

FROM THE NEWSROOM

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Healthy Community Fund awards \$231K

The Healthy Community Fund, created in 2008 through St. Joseph's Community Foundation to support community programs or projects throughout Washington County has awarded \$230,545 in grants to 11 area nonprofit organizations.

This year's recipient organizations are:

■ **Albrecht Free Clinic — Chronic Care Program** (\$50,000): The Chronic Care Program provides critical medical treatment and education to patients living with chronic conditions. Funding will support the cost of off-site services that Albrecht Free Clinic provides, including medications, visits to specialty providers and dental and oral surgery.

■ **Boys & Girls Club of Washington County — Healthy Choices Initiative** (\$37,157): The Boys & Girls Club serves youth ages 6-17 years in Washington County and promotes character-building experiences for children through social, educational and recreational experiences. Funding will provide 10,290 meals for youth in the summer program at four of the five program sites and 68,672 healthy snacks to all program sites during the school year.

■ **Casa Guadalupe Education Center — Latino Healthy Lifestyle Choices Project** (\$10,000): Casa Guadalupe is the only bilingual and bicultural community-based nonprofit organization serving Spanish speaking residents in Washington County. Funding will provide two bilingual Living Well health series geared toward adults with chronic health conditions and provide four cooking demonstrations that will highlight healthier cooking and ways to avoid the risk of diabetes. A portion of the funds will provide taxi vouchers for those who lack transportation.

■ **Family Center of Washington County — Nurturing Parenting Programs** (\$10,500): The Family Center has focused on strengthening and supporting families in Washington County for more than 20 years. Fund support will help the Nurturing Parenting Program launch the Developing Nurturing Skills in Schools pilot program at two schools in 2014 as well as expand the other Nurturing Parenting Programs.

■ **Family Promise of Washington County — Interfaith Hospitality Network** (\$20,000): Family Promise's mission is to provide resources and services that empower homeless families. The Interfaith Hospitality Network includes overnight shelter and meals provided through a network of congregations; a day center for case management, laundry facilities and showers; and case plans in which every participant develops a plan that includes access to area resources, life skills education and job and housing searches. The funding will support direct program costs of case management, transportation and day center daily operations.

■ **Friends of Abused Families — Art Therapy Program** (\$15,000): Friends of Abused Families has provided more than 30 years of

service to Washington County, empowering and providing safety to those affected by domestic and sexual violence through support services and prevention education. Funding will support the Art Therapy Program, which helps victims and their children reach their full potential in a nonviolent environment and break the cycle of violence.

■ **Healthy People Project of Washington County — School Nutrition Project Phase II** (\$31,190): The Healthy People Project of Washington County coalition was formed in 2006 to address and improve the health status of Washington County residents. Funds will be used to implement the second phase of the School Nutrition Program and build on the improvements that participating schools made last year. Funds will also allow food service directors to enhance their programs to provide healthy snacks in vending machines, grab-n-go options and nutrition education to all students.

■ **Kettle Moraine YMCA — Diabetes Prevention Program** (\$14,418): The Kettle Moraine YMCA focuses on providing accessible programming to all members of the community. The evidence-based Diabetes Prevention Program targets adults who are overweight with pre-diabetes. Funding will offset the per-participant cost so participants and will make the program more affordable for those in need.

■ **The Threshold Inc. — Get Energized II Program** (\$2,800): The Threshold has providing rehabilitation services for children and adults with developmental and other disabilities for 50 years. The Get Energized II Program will allow three stationary bikes to be purchased so all adults who are ambulatory can easily sit and pedal. Two bikes will be added to the Senior Day Program and one will be added to Preoccupational Services at the LVS Center.

■ **West Bend Professional Fire Fighters Charities** (\$20,000): The West Bend Professional Fire Fighters Charities was established in

1999 to help firefighters in need. Funding will assist local firefighters by providing new fitness equipment at the three West Bend fire stations.

■ **Youth and Family Project — Runaway and Homeless Youth Project** (\$20,000): The Youth and Family Project helps people achieve a safe, stable living environment. The Runaway and Homeless Project provides early intervention and prevention programs through outreach, advocacy, counseling and emergency shelter for at risk, runaway or homeless youth. Funding will allow for the expansion of these services to include every school district in Washington County.