

Allegheny Franciscan Ministries 2009 Tampa Bay Region Major Grants

Brandon Outreach Clinic, Brandon, Florida

Operating Support \$300,000

The Brandon Outreach Clinic was established 20 years ago by a group of concerned individuals in the Brandon community to create a way for uninsured individuals to access health services. Their mission is to provide primary and diagnostic health care to individuals and families who are unable to afford adequate care in a setting where all individuals are treated with dignity and respect. In 2008, the clinic provided over 1,300 unduplicated medical interventions on-site and linked patients to over 450 office visits at provider offices in the community. Funding supports the general operations of the clinic while enhancing their capacity to meet increased need and complexity of services. The grant also supports a formal and comprehensive strategic planning process.

Franciscan Center, Tampa, Florida

Hope and Health Renewed \$300,000

Founded in 1970, the Franciscan Center is a place of welcome for all who seek to deepen their spiritual lives through prayer and reflection. Their mission is to offer an environment of peace, simplicity and hospitality for all those seeking spiritual renewal. The Center staff of lay and religious professionals presents retreats on themes ranging from workplace spirituality to the spirituality of 12-Step recovery, as well as individual directed and private retreats. The Center is utilized by non-profit organizations, faith groups, and healthcare workers for stress management programs, conferences, and meetings. Funding supports operational costs including staff salaries, basic maintenance and upkeep, as well as providing scholarships and outreach efforts for those in need. Current technology and databases will be updated to increase the effectiveness of donor relations while the website will be analyzed and updated to improve on-line marketing and promotional features.

Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida

Technological Capacity and Sustainability \$300,000

The Health Start Coalition of Hillsborough County improves the lives of children and families through innovative strategies, community partnerships, and meaningful involvement of consumers in the design and oversight of programs. Its mission is to recruit and empower collaborative, community-based program ownership in order to identify, evaluate, and to recommend new and enhanced comprehensive maternal-child health and social services. Funding supports direct service staff salaries to ensure the current level of services can be maintained. As part of the funding, Healthy Start is conducting self-evaluation and cost analysis to improve performance and increase efficiencies, communicate outcomes and return on investments to key stakeholders, upgrade data analysis and management capabilities to better manage and analyze information for program improvements, and prepare for an increased need for services.

Homeless Emergency Project, Clearwater, Florida
Building the Capacity of HEP \$200,000

Founded in 1986, the Homeless Emergency Project provides a comprehensive approach to ending homelessness. Its mission is to provide homeless families with children and individuals with housing, food, clothing, and support services necessary to obtain self-sufficiency and improved quality of life. Its continuum of care approach is holistic, addressing the physical, mental, and social conditions of the individual and family while providing emergency shelter and transitional housing resources. Services provided on-site and through a network of partners include mental and medical health care, substance abuse treatment, dental care, transportation, meals, job skill development and employment assistance. Funding supports operational costs to allow staff to focus on the placement of homeless families in permanent housing through an emerging rapid re-housing and housing first model. Intensive case management services are being supported in a holistic way and help place people back into housing through addressing a wide range of health and social needs.

James B. Sanderlin Family Center, St. Petersburg, Florida
Operating Support \$200,000

The Sanderlin Center's mission is to be a place where the talents of the community can be shared. Talent sharing serves to create a healthy neighborhood in which families can grow. The Center has committed itself to enhancing the lives of families and children for the future of their community. This is accomplished by providing diverse programming based on full participation by the community. Services are combined in the areas of Family, Economics, Education, Employment, Health, Values and Spirituality, and Culture. The Center has active health outreach and education efforts and a strong partnership with local health clinics to increase access to more culturally competent health services. Funding will help with operational costs associated with their health initiatives. Funding also supports a dedicated focus in organizational development areas such as strategic planning, board development, and resource diversification.

