



# Fall 2011 Grant Cycle

**Total Amount Awarded: \$164,894**

## Organization / Amount Funded

### **Children's Coalition for NELA - \$87,894**

We envision expanding our current initiatives involving fitness and safety into a total health and safety education program for children and families. We will incorporate a focus on Latino families on the same topics including areas that are specific to the Spanish speaking communities in our region. Our main areas of focus will include: Nutrition and Fitness, Child Passenger Safety and Safe Sleep. We will also include water and bicycle safety as seasonally appropriate. In the area of nutrition and fitness, we will partner with the LSU AgCenter and their traveling kitchen to offer hands-on education on proper nutrition and weight management and will create a Speaker's Series to bring in experts in the areas of nutrition, fitness and lifestyle disease management. In the area of Child Passenger Safety, we will work to educate parents, children, child care centers and community on the importance of the proper use of car seats as well as serve as a semi-monthly fitting station to educate parents on the proper installation and use of car seats. We will serve as a resource for installation of car seats for children with special needs and will work to educate local hospitals and therapists to become technicians certified in this area. We will also serve as a resource to provide car seats as needed. In the area of Safe Sleep, we will educate parents and caregivers on Back to Sleep campaign and creating a safe sleep environment. We will also provide pack and plays as needed. We will continue to partner with our local SHARE support group to offer grief resources for families in the loss of an infant.

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### **Family Promise of Ouachita - \$60,000**

Family Promise is a Transitional Homeless Shelter working with low income families with minor children that have become homeless due to financial disasters or job loss. We offer them a safe place while working with them to find permanent employment and housing. Through the time they are in the shelter and after we offer Financial Budgeting Classes, Primary Health, and Family Counseling & Jobs for Life. We also keep our families together which promotes happier healthier families in a time when things are most difficult. Our Case Manager lays out a strategic plan for each family. Our project is to expand our services to better assist our families in the community.

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### **NELA Children's Museum – 5,000**

Project will expand and make self-sustaining, a proven program for children in grades 1-5 that teaches and promotes healthy lifestyles. Program serves all twelve parishes in NELA. Presented on-site in students' classrooms, program features "Stuffee", a portable nine-foot doll that unzips to reveal body organs and their functions. An accompanying presentation is grounded in the AAFP curriculum, "Ready, Set, FIT!" that has documented impact on children's understanding and adoption of healthy eating choices and increased physical activity. While the program reaches an average of 2,000 children annually, requested funding would increase the number of children reached to 10,000 annually, as well as their projected 28,000 family members reached with take-home materials. Funds will help purchase the equipment needed to expand and sustain the project and also pay a portion of first year's operating expenses which will allow the program to proceed immediately and be self-sustaining in future operating years. 75% of the children served are from low-income families as indicated by their eligibility for free and reduced lunch programs (La Dept.of Education). Success is measured by pre and post-tests of participating children and teacher surveys. Staff who oversee the project include a certified teacher with a B.S degree and seven years' teaching experience as well as 15 years' experience developing and presenting the "Stuffee" program.

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### **St. Francis Medical Center - \$2,000**

"Once Upon A Time" pediatric symposium will be held April 13, 2012, at the Monroe Civic Center. The mission is to improve the health of the pediatric population of North Louisiana by improving their access to quality healthcare services. Experts from around the United States in various pediatric fields will provide cutting edge information regarding pediatric health issues to nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians and students. The symposium draws 300+ healthcare providers each year from Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas. Experts provide presentations on topics such as sudden death, obesity, risks of plastic surgery, second-hand smoke, the future of health care, urinary problems, immunizations, sports injuries, drugs, oral/dental issues, depression, cardiopulmonary concerns and teenage issues.

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### **ULM - \$10,000**

The mobile dental hygiene unit is helping to address issues of affordability and accessibility to dental care services. The purpose of this project is to expand the area of dental services to include other Northeast Louisiana parishes. Funds are requested for operational expenses and supplies for the Mobile Dental Hygiene Unit. Through a federal grant, a mobile dental hygiene unit was purchased with two goals in mind: providing care to citizens in rural parishes of Louisiana while providing community clinical experience to dental hygiene students. Provision of these services on the MDHU is helping to address affordability and accessibility to dental care. Underserved children and adults receive clinical and educational services creating an oral health awareness for the entire family.

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## Additional LWF Initiatives

### Children's Book Series

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### School Based Health Clinics

#### History

- Riser Clinic opened Jan. 7, 2002 & WMHS Clinic opened Sept. 28, 2007
- Funded by grant from OPH-ASHI in amount of approximately \$130,000 annually
- Sponsor provides a minimum of 20% matching funds (also funded by billing). Sponsor must be nonprofit. OPSB and Living Well Foundation collaborated to sponsor SBHC
- OPSB provides building, maintenance and utilities
- 3 year contract with OPH expires June 30, 2013, renewable upon meeting contract requirements

#### Services Rendered:

- Acute illness diagnosis & treatment (includes labwork – strep, mono, HGB, Glu, urinalysis, etc.)
- Management of chronic illness
- Comprehensive and sports physicals
- Immunizations
- Vision, Hearing, Diabetes, HTN screenings with referrals
- Mental health counseling
- Dental hygiene clinic (Riser)

2 Clinics: 1. Riser Clinic - Serves Riser Elementary, Riser Middle, Lenwil, Riverbend, Crosley  
2. WMHS Clinic - Serves WMHS, Boley and OPAC

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