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## Local organizations awarded a combined \$200K

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The Greater Rochester Health Foundation has announced the 19 organizations selected to receive a combined \$200,000 in funding for the first 2016 cycle of Community Health Grants. These funds are awarded to smaller organizations that help meet important community needs related to health and well-being. Grants awarded in this round address a wide range of health-related needs, including:

Isaiah House: Enlarge and renovate kitchens in the home, providing end-of-life care for Rochester's homeless people and those with few resources. Renovations will allow wheelchair entry to the kitchen, more space for patient and family socialization, and meal preparation;

Town of East Bloomfield: Construct a full-sized half basketball court at Veterans Park in Bloomfield to offer basketball activities to youth and adults in Bloomfield and surrounding towns;

St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center Inc.: Address structural racism within organizations that provide health and behavioral health services to low-income people of color and graduate students preparing for work in poor communities;

Yates County Community Services: Provide mental health first aid or youth mental health first aid to staff of organizations in regular contact with the public (police, library, social services, etc.) and interested citizens to increase awareness of mental illnesses, reduce stigma and encourage appropriate responses to people experiencing mental health crises.

The remaining 15 organizations receiving Community Health Grant funding support for a variety of initiatives important to the community: Ainsley's Angels of America; Black Physicians Network of Greater Rochester Inc.; Catholic Charities of Livingston County; Earthworks Institute Inc.; Genesee Waterways Center Inc.; Joint Heirs Kingdom Ministries; New Life Presbyterian Church; New Visions Community Services Inc.; Orleans County Health Department; REBOUND6K; RESOLVE of Greater Rochester Inc.; St. Joseph School; St. Kateri School; The Partnership for Ontario County; Urban League of Rochester, NY Inc.

“In just three years, Community Health Grants have supported the work of over 100 small organizations that are making key contributions to health and wellness across our region,” said Diane Larter, program consultant, Greater Rochester Health Foundation.

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