38,000 for **Colonial Community Corrections** to support the Better Ways program, which provides substance abuse services in coordination with regional law enforcement authorities.
- \$271,500 for the **Children's Behavioral Health Initiative**, which operates the Greater Williamsburg Children's Assessment Center and manages an online directory of health and human services providers. The initiative also includes an on-line site providing resources for behavioral health providers.

Grants supporting community health and wellness are:

- \$20,000 for the **Arc of Greater Williamsburg** to support a program providing exercise, promoting wellness and monitoring the health of the clients.
- \$40,000 for **The Senior Services Coalition** to implement strategies identified in the Community Action Plan on Aging addressing the health and wellness needs of Williamsburg's seniors.

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- \$554,000 for the **School Health Initiative Program**. SHIP, a multifaceted program in the Williamsburg-James City County schools. It promotes healthy eating, nutrition education, and physical activity. Key elements of the program are after-school Challenge Clubs, active learning in elementary schools, and healthy, appealing and nutritious food options in the school cafeterias.
- \$35,000 for **Literacy for Life at the Rita Welsh Adult Learning Center** to support the Health Education and Literacy program that trains medical professionals to be alert to the health literacy status of their patients. The program will also provide classes to individuals identified as having low health literacy.
- \$15,000 for **Fish, Inc.** to provide food to citizens in crisis.

The grants for human services are:

- \$30,000 for **The Peninsula Agency on Aging** to operate the RIDES program which offers non-emergency medical transport to individuals 55 years of age and older.
- \$128,000 for **The Peninsula Agency on Aging** to support the Senior Health Assistance Resource Project. SHARP provides in-home care to frail, low-income seniors.
- \$20,000 for **Williamsburg Faith in Action** to provide non-emergency medical transportation to seniors and other adults with chronic illness or physical disability.

Jeanne Zeidler, president and chief executive officer, said, “These grants support the work of skilled professionals and dedicated volunteers in Greater Williamsburg who tirelessly give of their time, energy and knowledge to address the healthcare needs of our community. WCHF is proud to be a partner with these organizations and individuals.”

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

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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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