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Obici Healthcare Foundation Awards \$1.8 Million in Grants

(SUFFOLK, VA) October 13, 2016 – The Obici Healthcare Foundation has awarded a \$15,562.00, one-year grant to Tidewater Community College’s Academy for Nonprofit Excellence, a new program grantee of the Foundation.

Improving the capacity of our grantees is an important goal of the Obici Healthcare Foundation. This grant funds a new pilot program targeted specifically for nonprofit organizations’ senior staff and will provide timely, relevant information relating to volunteer management, personnel, organizational change and board topics. This pilot program is projected to serve between 15 and 30 nonprofit executives.

“The Obici Healthcare Foundation is pleased to announce the awarding of over \$1.8 million in grants to 22 nonprofit organizations serving Western Tidewater,” said J. Samuel Glasscock, Foundation chairman. Award amounts among new and renewed grantees range from \$15,562.00 to \$500,000.

“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. Glasscock added.

The successful Fall 2016 (Round 19) grantees are listed below by organization name, award amount, program title and program description:

Albemarle Regional Health Services, \$75,000.00

Gates County Diabetes Care: To reduce morbidity, mortality and costs among pre-diabetics and diabetics residing in Gates County, NC.

American Diabetes Association, \$35,305.00

Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) Program Extension: To train ambassadors in the high health-risk communities in Franklin and Southampton County, to raise awareness of diabetes and to stress the importance of early detection and disease management.

Eastern Virginia Medical School, \$41,269.00

Igniting Change: Western Tidewater Healthy Faith & Communities Project - To develop collaborative strategies that create policy, systems and environmental changes that will result in healthy food choices and physical activity through churches, public housing and community organizations.

Eastern Virginia Medical School, \$500,000.00

Specialty Care Center: Suffolk - To establish a Specialty Care Center that will focus on the detection, prevention and management of diabetes and its most common complications.

Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, \$25,000.00

A Strategy for Success: To develop a five-year strategic plan that will promote diet-related good health to Western Tidewater's low income population to provide a means of transition from food pantry client to self-sustainability.

ForKids, Inc., \$45,000.00

Healthcare Support for Homeless Families: To improve the health of poor and homeless families in Western Tidewater through intensive case management, access to stable housing, permanent supportive housing and referrals to community resources.

ForKids, Inc., \$25,000.00

Planning & Design Phase of New Suffolk Service Center: To plan and design a new trauma-informed facility that will serve Suffolk and Western Tidewater.

Franklin City Department of Social Services, \$32,070.00

Medicaid Outreach and Retention: To increase the number of children and families enrolled and renewed in Medicaid and FAMIS.

Girls on the Run South Hampton Roads, \$37,100.00

Healthy, Joyful, Confident Girls in Western Tidewater: To support the expansion of the program in Western Tidewater in 10 schools and community centers.

Horizon Health Services, Inc., \$100,000.00

Access to Oral Health Services: To provide dental care and smoking cessation services in the Franklin, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Surry and Sussex service areas.

Isle of Wight Christian Outreach Program, \$20,000.00

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for Economically Disadvantaged: To coordinate donations and to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for the program's food delivery service.

Suffolk Meals on Wheels, \$24,085.00

Delivery Van Replacement: To purchase a replacement delivery vehicle for the distribution and delivery of meals.

Suffolk Partnership for a Healthy Community, \$22,500.00

Suffolk on the Move: To fund a walking coordinator to increase the registration and sustainability of Walking Groups within businesses, schools and civic/faith based organizations.

The Children's Center, \$20,000.00

Deck Replacement: To renovate a wooden deck that allows preschoolers to recreate, particularly on rainy days when playground equipment is unusable.

The Planning Council, \$25,000.00

Oral Health Care Promotion in Childcare: To conduct a planning grant that will assess and understand the oral healthcare needs of children ages 0-5 years in early childcare programs in Western Tidewater.

The Planning Council, \$42,665.00

Farm to Childcare - Implementing a community based model for healthy eating in Western Tidewater: To implement a well-researched model that connects local producers of fresh fruits and vegetables to childcare programs in Western Tidewater.

Tidewater Community College's Academy for Nonprofit Excellence, \$15,562.00

Nonprofit Executive Round Table Series: To provide capacity building support to local nonprofit agencies.

Virginia Legal Aid Society, \$100,000.00

Medical Access Project (MAP): To help disabled clients navigate the complex Medicaid and Medicare application and appeals processes.

Voices for Kids CASA Program, \$25,000.00

Expanding Advocacy for Children with Medical and Mental Health Needs: To expand advocacy services for children involved in Suffolk juvenile courts due to neglect and abuse.

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Walk In It, Inc., \$25,000.00

Ladies of Distinction: To fund an after-school program that encourages healthy self-esteem, healthy decision making skills and healthy lifestyles by educating for better food choices, regular exercise and the importance of academics and school attendance.

Western Tidewater Community Services Board, \$75,000.00

Outpatient Medical Detox: To continue the first outpatient medical detoxification program that provides daily testing, counseling, support and referral services to substance abusers.

Western Tidewater Free Clinic, Inc., \$500,000.00

Expand Access to Comprehensive Healthcare: To provide operational support for medical and dental care and chronic disease management of uninsured patients.

“Grants made by the Foundation continue Amedeo Obici’s legacy of improving the health status of people living in the service area,” noted Angelica Light, Foundation Interim 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 awarded \$38 million in grant funding.