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Increasing Access to Quality Care – Promoting Responsible Health Practices

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WHF Awards Nearly \$1 Million to 13 Programs to Improve Health

WILLIAMSBURG, VA – The Williamsburg Health Foundation today announced that its Board of Trustees has awarded 13 grants totaling \$996,500 to programs supporting behavioral health treatment and intervention, community health, education, food and nutrition, healthcare, and human services.

Douglas J. Myers, chair of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, said, “The Williamsburg Health Foundation is proud to be a partner to agencies providing services that improve the health and long-term wellness of people living in this community. Funding from the Foundation enables these excellent organizations and their dedicated staff members and volunteers to serve more people in need with high quality programs.”

The grants supporting behavioral health treatment and intervention are:

- \$50,000 to **Bacon Street** for family-focused services for youth experiencing problems with alcohol or other drugs, or who are at high risk for such problems.
- \$15,000 to **Child and Family Connection** for a conflict resolution group program for children and group counseling for adults charged with assault and battery, and domestic violence.
- \$45,000 to **Colonial Behavioral Health** for the Intensive Outpatient Program that serves adults with severe substance use disorders who need intensive treatment.

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- \$56,000 to **York County Division of Juvenile Services** for the Psychological and Substance Abuse Services Program which provides early intervention/prevention and substance abuse psycho-education services to adolescents.

The grants supporting community health are:

- \$29,000 to **Community Housing Partners** for a health initiative that provides education and access to health care and wellness services for residents at eight low-income communities.
- \$16,000 to **Virginia Legacy Soccer Club** for the Community Partnership Program that provides free, after-school soccer and transportation for underserved children in Williamsburg-James City County Schools.

The grant supporting education is:

- \$78,000 to **Child Development Resources** for the Parents as Teachers Program that provides early detection of health and developmental concerns, improves parenting practices, and ensures that high risk families of young children are linked to community resources.

The grants supporting food and nutrition are:

- \$40,000 to **Williamsburg Area Meals-on-Wheels** for nutritious home-delivered meals and nutrition education for low income residents.
- \$15,000 to **Grove Christian Outreach Center** for access to food for low-income people living in Grove.

The grants supporting health care are:

- \$426,500 to **Olde Towne Medical and Dental Center** for basic operating support of the clinic and delivery of high quality clinical services at the community based Rural Health Clinic.
- \$26,000 to **Olivet Medical Ministry (Lackey Free Clinic)** for recruiting and retaining volunteer practitioners to provide medical, dental, mental health, pharmacy and health education services to low-income uninsured patients.

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The grants supporting human services are:

- \$90,000 to **Child Development Resources** for the Infant and Parent Program that provides family-centered services supports and specialized therapies for infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays.
- \$110,000 to **Peninsula Agency on Aging** for the RIDES Program that provides non-emergency medical transportation.

Jeanne Zeidler, Health Foundation president, said, “The Greater Williamsburg Community continues to experience increasing demand for health and human services among our most vulnerable populations. The programs and organizations funded with this round of grant awards are doing important and necessary work to serve our neighbors in need.”

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

The Williamsburg 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 \$56 million to support community health programs in the area.

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