GRHF awards $3 million in grants

The Greater Rochester Health Foundation has announced that it has awarded nearly $3 million in opportunity grants to eight local projects. These grants are awarded to projects which have the potential to positively impact the community’s health in the areas of prevention and health care delivery.

“We’re excited to continue to support organizations that work tirelessly to positively impact our community’s health,” said John Urban, president and CEO of Greater Rochester Health Foundation. “Each year we look forward to receiving applications for Opportunity Grant funding that support prevention and health care delivery.”

Eight projects received a total of $2,944,184 in funding in 2015. They include:

- The University of Rochester Medical Center received $600,000 to fund a center for adults with special care needs that will help patients who are transitioning from pediatric to adult systems care.
- HealthVantic, LLC received $298,302 to improve patient care coordination by creating a real-time network of all of a patient’s care providers.
- Rochester Regional Health System received $391,400 to fund Building Healthy Pregnancies, a program which will work to decrease the number of babies born with low birth weight, premature birth rates, and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit admissions for pregnant patients in the inner-city.
- The Center for Refugee and Immigrant Health received $298,871 to fund a pilot transitional program that will help primary care providers to treat refugee patients and educate refugees on how to navigate their local health care system.
- The University of Rochester’s Center for Community Health received $322,972 to fund Healthy Living for Families, a program which will combine physical activity and nutrition education.
- Action for A Better Community was awarded $107,639 to fund a project to combat prevalent diseases (diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease) in African-American males ages 18 to 65.
- St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center received $325,000 for a program to address gaps in dental services in uninsured individuals, veterans, individuals on Medicare and individuals on Medicaid.
- The Children’s Institute’s GROW Rochester program received $600,000 to increase the number of 3-year-olds in Rochester who receive developmental health screenings and subsequent needed services.

The Greater Rochester Health Foundation was created in 2006 when the not-for-profit MVP Health Plan acquired the not-for-profit HMO Preferred Care. It used the proceeds of the purchase price to fund programs that improve the health of residents living in a nine county region.

For more information about the Foundation or its grant programs, visit its website at www.TheGRHF.org (http://www.thegrhf.org/)

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