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Adams County Community Foundation Grants \$127,913 to 33 Local Nonprofits

July 18, 2017

(Adams County, PA) The Adams County Community Foundation awarded grants totaling \$127,913 on July 18, 2017 to 33 Adams County nonprofits serving the people of Adams County, PA. Grantee projects aim to improve the quality of life across the county.

ACCF grant recipients provide food and shelter, educate and inform our children, provide vital health and human services, and enrich our lives with recreational and arts opportunities says Lisa Donohoe, Director of Community Programs at ACCF. Several grants went to first responders to provide tools for emergency assistance.

Funds for this year's grants came from the Thomas E. & Florence B. Metz Fund, the Margaret Trew Cline Youth & Families Fund, the Community Impact Fund, the Rita & Fred Diehl Endowment Fund, the Ben Franklin Fund, the Donald H. & Mildred C. Hershey Fund, the M.C. Jones Fund, the John R. White Fund, the George H. & Roberta B. Wood Fund, and the Gail and Peter Hull Fund, notes Ron Bailey, ACCF Trustee and Grant Distribution Committee Chair. The Community Foundation's Distribution Committee, with members representing the Community Foundation board and the community at-large reviewed 44 proposals from 41 Adams County nonprofit organizations.

Distribution Committee members and Community Foundation staff reviewed each proposal, met with the organization's staff and volunteers, and assessed the impact each request would have on Adams County.

In addition to the grants announced today, the Distribution Committee set aside an additional \$32,500 to address the lack of affordable housing and other initiatives identified in the 2015 Adams County Needs Assessment. Another \$20,000 will be distributed as matching funds at the Annual Giving Spree sponsored by the

Community Foundation this November, providing extra support for over 60 Adams County nonprofits.

Since its founding in 1985, the Adams County Community Foundation has awarded more than \$2.6 million in grants to hundreds of nonprofit organizations serving Adams County residents. Some grants provide funds for operational expenses, while others target specific projects and capital investments.

The total awarded demonstrates both the power of collective grant-making and the Community Foundation's commitment to helping Adams County residents thrive and succeed.

2017 Adams County Community Foundation Grant Awards

Adams Community Television

2017 Rent Support

Grant: \$1,000

Adams Community Television (ACT) delivers programs that have direct impact and interest to inform and entertain the community. Programming includes a focus on collaborating with local civic organizations, schools, government entities, and health care providers, and assisting nonprofit organizations that help those in need.

Adams County Arts Council

New Membership Challenge and Eat Smart Play Hard

Grant: \$6,000

Funds will support a new membership campaign and hands-on activities in the Eat Smart/Play Hard program which strives to encourage young people to make healthy choices to improve their lives and those of their current and future families.

Adams County Library System

Website Development

Grant: \$10,452

The upgrade will expand the website's capacity system-wide, serving as a "digital branch" for the increasing requests for digital library services and expanding accessibility for those with vision impairment, attention and focus disorders, dyslexia, and language barriers. The site will also support patrons who need information and resources in a language other than English.

Adams County SPCA

Neuter 4 Life Spay and Neuter Program

Grant: \$6,000

In the past three years there have been 27 rabid cats in Adams County identified by the SPCA. The funds will provide a rabies shot to each cat when Spayed/Neutered to address two critical issues: animal health and the health of residents.

Arendtsville Community Fire Co, Inc.

Tower Fire Apparatus Replacement & Upgrade

Grant: \$5,550

Funds will complete the refurbishment of the only 95-foot ladder truck in Adams County north of Gettysburg by replacing a leaking pump valve, eight main drive tires and expanding interior communications to all six crew positions.

Barlow Volunteer Fire Company

Equipment Replacement, Hazardous Atmosphere Detector

Grant: \$3,000

Funds will assist with the replacement of a gas detector, used for determining the presence of hazardous gases, including carbon monoxide, hydrogen, and cyanide, as well as oxygen levels, to determine the safety of structures for residents and firefighters.

Borough of Gettysburg

Biser Fitness Trail Relocation

Grant: \$10,000

Funds will help relocate 667 feet of the Biser Fitness Trail from the Gettysburg National Military Park. This trail is open to the public and serves residents and visitors of Adams County.

Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Department

Rescue Tool Project

Grant: \$8,500

Funds will help install the jaws of life rescue tool in the department's new fire truck.

Children's Aid Society

God's Closet Remodeling Project

Grant: \$5,000

Funds will upgrade a clothing bank for children with HVAC, a drop ceiling, and door treatment for efficiency and to make space conducive to a positive customer experience.

Collaborating for Youth

Youth Positive Messaging

Grant: \$2,207

To help students cope with anxiety and depression, a facilitator, with students from five Adams County public school districts, will capitalize on students' assets to make them more resilient to the everyday stressors of life.

Conewago Valley School District

Technology Integration in Family Consumer Sciences

Grant: \$4,504

The Family and Consumer Science Program at the Conewago Valley School District works to give students real life learning in such subjects as nutrition, cooking, child development, sewing, etc. This grant funds iPads which will be used by students to help them succeed in a technological world.

Cross Keys Community Park

Walking Trail Fitness Stations

Grant: \$2,000

Funds will provide the community, including school students, families, business, and retirement residents, a safe place to walk, run, exercise and socialize.

Diakon Child, Family and Community Ministries

Diakon Adoption & Foster Care: Connections Program

Grant: \$1,050

Funds will help those 13-21 understand the trauma that placed them in the social service system, determine who is in their support system and how to benefit from that support, and develop a plan for a successful future.

