

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE SUMMARY OF 2007-2008

AGENCY

The Arc of Madison County, Inc.

\$10,000

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

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

\$65,000

CASA's (Care Assurance System for the Aging & Homebound of Madison County) mission is to keep the elderly and homebound safe and independent in their own homes for as long as possible. They serve the elderly and homebound (bedridden/wheelchair bound of all ages) throughout Madison County. The Safety Net program, supported by Community Health Initiative funds, will provide licensed RNs who will go into clients' homes and provide health screenings, home safety evaluation and education in addition to providing education and support services in the areas of health, insurance and financial resources. The program will expand this year to include a social worker to address psychosocial needs of the clients.

Girls Incorporated of Huntsville – Commit to be Fit

\$10,000

Girls Incorporated of Huntsville'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 would support a new Commit to be Fit program focusing 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.

HEALS - Health Establishments at Local Schools

\$90,000

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. The first medical clinic opened in 1999 at Lincoln Elementary School and a dental clinic was added later. The program has expanded to include clinics at five elementary schools. Community Health Initiative funding will provide medical staff for the HEALS program.

Lilies of the Valley Foundation

\$10,000

Lilies of the Valley is a program dedicated to raising awareness about the signs, symptom and risk factors of ovarian cancer. Community Health Initiative funding will support a Gynecologic Cancer Symposium and a focused multi-media campaign.

Madison City School System

\$10,000

The Community Health Initiative grant will provide funding toward placing a licensed RN Health Educator in the Madison City School system. The Nurse Educator provides health education opportunities focusing on developing healthy lifestyles to minimize absences due to illness, reduce cardiovascular disease, reduce teen pregnancy, and promote awareness of, and access to mental health and substance abuse programs.

Mental Health Center of Madison County

\$30,000

The Metal Health Center will utilize the Community Health Initiative grant for a start-up fund to provide mental health services in local schools. The program will provide services at four schools affiliated with HEALS and for referrals from other schools that do not have HEALS on-site.

Still Serving Veterans

\$40,000

Still Serving Veterans is a program that will enable and empower wounded veterans and their families into the Huntsville/Madison County workforce and community. The project will assist in the initial implementation of psychological assistance and counseling services. Community Health Initiative funding will provide support for a case worker, mental health counseling and a new project directed at Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) training and awareness.

The Community Free Clinic

\$90,000

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. The Community Health Initiative grant will fund a Clinical Coordinator's salary and purchase pharmaceuticals.

The Pathfinder

\$20,000

The Pathfinder provides long term residential addiction rehabilitation services for men and women who are "sincerely desiring" sobriety. The Pathfinder promotes healthy practices and teaches coping skills. The Pathfinder helps clients improve their general fitness, nutrition and wellness in a way that teaches self-responsibility. The Community Health Initiative grant will provide funding for a Women's Recovery Counselor.

The Riley Behavioral & Educational Center

\$20,000

The Riley Behavioral & Educational Center provides comprehensive services using a multidisciplinary approach to fulfill the need for earlier diagnosis and treatment for children with autism and their families. Funding from the Community Health Initiative grant will contribute toward personnel, a training program, materials, facilities, equipment and printed materials.

United Cerebral Palsy

\$10,000

Equipping Families for Success is a new United Cerebral Palsy program that will provide access to mental health treatment for individuals with disabilities and their full-time caregivers. Community Health Initiative funding will be utilized for direct mental health counseling.

TOTAL

\$405,000