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The Kathleen and Joseph M. Bryan Community Enrichment and Venture Grant Program and the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation Grant for Human Services Offer \$360,300 in Local Grants

United Way of Greater Greensboro has approved \$360,300 in grants to local organizations from the *Kathleen and Joseph M. Bryan Community Enrichment and Venture Grant Program (CEVG)* and the *Joseph M. Bryan Foundation Grant for Human Services*. Twenty-four local programs each received between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

The **Community Enrichment and Venture Grant Program (CEVG)** began in 1967 to promote the improvement of human services through innovative programs. The name was changed to the Kathleen and Joseph M. Bryan Community Enrichment and Venture Grant Program due to the Bryans' generous support through the years.

CEVG Grants are awarded for seed money, which provides short term support for start up, development and stabilization of new and innovative programs; and system building grants that strengthen the capacity of existing agencies to impact the human service delivery system. These grants may also be used to redirect agencies to more effectively address areas of need.

Thirteen grants, totaling \$160,300, were awarded for the 2009 funding cycle of the venture grant fund. Eight of the funded programs received support from CEVG for the first time.

The CEVG volunteer grant review committee was chaired by Sharon Johnston. Other members are Alex Elkan, Rita Reilly, Ed Robinson, Roger Seigler and Mike Weaver.

2009 CEVG recipients are:

The *Dental Access Program* offered by Guilford Adult Health will provide a Dental Hygienist to perform preventive dental care for adult uninsured/indigent patients. (\$15,000)

The *Transitional Housing* program at Joseph's House will provide housing for young men aged 18-21 who are homeless. In addition to housing for up to 24 months, residents will participate in educational and vocational programs learning independent living skills, receiving counseling services, and developing a plan for permanent housing that will improve their self-sufficiency. (\$15,000)

Latino Community Health Campaign of the Mental Health Association of Greensboro is designed to increase access to preventive, educational, and other health services for this underserved group. (\$15,000)

The *Peer Support Specialist Program* of the Mental Health Association of Greensboro will assist residents of local homeless shelters and transitional housing to obtain independent living. Serving as a role model and mentor, the Peer Support Specialist becomes an integral part of the consumer's community support network and assists the consumer in reaching goals such as housing, employment, facilitating access to mental health and/or medical care and eventually, recovery. (\$15,000)

The *Computer Educational Resource Lab* at the Salvation Center of Hope provides training for over 2100 children and families allowing them the same information and resources available to their peers who have computers at home. The Computer Educational Resource Lab will enhance the Center of Hope's training programs to begin, sustain, and maintain independent living outside of the Center of Hope. (\$10,000)

Geriatric Day Activity for persons with Developmental Disabilities offered by the Adult Center for Enrichment will enhance the current Adult Day Care program by increasing the understanding and sensitivity to the needs of aging adults with developmental disabilities through training and organizational system change. (\$15,000)

The *Child Response Initiative* offered by Family Service of the Piedmont provides a coordinated response system that will identify child victims/witnesses and link them to therapeutic services within Family Service of the Piedmont such as the Child Advocacy Center, Victim Services, and Mental Health Counseling. Service will be delivered during ride alongs with the Clinician, and/or Advocate contacts with Greensboro Police Department referrals. (\$15,000)

Healthy Beginnings in Healthy Homes by Greensboro Housing Coalition provides a systematic proactive collaboration to promote safe methods to correct unhealthy housing conditions so that young children can thrive. (\$10,000)

GangWise ParentTalk at One Step Further assists parents in recognizing identifiers and warnings of gang activity or involvement; asserts the importance of consistent involvement in their children's educational, social, and emotional priorities; and reinforces the significance of supportive communication, adequate supervision, boundary-setting, and positive role modeling. (\$10,000)

A *Competency Checklist System* at Reading Connections will be incorporated as a core component of the tutor training process, providing highly individualized guidance for tutors and instruction for students. This checklist system will enhance tutor training and help adults with low literacy improve their basic skills and make rapid progress toward self-sufficiency and goal attainment. (\$11,230)