The Children's Campaign, Tallahassee, Florida
Capacity Building and Operating Support \$100,000

The Children's Campaign is a citizen advocacy network focusing on "5 Promises", which detail systemic and operational reforms needed to improve children's health, welfare and protection, early learning, before and after school care, and juvenile justice. Their mission is to mobilize citizens, community leaders, and grassroots organizations and advocate for good public policy and adequate resources in the areas of maternal infant and child health, safety and permanency in out-of-home settings, high quality child care and early learning, and delinquency prevention. Funding supports basic operating costs to support on-going work under the "5 Promises" model. Funding also supports outside experts to expand the citizen leadership base and pursue strategies to create a more formal membership structure; provide an opportunity for organizations and individuals to join as financially supporting members; and bring more public awareness to the growing crisis facing Florida's children.

The Spring of Tampa Bay, Tampa, Florida
Operating Support \$300,000

Domestic violence is the single leading cause of injury to women in this country. The largest of Florida's 42 certified domestic violence shelters, The Spring's services include a 102-bed emergency shelter, transitional housing, health services, community awareness, and prevention education. Their mission is to prevent domestic violence, protect victims and promote change in lives, families, and communities with an emphasis on prevention and early intervention. Funding provides essential operating support to maintain emergency response services, including the shelter. In addition, funding supports enhanced community-based education and prevention messaging with ethnic minorities and marginalized populations that are often overlooked in domestic violence initiatives including the growing number of older women and women with infant children entering the shelter. The grant also supports the goals of board-led initiatives around the involvement of men in the prevention and education movement and a strategic focus on creating more diverse and robust funding structures.

Nonprofit Leadership Center of Tampa Bay (NLCTB), Tampa, Florida
Operating Support \$30,000

NLCTB's mission is to build the capacity of not for profit organizations so that they can better attain and sustain their missions. Through education, training, publications and research, NLCTB strengthens the management capacity of nonprofits in the greater Tampa Bay area. Funding supports organizational costs associated with providing learning opportunities in the area of board training, financial oversight, technology, volunteer management, and grant seeking.

St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, Tampa, Florida
Kidz Bite Back/180-Change \$100,000

Kidz Bite Back is a kid-created, kid-led movement that educates kids and adults on Big Fat Industries, Couch Potato Companies and the basics of being healthy. Big Fat Industries are the fast food, soft drink and junk food industries that target kids with advertising, marketing and free toys. Couch Potato Companies try to get kids to sit on the couch watching TV and playing video games. The initiative promotes a simple formula for kids to be healthy, limiting consumption of non-nutritious food and time spent watching TV; while promoting eating fruits and vegetables, drinking three glasses of water, and being active each day. Fifteen participating elementary schools (4th, 5th grades) in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties serving over 3,500 children participated in the pilot. A majority of the schools serve economically poor neighborhoods and children who would otherwise not have access to these types of services for their health and well-being. Funding supports development and implementation of the program.

St. Petersburg College Foundation, St. Petersburg, Florida
Journey to Unlock Management Potential (JUMP) \$179,000

The Journey to Unlock Management Potential (JUMP) initiative is a one-year program that helps nonprofit organizations "jump" forward in building their capacity to sustain their mission-driven work. Organizations participate in a comprehensive experience including an innovations workshop, change leadership technical assistance, peer to peer learning, and financial assistance to implant the outcome-based capacity building plan each organization creates. Funding supports change leadership workshops, financial assistance to strengthen work toward their missions and peer to peer learning and support. Funding also supports the work of consultants on the JUMP Oversight Team including a comprehensive evaluation of JUMP. The Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative is being phased in as the administrative oversight organization for the JUMP initiative, working in partnership with the Collaborative Labs at St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg College Foundation, Robertson Consulting Group, and local experts.

Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative (TBHC), Valrico, Florida
Supporting Not for Profit Organizations \$105,000

TBHC is a group of community agencies concerned and impacted by the fragmented systems of care in health and human services. Members are healthcare providers, domestic violence centers, free clinics, homeless shelters, and social service agencies assisting those who can not effectively access health and human service systems. Organizations work together to coordinate and expand resources to better meet the needs of those they serve. Many member organizations of the TBHC are past, current, and potentially future grantees of Allegany Franciscan Ministries in the Tampa Bay Region. Funding will support organizational operational costs in three distinct areas: volunteer recruitment and recognition, community-based and grassroots organization support, and disaster planning and preparedness services to nonprofit organizations in Tampa Bay.

