



HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL

Community Health Initiative

AGENCIES RECEIVING 2010-11 COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE GRANTS

AGENCY

The Arc of Madison County, Inc.

\$15,000

The Arc provides education, job-skills training and supportive services for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Community Health Initiative funds will provide medical and dental procedures or services for children with a developmental disability and/or adults with intellectual disabilities.

The Autism Resource Foundation

\$15,000

The Autism Resource Foundation provides financial support and information to families and service providers, including public school systems, advocates and medical professionals who are helping children combat Autism Spectrum Disorders/Pervasive Development Delays. The Autism Resource and Knowledge Center, established and run by the Autism Resource Foundation, is a place that parents who are just finding out that their child has autism can go to get information on treatment, join a family support group, and receive a mentor who has experienced similar challenges. The center provides free services in more than seven capabilities to families having children with autism spectrum disorders, and to service providers and medical/health professionals. Community Health Initiative funds will help to provide computer equipment and software, educational materials, rent and technology to enable: social networking, teleconferencing, net-meetings and training.

CASA (Care Assurance System for the Aging & Homebound of Madison County)

\$70,000

Safety Net project

CASA's mission is to provide volunteer services to assist with the unmet needs of aging and homebound individuals so they can "age in place." The Safety Net project, supported by Community Health Initiative funds, provides individuals who visit clients' homes to assess needs through health and safety screenings, provide services and interventions, and facilitate referrals to existing community resources and service agencies. Both emotional and health-related issues are addressed. CASA's Safety Net project collaborates with local university nursing and social work programs providing students clinical experience and enabling the Safety Net project to reach even more elderly and homebound clients. Community Health Initiative funding will provide durable medical equipment for clients, education and training, and a portion of staffing costs.

The Community Free Clinic

\$120,000

The Community Free Clinic provides quality free medical care to those in the community without access to healthcare benefits. Through the operation of acute care and chronic care clinics, education and treatment is made available to the uninsured of the community. Additionally, operating within the Community Free Clinic, in collaboration with the Mental Health Center, First Stop, HEMSI, local churches and others, a clinic with appointments designated ONLY for homeless individuals is held on Wednesday mornings. Community Health Initiative funding will be applied toward funding a nurse practitioner, the Community Free Clinic's Purchased Pharmacy Fund, and pharmaceuticals for the Homeless Clinic.

First Stop Incorporated

\$5,000

First Stop Inc. provides a point of contact, outreach, care and case-management support to street homeless with the objective of reducing their numbers by moving homeless persons into self sufficiency and permanent housing. Community Health Initiative funds will help to provide mental health treatments, dental care, optical care and pharmaceuticals.

Girls Incorporated – Commit to be Fit

\$5,000

Girls Incorporated's Core Program is based on the special needs of young girls recognizing the critical educational, social and economic issues confronting young women. Community Health Initiative funds will support the Commit to be Fit program focusing on educating girls on the importance of establishing healthy nutrition practices and physical fitness routines during

childhood and adolescence, thus setting the stage for establishing life-long habits in order to prevent childhood obesity. Community Health Initiative funds will be used to provide educational materials, healthy snacks, and entrance fees for local athletic events (walks, runs etc.).

HEALS - Health Establishments at Local Schools

\$95,000

HEALS provides school-based primary healthcare for children and their families through collaborative efforts with the school system and the medical community. HEALS provides diagnosis and treatment of acute and emergent health problems, dental care and health education classes. Community Health Initiative funding will help provide medical staff for the clinics, including Nurse Practitioners, RNs and the addition of a part-time physician.

Lilies of the Valley

\$10,000

Lilies of the Valley works to educate, raise awareness and disseminate information about ovarian cancer to ovarian cancer patients and survivors, the general public, and the medical community in the Tennessee Valley region. In the absence of a screening test for ovarian cancer, proper education about signs, symptoms, and risks is the best path to early detection, which directly impacts survival rate. Community Health Initiative funding will be used to produce informational materials containing newly established ovarian cancer information. The materials will be distributed throughout the region. Funding from the grant will also support a media campaign to include TV and billboards.

Madison County Department of Human Resources – Madison County Family Drug Court

\$13,000

The Madison County Family Drug Court is a program designed to intervene with intensive substance abuse treatment, legal, and ancillary resources needed to ensure a permanent lifestyle change (under judicial monitoring). Funding from the Community Health Initiative grant will support client education and development, drug screens and staff training and development.

Mental Health Center of Madison County

\$35,000

The Nova Center for Youth and Family, a Division of the Mental Health Center of Madison County, provides school-based mental health services in targeted schools in the Huntsville City School System. The program plans to expand the program to two identified schools in the Madison County School System. The Community Health Initiative funds will be used to provide a full-time, masters-level, school-based therapist to work with the new target population.

New Hope Children’s Clinic

\$82,000

The New Hope Children’s Clinic is designed to provide free/low-cost, school-based medical care to the underserved children of Southeastern Madison County (New Hope, Owens Cross Roads and Gurley communities), focusing on the most impoverished families. The clinic is located on the New Hope School campus. The Community Health Initiative grant will be applied to salaries, pharmaceuticals and medical supplies.

The Pathfinder

\$15,000

The Pathfinder provides long-term residential addiction rehabilitation services for men and women who “sincerely desire” sobriety. The Pathfinder promotes healthy living practices and teaches a wide variety of life skills geared toward promoting a clean and sober way of life. Along with this philosophy, independent living and personal responsibility are also emphasized throughout the program. The Community Health Initiative grant will provide partial funding for a Women’s Recovery Counselor and financial assistance to female clients to obtain medication.

The Riley Behavioral & Educational Center

\$15,000

The Riley Behavioral and Education Center provides comprehensive services to children and families faced with autism and related disabilities. The Center offers a complete program from diagnosis through intervention to transition for families and children. The Center focuses on early diagnosis and interventions with a goal that no family will wait more than three months for a full diagnostic evaluation. With funding from the Community Health Initiative, the center will provide specialized (in-home) training for families who cannot afford ongoing treatment.

United Cerebral Palsy – Equipping Families for Success

\$5,000

Equipping Families for Success is a program that provides access to mental health treatment for individuals with disabilities and their full-time caregivers. Community Health Initiative funding will provide access to direct counseling from a trained professional counselor for individuals with disabilities and their families.

TOTAL

\$500,000