A *Family Respite Cooperative* will be coordinated by The ARC of Greensboro to serve families of young children with special needs providing parents a temporary break from care-giving responsibilities for three hours on Saturday mornings. (\$14,070)

DREAM Camp offered by UNCG will provide a three-week summer camp for children diagnosed with Asperger's Disorder designed to facilitate problem solving, emotion-coping and social skill development. (\$10,000)

Volunteer Clear offered by the Volunteer Center of Greensboro will provide background checks on potential volunteers before placing them with non-profits. (\$5,000)

The **Joseph M. Bryan Grant for Human Services (Bryan Grant)** was established in 1996 to recognize Bryan's lifelong commitment to the welfare of the Greensboro Community. Grants are awarded to sustain, stabilize and strengthen a limited number of high impact, established programs that meet the needs of Greater Greensboro citizens.

Eleven grants, totaling \$200,000, were awarded for the 2009 funding cycle of the Bryan grant fund. Five of the funded programs received support from the Bryan Grant for Human Services for the first time.

The Bryan Grant volunteer grant review committee is chaired by Darlene Martin. Other members include Diedre Frisby, Everette Mills, Sol Kovach, Aaron Strasser, Marcelia Rodger, Dan McGinn and Beverly Williams.

2009 Bryan Grant for Human Services recipients are:

Home Safety for Seniors of the Greensboro Housing Coalition provides elderly homeowners with housing counseling to assist them with getting necessary repairs and negotiating with lenders to make their homes physically and financially "safe". (\$18,000)

Community-Based Learning by HorsePower, Inc. provides equine facilitated experiential activities that support the efforts of parents, special educators, and therapists to meet the physical, social,

emotional, behavioral, recreational and academic needs of people living with disabilities and At-Risk youth. (\$20,000)

The *Drop-In Resource Center* at Joseph's House meets the needs of 17-21 year old homeless young men in a supportive caring environment while connecting them with other resources in the community. (\$18,000)

Self-Help Support Groups offered by the Mental Health Association of Greensboro provides peer led support to increase the ability of individuals in need of mental health support to maximize their potential. (\$18,000)

Community Service-Restitution by One Step Further provides opportunities for youth ages 7-16 to work at human service and non-profit agencies to fulfill court-ordered and victim restitution sanctions. (\$10,000)

The *Higher Ground Day Center* offered by Triad Health Projects offers individuals who are affected by HIV/AIDS nutritional, spiritual, therapeutic, recreational, and psychosocial support to combat the inward and outward affects of an HIV/AIDS diagnosis. (\$20,000)

The *CarePartners Support Team Initiative* offered by the Adult Center for Enrichment provides a care team network through a collaboration with the faith-based community. The care team will enable Adult Center for Enrichment's CarePartners volunteer in-home respite program to strengthen and build its current community-based volunteer services for frail and impaired adults and their caregivers. (\$25,000)

The *YES Program* at the Children's Home Society provides individual therapy, service coordination, and basic skills training for the increasing number of youth ages 13-21 in the foster care system. Services will include engaging youth in developing a plan for self-sufficiency including attaining a High School diploma/GED and a network of community supports. (\$20,000)

The *Latino Initiative* at the Family Service of the Piedmont reduces barriers to service for Spanish-speaking clients through the provision of bilingual therapy and case management. (\$15,000)

Active Parenting Enhancement at Mary's House provides a parenting skills development program offered to homeless mothers with a diagnosed substance use disorder, who may or may not have a co-existing mental illness. (\$11,000)

A *Portable Bleacher System* for Vehicle Injury Prevention, Inc. will allow for volunteers to deliver a high impact accident prevention program to High School students in our community. (\$25,000)

Administered by United Way of Greater Greensboro, both the Bryan Grant for Human Services and CEVG program award grants annually. United Way of Greater Greensboro invests in the building blocks for a good life in the areas of Education, Income & Health.

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