United Way of Tampa Bay, Tampa, Florida
Sulphur Springs Resource Center \$100,000

Sulphur Springs is a small community in Hillsborough County, 2.8 miles in radius, with a population of over 6,300 residents including more than 2,500 children. The community has many assets and strengths. However, it is also a very low income community in which critical services are not readily accessible. Of the nearly 2,000 households, 57% have annual household incomes of less than \$25,000; the community's average per capita income is only \$10,600. There are no significant services located within this community of limited means and limited transportation options. United Way of Tampa Bay has led an effort to convene this community around its needs and solutions for the past two years. Funding helps link residents with on-going services such as Medicaid, mobile medical services, and safe play/exercise areas for both children and families. Allegany Franciscan Ministries funding supports services by several organizations including Tampa Metro YMCA, The Crisis Center, Project SHARE, and Bay Area Legal Services.

**Voices for Children of Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida
Partnership to Support Vulnerable Children \$100,000**

Voices for Children of Hillsborough County and its counterpart in Pinellas County, The Guardian ad Litem Foundation of Tampa Bay, support the work of specially trained community volunteers who advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children in the foster care system. Advocates work to ensure that children receive adequate shelter, education, medical and social services, counseling, and extended family support. Together, the two organizations help to serve over 5,000 children and support over 500 volunteers by supporting the Guardian ad Litem Program. Funding supports combined efforts to recruit and train more volunteers. Working together, the organizations will be able to raise awareness and advocate for change on a system level in addition to a case-by-case basis. Funding also helps meet the basic needs of the children being served.

**BayCare Health System, Clearwater, Florida
St. Joseph's Hospital: Clinic for Children with Chronic and Complex Needs \$95,000**

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, in collaboration with Florida Pediatric Associates and Children's Medical Services, provides a medical home through a comprehensive primary care practice that addresses the special health care needs of children with complex medical conditions. The program coordinates specialty care, addresses psychosocial concerns for the family and provides continuity of care during hospitalizations. The funds will be used to assist children from economically disadvantaged families to access the clinic and its services.

**BayCare Health System, Clearwater, Florida
St. Joseph Hospital: Indigent Prescription Program \$36,000**

This program will assist with providing prescription medication to maintain and improve the health of St. Joseph's Hospital patients who are uninsured or underinsured and do not have the resources to pay for the medication they need.

**BayCare Health System, Clearwater, Florida
Morton Plant Mease: Palliative Care Program \$34,000**

Morton Plant Mease's palliative care program provides high-quality, compassionate care to patients with advanced chronic or life-limiting illnesses, while striving to reduce suffering and improve quality of life. The program, working with local hospice organizations, offers clinical, social and spiritual support for patients and their families - empowering patients and families to have a voice in decisions about the patient's care and quality of life. Unlike a hospice patient, a palliative care patient is not always needing end-of-life care and still may be seeking curative treatments for their illness, but like a hospice patient, they require care that relieves suffering and improves quality of life.

BayCare Health System, Clearwater, Florida

St. Anthony's Hospital Palliative Care Program \$34,000

St. Anthony's will educate staff and physicians and develop the process for our patients in conjunction with the local Hospice. The program will be enhanced to better serve patients and provide more appropriate resources to assist the patients and families during difficult times.

BayCare Health System, Clearwater, Florida

Faith Community Nursing \$201,000

The Faith Community Nurse program is a community-based health ministry, celebrating its 18th anniversary in 2009, which extends the healing mission of the BayCare Health System, especially in the areas of prevention of illness and promotion and maintenance of wellness. The overall goal of the practice is to assist faith community members in reaching optimum health through coordination of resources to meet physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs. Allegany Franciscan Ministries has provided funding for the program since 1999. The funds will expand programs into other congregations and support more people affected by our economy.