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Obici Healthcare Foundation Awards Nearly \$1.7 Million in Grants

(SUFFOLK, VA) May 30, 2013 – “The Obici Healthcare Foundation is pleased to announce the awarding of \$1.7 million in grants to 20 nonprofit organizations serving Western Tidewater and Gates County, NC,” said George Y. Birdsong, Foundation Chairman. Award amounts among new and renewed grantees range from \$20,000 to \$250,000.

“The Foundation Board of Directors and staff are excited by the quality of the programs being offered by this group of grantees committed to providing care in the Foundation’s service area,” Mr. Birdsong added.

The following is a listing of new grantees shown by organization names, program titles, award amounts and program description:

- **Cover 3 Foundation** \$20,000.00
To relocate the kitchen and administration to a larger facility enabling the feeding of more children.
- **Eastern Virginia Medical School** \$56,250.00
To engage medical residents and third-year medical students in giving care to patients at the Western Tidewater Free Clinic, thereby increasing medical care access.
- **Eastern Virginia Medical School** \$85,748.00
To raise reduce the risk of diabetes by educating physicians, conducting screenings and implementing a telephonic care management plan for referred patients.
- **Gateway Community Health Center** \$135,697.00
To expand services that support Gates County residents who are diabetic, pre-diabetic or at high risk for developing diabetes.
- **Isle of Wight Christian Outreach Program** \$100,000.00
To help remodel a facility where low-income persons can receive health and social services.
- **Isle of Wight Department of Social Services** \$73,107.00
For a proactive outreach program to increase the number of children and families enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS in Isle of Wight County.
- **Peninsula Institute for Community Health** \$250,000.00

To provide access to clinical intervention/primary care services for the diagnosis and management of diabetes and oral health.

- **Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia** \$75,000.00
For training Benefit Counselor volunteers in an expansion of the MedCare Access program.
- **Sentara Louise Obici Memorial Hospital** \$102,962.00
For a hospital-based, universal risk screening during pregnancy or at birth that connects new parents with appropriate community resources.
- **Suffolk Meals on Wheels** \$38,680.00
For meal delivery to seniors and disabled recipients who are homebound and/or home alone in Suffolk and Isle of Wight County.
- **Suffolk Partnership for a Healthy Community** \$186,100.00
For implementation of a 10-year community wellness plan that promotes active lifestyles, access to healthy foods and neighborhood engagement.
- **The Planning Council** \$63,869.00
To prevent and address obesity among children within private childcare settings and before/after school programs across Western Tidewater.
- **The Rensselaerville Institute** \$75,000.00
To define, track, achieve, communicate and improve results over the life of the Healthy People/Healthy Suffolk initiative.
- **The Up Center** \$61,381.00
To offer a traumatic stress symptom education and referral system to community providers and to conduct traumatic stress therapy for individuals referred.
- **Town of Smithfield** \$25,000.00
To continue Smithfield's community wellness initiative and to include incentives for SNAP households to shop at the Farmers Market for fresh produce.
- **Voices for Kids CASA Program** \$32,200.00
To expand advocacy services for children involved in Suffolk juvenile courts due to neglect and abuse.
- **Western Tidewater Community Services Board** \$112,500.00
For expanded outpatient pediatric counseling and psychiatry in Western Tidewater.
- **Western Tidewater Community Services Board** \$24,471.00
For medical care monitoring and intervention for participants with severe/profound intellectual disabilities and physical disabilities in the Day Support programs.
- **Western Tidewater Community Services Board** \$48,127.00
To support a telemedicine link to crisis services for children, adolescents and adults to each local law enforcement agencies and hospitals.
- **Western Tidewater Health District** \$147,650.00
To implement a national model - the Nurse Family Partnership program - to help reduce undesirable birth outcomes through education and provide nurse-case management, home visitations and transportation assistance for pregnant women in Suffolk and Isle of Wight County.

“Grants made by the Foundation continue Amedeo Obici’s legacy of improving the health status of people living in the service area,” noted Gina Pitrone, Foundation Executive Director. “Mr. Obici, the founder of Planter’s Peanuts, was successful in business and passionate about helping the people in Western Tidewater and Gates County, NC.”

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About the Obici Healthcare Foundation: This private foundation was created in 2006 with assets established through the generosity of Mr. Obici and funds from the merger of Louise Obici Memorial Hospital and Sentara Healthcare. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$24 million in grant funding.