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Obici Healthcare Foundation Awards \$2.3 Million in Grants

(SUFFOLK, VA) May 11, 2016 – The Obici Healthcare Foundation has awarded a \$15,000, one-year grant to Nursing CAPS, Inc., a first-time grantee of the Foundation.

The grant will allow the agency, which serves middle and high school students, to emphasize the importance of healthy eating and active living along with their nursing/medical career education curriculum.

“The Obici Healthcare Foundation is pleased to announce the awarding of over \$2.3 million in grants to 29 nonprofit organizations serving Western Tidewater,” said J. Samuel Glasscock, Foundation Chairman. Award amounts among new and renewed grantees range from \$10,000 to \$357,859.

“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 Round 19 grantees are listed below by organization name, award amount, program title and program description:

Albemarle Regional Health Services, \$50,000

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

Department of Parks & Recreation, \$75,000.00

Seaboard Coastline Trail - Phase 4B: To construct a mile-long trail located in North Suffolk for walkers and bikers.

Department of Parks & Recreation, \$75,000.00

Lake Kennedy Park Trail: To build a paved, quarter-mile trail at Lake Kennedy Park that complements its amenities, such as basketball courts, a picnic area and playground equipment.

Eastern Virginia Medical School, \$45,000.00

EVMS Continuity of Care for Western Tidewater: To provide access to basic healthcare to uninsured Western Tidewater Free Clinic patients by engaging medical residents, third-year medical and physician assistant students.

Franklin City Public Schools, \$62,500.00

Division School Psychologist: To provide students and families of Franklin City Public Schools with access to behavioral health services.

Hope Focus Center, \$75,000.00

Experience Center Sportsplex: To renovate the annex building of the Experience Center into a Sportsplex facility that will provide exercise and recreation for all ages in Franklin, Virginia.

HumanKind, \$29,145.00

Intellectual Disability and Chronic Illness Wellness Program: To provide Zuni residents with intellectual disabilities with wellness education on healthy eating, physical activity and understanding managing their chronic disease.

Isle of Wight County Department of Social Services, \$65,796.00

Enroll Isle of Wight: For a proactive outreach program to increase the number of children and families enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS in Isle of Wight County.

Nursing CAP, Inc., \$15,000.00

Encouraging Students to Choose Healthy Lifestyles and a Health Related Career Path: To encourage students to choose nursing and other healthcare careers and implement comprehensive obesity prevention program that focuses on healthy eating and active living.

Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, \$37,500.00

Medication and Care Access Resource Program: To provide low-income seniors and persons with disabilities in Western Tidewater with outreach services to apply for eligible benefits through Medicare and Medicaid.

Sentara Obici Hospital, \$136,021.00

Bridging the Gap in Maternal Infant Home Visiting Services: To provide high-risk expectant families and new parents living of Western Tidewater with case management and home-visiting support to increase infant survival rate.

Southeastern Virginia Health System, \$200,000.00

Main Street Dental Program: To provide access to comprehensive oral healthcare services for Western Tidewater residents.

Suffolk Family YMCA, \$30,000.00

ADA Compliant Portable Pool Lifts: To provide pool lifts that allow persons with physical limitations to participate in various water aerobics at Camp Arrowhead and the Suffolk Family YMCA.

Suffolk Meals on Wheels, \$62,634.00

Emergency Meals for Need-Based Recipients: To provide short-term emergency meals to at-risk and need-based patients transitioning home from the hospital with one or more health issues.

Suffolk Partnership for a Healthy Community, \$164,298.00

Planning the Partnership's Future: To create a culture of wellness in Suffolk by working to implement policy change at the city and community level by serving as a convener, advocate and promoter of wellness by engaging citizens in taking responsibility for their own personal wellness and for creating a community that values wellness as a key driver of livability.

Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, \$25,000.00

Living Healthy and Smoke-Free in Public Housing: To raise awareness among residents of public housing communities in Suffolk about the health hazards from secondhand smoke in public places and reduce the number of smokers.

The King's Daughters, \$10,000

New CHKD Transport Unit: To fund a medical transport unit specifically equipped for pediatric transport that is often used in lifesaving situations.

The Up Center, \$58,884.00

Western Tidewater Training and Behavioral Health Program: To provide individuals and families with trauma informed care and counseling services.

United Way of South Hampton Roads, \$81,827.00

Learning and Enrichment for Academic Progress (LEAP): To offer programming during the summer that provides children with basic health screenings, physical activities, nutritious meals and tutoring as well as trauma-informed care training for participating teachers.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, \$75,000.00

Local Produce to Suffolk Food Deserts: To implement the Good Health Farmer's Market delivery to Suffolk residents in identified food deserts.

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A Fresh Start: One Meal at a Time: To address the lack of cooking skills, a major barrier in adapting healthy eating behaviors, the "Cooking Matters" curriculum will be provided and complemented by in-store training to include shopping, reading product labels and determining best cost food combinations.

VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads, \$22,500.00

2016 Service Enterprise Initiative: To reinvent how to best utilize volunteers, organizations participate in a yearlong process of training, coaching, creation and implementation of a comprehensive volunteer action plan that increases the organization's effectiveness to fulfill their mission.

Western Tidewater Community Services Board, \$92,827.00

Whole Health Action Management: To provide the seriously mentally ill (SMI) population in Western Tidewater with trained peer providers who will educate, monitor and assist with their chronic disease management to individuals enrolled.

Western Tidewater Community Services Board, \$357,859.00

Shared Psychiatric Services: To provide uninsured and under insured adults with access to community based psychiatric services for behavioral health care that is necessary in order to maintain their stability in the community.

Western Tidewater Community Services Board, \$109,236.00

Mobile Crisis Outreach: To provide Western Tidewater residents with integrated outpatient counseling by trained clinical staff at local shelters, community health centers and clinics.

Western Tidewater Community Services Board, \$75,000.00

Pretrial Services: To establish a program that will assess and assist individuals with behavioral health diagnosis to prevent incarceration, receive treatment and case management in a place-based setting.

Western Tidewater Health District, \$140,422.00

Nurse Family Partnership Program: To implement a national model - Nurse Family - to improve prenatal health, child health and development through age two in Franklin, Suffolk and Isle of Wight County.

Windsor Athletic Association, \$25,000.00

The Home Plate Playground: To install playground equipment for children ages 2-12 adjacent to the Windsor Athletic Association baseball diamonds.

YMCA of South Hampton Roads, \$55,856.00

Diabetes Prevention Program: To proactively address the prevalence of pre-diabetes by implementing a risk-reduction model for Western Tidewater residents based on a national best practice.

“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.