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**GREATER ROCHESTER HEALTH FOUNDATION AWARDS NEARLY \$300,000 IN
COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANTS**

Increased Funding Requests for Projects Supporting Behavioral Health

ROCHESTER, N.Y., November 23, 2015 – The Greater Rochester Health Foundation is proud to announce funding for the second 2015 cycle of Community Health Grants. 27 organizations in the Greater Rochester area will receive a combined \$300,000 in funding to help meet critical community needs related to health and well-being.

Five organizations requested funding for projects specifically dedicated to behavioral health. Three projects will focus specifically on supporting children’s behavioral, social and emotional health needs. The fourth project will educate the community on the challenges individuals with behavioral health issues face and the fifth project works with individuals with traumatic brain injuries to improve their independent living skills. These grantees include:

- [Generation Two: Creating Intergenerational Friendships Inc.](#)
- [Pittsford Youth Services, Inc.](#)
- [Rush-Henrietta School-Age Child Care Program](#)
- [Mental Health Association in Genesee/Orleans Counties](#)
- [Hickok Center for Brain Injury, Inc.](#)

“Behavioral health is a major local, regional and national health concern,” said John Urban, president and CEO of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation. “We’re proud to provide funding to organizations that have a specific focus not only on addressing critical behavioral health needs, but community organizations that are working to make a large impact to improve the health in the Greater Rochester area.”

In addition, 22 other organizations also received Community Health Grant funding. These organizations support a variety of initiatives critical to the community:

- [Adapted Recreation Services](#)
- [Borinquen Dance Theatre, Inc.](#)
- Eastern Service Workers Association

- [Encompass Resources for Learning](#)
- [Family Restoration Project, Inc.](#)
- [Focus on the Children](#)
- [Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library](#)
- [Friends of Ganondagan](#)
- [Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley](#)
- [Holy Cross School](#)
- [In Christ New Hope Ministry, Inc.](#)
- [Journey Home Inc.](#)
- [Livingston County Office for the Aging](#)
- [Mercy Community Services](#)
- [New Born Fellowship](#)
- [Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts](#)
- [Savannah Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Seton Catholic School](#)
- [Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach](#)
- [St. Peter's Episcopal Church](#)
- [The American Legion Post #899 Rayson Miller](#)
- Togetherness in Love Community Center

Community Health Grants are a new funding opportunity that began in 2014. The Greater Rochester Health Foundation board established the new grant opportunity for smaller non-profit organizations, departments, or programs whose good works might not qualify for the Health Foundation's larger, longer-term grants.

The grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and are intended to support a variety of short-term, health-benefiting activities or organizations whose primary mission is health services and/or health promotion.

About Greater Rochester Health Foundation:

The mission of Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to improve the health status of residents of the Greater Rochester community, including people whose unique health care needs have not been met because of race, ethnicity, or income. For more information, please visit www.thegrhf.org.

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