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**Obici Healthcare Foundation Awards \$1.75 Million in Grants**

(SUFFOLK, VA) April 24, 2017 – “The Obici Healthcare Foundation is pleased to announce the awarding of over \$1.75 million in grants to 19 nonprofit organizations serving Western Tidewater,” said, R. Scott Carr, Foundation chairman. Award amounts among new and renewed grantees range from \$15,000.00 to \$268,395.

“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. Carr added.

The Obici Healthcare Foundation has awarded a \$30,000.00 grant to RAM (Remote Area Medical) of Virginia, a new grantee of the Foundation.

The grant will support the Southside Remote Area Medical clinic by providing free primary medical care, mental health services, dental services, vision services, prescription assistance, and nutrition and health education to the community. This two-day clinic will be held on June 24 and 25 in Emporia, Virginia, and will serve the entire Southside region of Virginia which include Western Tidewater. Community partners include Virginia Commonwealth University Medical School, Eastern Virginia Medical School, George Washington Medical School, local Community Services Boards, Lab Corp, the Lion’s Club, Mission of Mercy (MOM) dental services, local medical providers and Eta Phi Chi Chapter.

The other successful Spring 2017 grantees are listed below by organization name, award amount, program title and program description:

<b>Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia</b>	<b>\$163,071.00</b>
Western Tidewater Dental Voucher Program, Dental Vouchers will be available for financially eligible residents of Western Tidewater to receive acute dental care at participating dental clinics, health centers and private practices	
<b>Cover 3 Foundation</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
Expanding Meal Delivery to Defeat Childhood Hunger, To support a refrigerated vehicle and updated kitchen equipment for food safety meal preparation and delivery to feed children in after-school and summer USDA programs.	

<b>Eastern Virginia Medical School</b>	\$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.	
<b>Girl Scout Council of the Colonial Coast</b>	\$15,000.00
Capital Improvements to Camp Darden to Support Healthy and Active Lifestyles	
To support capital improvements to Camp Darden's ropes course and new outdoor climbing wall for cardio and strength training for Girl Scouts and adults from Western Tidewater.	
<b>Hope Focus Center</b>	\$42,500.00
Experience Center - Commercial Kitchen:	
To renovate the interior structure of the facility to provide space for a commercial kitchen that will support healthy living activities for the residents of Franklin.	
<b>KaBOOM!, Inc.</b>	\$25,000.00
City of Franklin Community-Build Playground Project:	
To support the building of a community playground to encourage Franklin, Virginia, children to enjoy active lifestyles and exercise.	
<b>Nursing CAP, Inc.</b>	\$26,750.00
Encouraging Students to Choose Healthy Lifestyles and A Health-Related Career Path:	
To encourage students to practice healthy lifestyles and to choose a healthcare related career path.	
<b>Sentara Obici Hospital</b>	\$90,681.00
Bridging the Gap in Maternal Infant Home Visiting Services:	
To provide high risk expectant families and new parents with case management and home visiting support to increase infant survival rate.	
<b>Sentara Obici Hospital</b>	\$65,229.00
Community Care Coordination Grant:	
To provide critically chronic ill patients access to a stable medical home and to foster patient engagement via Chronic Disease Management using a case management model.	
<b>Southeastern Virginia Health System</b>	\$200,000.00
Main Street Dental Program:	
To provide access to comprehensive oral healthcare services for Western Tidewater residents.	
<b>Suffolk Meals on Wheels</b>	\$46,975.50
Emergency Meals for Need-Based Recipients:	
To provide short-term emergency meals to at-risk patients transitioning home from the hospital with one or more health issues	

<b>Suffolk Partnership for a Healthy Community, Inc dba Healthy Suffolk</b>	<b>\$164,298.00</b>
Planning the Partnership's Future: To fund policy change, community engagement, philanthropy, organizational structure, staffing, the formation of a Health Coalition and growth strategies for a culture of health in Suffolk.	
<b>The Genieve Shelter</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>
Victim's Access to Transportation for Healthcare and Mental Health Services: To provide capital support in the replacement of two vehicles.	
<b>The Up Center</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
Western Tidewater Trauma Informed Counseling Collaborative Partnership: To continue providing individuals and families with trauma informed care and counseling services in Western Tidewater.	
<b>United Way of South Hampton Roads - United for Children</b>	<b>\$54,551.00</b>
Learning and Enrichment for Academic Progress (LEAP): To support a learning and enrichment six-week summer school for low academic level Suffolk elementary children that includes healthy meals, physical fitness, access to basic hearing, vision and oral health care, behavioral health assessment and intervention, and staff development on trauma-informed care of students.	
<b>VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads</b>	<b>\$16,875.00</b>
2017 Service Enterprise Initiative: To fund a program to increase the effectiveness and efficiencies in the volunteer operations of two nonprofit organizations for the benefit of the communities they serve.	
<b>Western Tidewater Community Services Board</b>	<b>\$61,885.00</b>
Whole Health Action Management: To train peer providers who will educate, monitor and assist enrolled peers with chronic disease management.	
<b>Western Tidewater Community Services Board</b>	<b>\$268,395.25</b>
Shared Psychiatric Service: To provide uninsured and under insured adults with access to community based psychiatric services for behavioral health care.	
<b>Western Tidewater Health District</b>	<b>\$140,422.00</b>
Nurse-Family Partnership Program: To address high-risk, low-income, first-time pregnancies with a maternal/infant/child evidenced-based home nurse visitation service for mothers in Suffolk, Franklin and Isle of Wight County.	
<b>YMCA of South Hampton Roads</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
Creating a Healthier Community: through easier access to Chronic Disease Prevention & Restorative Health Programs in the New "Transitions" Expansion: To support center-wide renovations to better serve members through wellness programs, obesity prevention, chronic disease management and exercise.	

**YMCA of South Hampton Roads**

\$37,237.00

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 program.

“Grants made by the Foundation continue Amedeo Obici’s legacy of improving the health status of people living in the service area,” noted Annette Beuchler, Foundation President and CEO. “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 \$42.5 million in grant funding.*