



Living Well Foundation Announces Grant Awards

The Board of Directors of the Living Well Foundation announces that grants for the Fall 2016 Grant Cycle have been awarded. The priority for this grant cycle was Access to Healthcare with a focus on all ages and support for medical, dental, and mental health programs in order to provide accessible, affordable healthcare.

A total of \$325,191 was awarded to 17 agencies, including ARCO for physical and occupational therapies for young children, the Autism Center at ULM for expanded services, the Center for Children and Families to implement a new model of mental health services as one of only 2 agencies selected by the state, the Children's Coalition to expand the suicide intervention program at schools, the Downtown and Greater Ouachita Lions Clubs "CubSight" project for early detection of vision impairment in all pre-k and kindergarten children in Ouachita Parish, Franklin Medical Center in Winnsboro for placement of a psychiatric nurse practitioner in schools, Life Choices of North Central LA in Ruston for cooking and nutrition classes for young disadvantaged parents, MedCamps for special equipment for focused summer camp programs for kids with medical conditions, Ouachita Parish School Board for access to "GoNoodle" online programming to increase activity and mental performance for elementary students, Our H.O.M.E. with the Ouachita Regional Veterans Association for case management services for military veterans, the Outdoor Wilderness Learning (OWL) Center in Lincoln Parish to improve mental health through experiential activities including equine programs for Lincoln and Jackson Parishes at-risk youth, the Richland Parish Hospital for equipment related to diabetic retinal exams, the Salvation Army of Monroe for emergency lodging for the displaced within the community, Seeker Springs for mental health support services for at-risk youth through activities on campus at schools, St. Francis

Medical Center for tobacco cessation classes in rural communities, Union General Hospital in Farmerville for a medical van for transportation of low-income residents and the elderly for healthcare services, and Warren and Linda Trimble Ministries in Franklin Parish to expand after school activities for at-risk youth with professional services for families.

Courtney Hornsby, 2016 Vice-Chair of the Programs/Grant Review Committee of the Foundation states, "This cycle's focus on Access to Healthcare emphasized the need for new or expanded programs with special emphasis on long-term ongoing impact. Providing medical, dental, and mental health services that address the healthcare gaps in Region 8 is a focus at the Foundation. We are proud to support these worthy programs." Alice M. Proffit, President/CEO, adds, "The services provided will improve the health and well-being for those served in the parishes and will provide access to much-needed professional services."

Since 2008, the Living Well Foundation has provided over \$3,230,000 in grants to non-profit agencies within Ouachita Parish and the Foundation service area, which also includes Caldwell, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Richland, and Union Parishes. In addition to these grants, over \$1,812,700 has been provided for school-based health clinics. Non-profit agencies within these parishes that provide services for access to healthcare, or the improvement of health, or programs for pre-natal or infant care are encouraged to contact the Foundation to be added to the notification list and to apply during future grant cycles of the Living Well Foundation.

The Living Well Foundation was created in 2006 by the Hospital Service District #1 following the sale of Glenwood Regional Medical Center to IASIS Healthcare. Proceeds from the sale are invested, and earnings are used to award grants to area non-profit agencies through a formal grant review and determination process. More information on the Foundation is available at www.livingwellfoundation.net.