Dickinson College

2017 Migrant Labor Farm Health Outreach - Adams County

Grant: \$800

Funds will purchase and distribute "health kits" consisting of over-the-counter health items to migrant farm workers. A collaboration between Dickinson and Keystone Health, the program attempts to prevent larger health issues within the migrant worker community, estimated at 1,500 adults.

East Berlin Area Community Center

Building Rehabilitation – Replace Gym Windows

Grant: \$2,000

Fund will repair and replace eight picture windows which cannot be opened, with windows that can be opened for better air flow in the gymnasium.

Family First Health

Behavioral Health

Grant: \$10,000

Funds will increase the services of a Behavioral Health Specialist in the Gettysburg clinic to reduce larger behavior health problems before they become a crisis and to potentially lessen economic impact of work loss.

Gettysburg Brass Band Festival, Inc.

2018 Gettysburg Brass Band Festival

Grant: \$1,000

Funds to create a vibrant community, attract visitors to town and give local musicians an opportunity to perform in a post-school setting. In addition to the band performances, there is a community picnic, and a children's instrument "petting zoo" to spark interest in playing an instrument. Grant funding will enable 400 brass musicians from several states participate in the three day Festival in June 2018.

Gettysburg CARES

General Operating Support

Grant: \$10,000

The Resource Center connects the homeless to appropriate human services, health care, housing and employment opportunities through collaborative church and community partnerships. The Resource Center provides professional case management services, the use of showers, laundry facilities and computers.

Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra

Dvorak Concert - September 6, 2017

Grant: \$1,500

The purpose of the Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra is to cultivate interest in music through performances by professional musicians, engage Adams County musicians and to present concerts under the auspices of *Music, Gettysburg!* free of charge so all members of the community are able to attend concerts. The grant will fund two NYC soloists performing operatic arias, Broadway tunes, and duets.

Gettysburg Children's Choir

Scholarships and Special Honor Choir Events

Grant: \$1,100

Funds will support scholarships and Honor Choir fees for the 2017-2018 season including a winter concert, travel concert, spring concert, nursing home concert, and other performances as requested for community events.

Hamiltonban Township

Community Park Project

Grant: \$2,500

Funds will support the new community park project in Hamiltonban Township just outside of Fairfield. It is designed to be multi-generational and ADA-compliant. Amenities will include a playground, pavilion, and walking path with fitness stations. In keeping with the goal of providing both physical and social activities at the park, the senior fitness stations are designed to promote interaction side by side or face to face.

Healthy Adams County

2018 Adams County Community Health Assessment

Grant: \$2,000

Funds to survey 800 Adams County residents to acquire accurate, current data to assess the health needs of county citizens, determine priorities for emphasis during the next three years, and to track progress on the priorities from the last assessment.

Historic Gettysburg Adams County, Inc.

Rooftop Air Conditioning Units for the GAR Hall

Grant: \$2,000

Funds to improve the environment for the preservation of the thousands of artifacts, the renting of office space, and for the general use of the building.

Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice

2017 Heritage Festival

Grant: \$1,500

Funds to support dance performances at the 2017 Heritage Festival. This family oriented festival exposes Adams County citizens to quality diverse cultural programming.

Mission of Mercy, Inc.

Medical Staff Malpractice Insurance

Grant: \$2,000

Funds to support Mission of Mercy, so they may provide free quality medical and dental care and medications for the uninsured and underinsured.

New Hope Ministries

New Oxford Basic Needs Assistance and Stability Programs

Grant: \$5,000

Funds to help people achieve long-term self-sufficiency. A plan is designed for each individual they serve in order to help them avoid crisis situations in the future. This plan is used to guide the client along a pathway of improvement.

Shining Stars Therapeutic Ministries

Installation of Interlocking Pavers in the Horse Barn

Grant: \$5,000

Shining Stars provides equine therapy to children and adults with disabilities. The current surface of sawdust prevents those in wheelchairs from full access to the facility. When the large sliding door is opened it funnels wind that raises sawdust.

Skills of Central PA, Inc.

Adult Training Program Craft Supplies

Grant: \$750

Funds to help residents develop more social interaction in the community through the activity of making crafts for distribution at social and community events.

The Brethren Home Community

Memory Care Education

Grant: \$4,000

Funds will be used to develop a resource library focused on memory loss for support groups and residents.

Waldos and Company

Community Ceramic Studio

Grant: \$2,500

Funds will go toward installing a ceramic studio in the existing community arts space - more wheels, a kiln with ventilation, and supplies to begin classes.

YWCA of Gettysburg & Adams County

Security Cameras

Grant: \$5,000

Funds for security cameras to help maintain safety and reduce theft.

Zion United Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall Renovation

Grant: \$4,000

Funds will go toward HVAC replacement, handicapped accessibility, and storage for John's Meals.

About the Adams County Community Foundation

The Adams County Community Foundation is a private philanthropic organization created by the people of Adams County to serve the current and future needs of the Adams County, Pennsylvania region.

Representing the common interests of a diverse pool of donors who care about Adams County, the Community Foundation uses grants and initiatives to address issues facing the region today, while building a charitable endowment to address the needs of future generations.

The Community Foundation also offers donors customized support for their individual philanthropic goals, expert assistance in learning more about the causes they care about, and the opportunity to join others with similar interests to learn and give together.

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