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**Obici Healthcare Foundation Awards over \$1.3M in Grants to Nine Nonprofit Partners**

(SUFFOLK, VA) Sept. 10, 2018 – The Obici Healthcare Foundation has awarded over \$46 million in grants since 2006. The fall 2018 grant awards total over \$1.3M and represent funding to 9 nonprofit partners serving Western Tidewater and Gates County, North Carolina. “Grants awarded in this funding cycle have a one-year timeline to ensure these partnerships continue as we transition to a new strategic grantmaking focus,” said CEO Annette Beuchler.

The Western Tidewater Free Clinic will receive a grant of \$595,000.00 in this grant cycle. The clinic offers care to the uninsured, regardless of the patient’s ability to pay and understands and addresses the challenges and opportunities of working with their patients. The funding will provide resources for staffing and additional pharmacy costs needed to serve an increased number of clinic patients. “We are proud to continue our partnership with the Western Tidewater Free Clinic as well as other nonprofit partners working to improve the health status of the area served by the Foundation,” stated Scott Carr, Obici Healthcare Foundation Chairman.

The nonprofit partners receiving grants ranging from \$25,000 up to \$595,000 include:

<b>Albemarle Regional Health Services</b>	<b>\$84,536.00</b>
<i>Gates County Behavioral Health Program</i>	
To employ telehealth to provide behavioral health services to residents of Gates County, North Carolina.	
<b>Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Virginia</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<i>Triple Play: Mind, Body, and Soul</i>	
To implement a dynamic wellness program, Triple Play, designed to help club members create opportunities to take charge of their personal health and wellness.	
<b>Eastern Virginia Medical School</b>	<b>\$135,073.00</b>
<i>EVMS Strelitz Diabetes Center Clinic at Western Tidewater Free Clinic</i>	
To support the provision of consultative endocrine care to diabetic patients of the Western Tidewater Free Clinic; and to support community diabetes screenings and education throughout the service area.	
<b>ForKids, Inc.</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<i>Strengthening the Safety Net</i>	

To support medical and mental health coordination for families and children experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

**Girls on the Run**

**\$25,000.00**

*Healthy, Joyful, Confident Girls in Western Tidewater*

To inspire girls in Western Tidewater to be joyful, healthy, and confident using fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running.

**Horizon Health Services, Inc.**

**\$100,000.00**

*The Ivor Dental Center*

To provide dental services as part of an overall integrated service delivery model for the clinic.

**Virginia Legal Aid Society**

**\$150,000.00**

*Medicaid Access in a Transition Year for Virginia*

To provide additional legal services and community outreach to educate and assist with enrollment of eligible residents in preparation for Virginia's Medicaid expansion in January 2019.

**Western Tidewater Free Clinic**

**\$595,000.00**

*Access to Comprehensive Healthcare*

To support the clinic in providing comprehensive healthcare for the uninsured in Western Tidewater.

**Western Tidewater Community Services Board**

**\$112,400.00**

*Integrated Psychiatry and Wrap Around Care Coordinator*

To provide psychiatric support to adult patients at the Western Tidewater Free Clinic and initiate Youth and Young Adult Case Management services in the service area.

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*About the Obici Healthcare Foundation: The Obici Healthcare Foundation is a private foundation established in 2006 from the sale of Louise Obici Memorial Hospital to Sentara Healthcare. Since its inception the Foundation has awarded over \$46 million in grant funding.*