



**Increasing Access to Quality Care – Promoting Responsible Health Practices**

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**Health Foundation Continues Support of Safety Net Clinics  
Promotes Health in Schools**

WILLIAMSBURG, VA – On June 2, 2014, the Williamsburg Health Foundation’s Board of Trustees voted to approve approximately three million dollars in grants. The largest single grant for \$590,000 is designated to promote health in Williamsburg-James City County Schools.

“We know that the majority of health problems in America are preventable. We believe the best way to impact the future health of our children is to invest in not only what they eat but also what they experience every day in schools,” said Doug Myers, Board Chair. “School is second only to the home for creating healthy, life-long habits.”

“Our School Health Initiative Program (SHIP) is doing great things,” said Myers. “From 400 students – and their families – running the 5K *Run the Dog* in April to a chef consulting in local school cafeterias to wellness integration and movement in the classroom, the Foundation could not be prouder or more excited about the momentum this school-based, youth-focused program has.” The Foundation also awarded \$290,000 to the Greater Williamsburg Child Assessment Center (GWCAC) to improve behavioral health care for children and adolescents.

The Foundation awarded over one and half million dollars to local health care organizations, including local clinics and medication access programs, to serve the uninsured or underinsured in the Greater Williamsburg area. Jeanne Zeidler, Foundation President explained, "At this point in time, the new insurance marketplace adds only negligible revenue to local clinics and does not hold any immediate promise for more. In fact, the perception that clinics now receive additional insurance payments may, in fact, discourage other supporters. We encourage our community to continue to support to these organizations."

Zeidler pointed to the fact that since June 2013, patients with no insurance at Olde Towne Medical & Dental Center increased from 65% of their patients to 73%. "One thing most people don't understand about the Affordable Care Act is that the poorest of the poor are ineligible for the Marketplace. This includes 4,000+ individuals, most of who are employed, in Greater Williamsburg. If and when Virginia expands Medicaid, most of these individuals, ages 18-64, will become Medicaid-eligible. Even in that instance, we still anticipate a large number of uninsured and under-insured neighbors in our community."

The Williamsburg Health Foundation is a tax-exempt, private foundation, and the largest private funder in Greater Williamsburg. Since its inception in 1996, the Foundation has distributed just under sixty million in grants to date. For more information on the Foundation visit [www.williamsburghealthfoundation.org](http://www.williamsburghealthfoundation.org) or [facebook.com/Williamsburg Health](https://www.facebook.com/WilliamsburgHealth).

A full list of grantees, programs, and award amounts is appended here.

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<b>WHF Grant Cycle One Year 2014 Grant Funds Awarded by Program Area*</b>		
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Program Title</b>	<b>Recommended Amount</b>
<b>Behavioral Health Treatment and Intervention</b>		
Child and Family Connection	Multicultural Counseling & Outreach Program for the Greater Williamsburg Area	\$38,000
Colonial Community Corrections	Better Ways: A Therapeutic & Transitional Substance Abuse Program	\$28,500
Colonial Behavioral Health	Greater Williamsburg Child Assessment Center (GWCAC)	\$290,000
<b>Community Health</b>		
The Arc of Greater Williamsburg	Stay Fit for the Future	\$20,000
Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools	School Health Initiative Program (SHIP)	\$590,000
<b>Education</b>		
Literacy for Life at the Rita Welsh Adult Learning Center	Health Education and Literacy (HEAL)	\$70,000
<b>Food, Agricultural and Nutrition</b>		
FISH, Inc.	Health Priorities in Action	\$12,500
<b>Healthcare</b>		
Angels of Mercy Medical Mission	Chronic Care Collaborative	\$113,000
Colonial Behavioral Health	Chronic Care Collaborative	\$127,000
Gloucester-Mathews Free Clinic	Chronic Care Collaborative	\$260,000
Lackey Free Clinic	Chronic Care Collaborative	\$420,000
Olde Towne Medical Center	Chronic Care Collaborative	\$250,000
Rx Partnership	Chronic Care Collaborative	\$30,000
Virginia Health Care Foundation	Greater Williamsburg Medication Assistance Program (GWMAP)	\$380,000
<b>Human Services</b>		
F.R.E.E. Foundation for Rehabilitation Equipment & Endowment	Geographic Expansion to Serve Greater Williamsburg	\$50,000
Peninsula Agency on Aging	S.H.A.R.P. (Senior Health Assistance Resource Project)	\$128,000
Williamsburg Area Faith in Action	Medical Transportation	\$22,000
<b>Community Health - Direct Charitable Activities</b>		
Community Health Solutions	Chronic Care Collaborative Facilitation	\$40,000

**Total: \$2,869,000**

Please note: Many of these organizations receive additional funding for other programs in the second grant round which takes place at the end of the year.