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MOSES TAYLOR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2016-2017 SECOND QUARTER GRANTS *Grant Funds to Promote Health and Wellness Throughout Northeast Pennsylvania*

SCRANTON, PA. – The board of directors of Moses Taylor Foundation has approved its 2016-2017 second quarter grants, awarding a total of \$588,110.56 to 14 organizations that advance the Foundation’s strategic priority of promoting health and wellness throughout Northeast Pennsylvania.

“Our grantee partners perform vital, life-changing work every day. These 2016-2017 second quarter grants will enable them to continue to help Northeast Pennsylvania residents – especially the most vulnerable – lead healthier lives,” said LaTida Smith, Moses Taylor Foundation President and CEO. “From promoting healthy eating and wellness to strengthening health care delivery systems, supporting families and individuals through innovative programs and services and more, their work is driving lasting impacts.”

The Foundation administers quarterly grant cycles. The full list of 2016-2017 second quarter grants is noted below.

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeastern PA:** \$50,000 to provide operating support for its after-school program. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeastern PA has been providing after-school programming for children for over 100 years. The organization offers a safe

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and healthy environment where children and teenagers can have fun, eat a healthy dinner and snacks, and participate in activities that are preventative, nutritional and physical in nature. It operates after-school programs in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties throughout the school year.

- **Catholic Social Services of Lackawanna County:** \$20,000 to assist with general counseling program operating expenses. Catholic Social Services has had a presence in Lackawanna County since 1928, offering programs aimed at strengthening family life and helping individuals to reach their full potential.
- **Employment Opportunity & Training Center (EOTC):** \$56,826 over two years for the purchase and implementation of a new web-based outcomes management system that will bolster agency-wide case management, program evaluation, data-based decision making and communications. This new evaluation technology will support integrated child/family programs that promote the safety, education, recovery, healthy development and self-sufficiency of Lackawanna County area residents.
- **Family Service Association:** \$18,365 to update the 211 Northeast PA website. Updates will include implementing greater search capacity of resources, designing a chat room for people who are hesitant to text personal issues, and establishing a system for updating provider information.
- **Friends of the Poor:** \$5,000 to support the organization's annual community Thanksgiving meal event in Scranton. Founded in 1984, Friends of the Poor is dedicated to easing the burden of living in poverty and enhancing the quality of life for all who live in low- to moderate-income communities.
- **Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development:** \$10,000 to support the 2017 Regional Indicators program. The program features the facilitation, convening and support of seven task forces that work collaboratively to craft a regional indicators report and to ensure that the information reaches organizations and individuals in ways that can help drive programs or initiatives and advocate public policy.

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- **Northeast Regional Cancer Institute:** \$100,000 to support the Community Based Cancer Screening Navigation Program. Cancer Institute Navigators help facilitate access to the health care system for underserved, underinsured and uninsured populations who are not up to date with colon, breast and cervical cancer screenings. In 2017/2018, lung cancer screening will be added to the Navigation Program.

- **Partners in Family and Community Development:** \$18,058 to support the Strengthening Families Program, an evidence-based program designed to help parents learn to provide guidance and rules for their pre- and early-teen youth. This program is offered to families in Bradford County and has demonstrated effectiveness in reducing drug abuse, alcohol abuse and other self-destructive behaviors.

- **Penn State Worthington:** \$74,110.86 for the purchase of a high-fidelity human mannequin simulator. The advanced full-body birthing simulator "patient" can be safely used for obstetric training of birth management from pre- to post-natal care. This simulated patient will be used for training local Penn State nursing students on campus in a lab setting. The nursing program is also committed to providing critical training for area EMTs, police and fire departments, and hospital staff who may infrequently face rare emergency situations but need these critical skills to save lives.

- **Scranton School District:** \$5,000 to update strength and fitness training equipment at West Scranton High School. The funds will be used to purchase equipment that promotes safety and efficiency during physical education class and after-school strength training.

- **Sullivan County Dental Clinic:** \$100,000 to relocate and expand the Sullivan County Dental Clinic. The clinic is currently housed in one room in the Sullivan County Medical Center and will be moving to a larger space with separate and private examination rooms and a dedicated sterilization area, enhancing the delivery of dental services to better meet the needs of patients.

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- **The Arc of Northeastern PA:** \$35,750.70 to purchase automated external defibrillator (AED) devices for its group homes, summer camp, and adult day and senior programs. Funding will also support the cost of staff training associated with the new AED devices.

- **Wyoming County United Way:** \$20,000 to support the Children's Produce Market, a food distribution program which provides free produce and other nutritious food items to food-insecure households. The Foundation's support will help to continue the program throughout the remainder of this school year.

- **Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center:** \$75,000 to re-open the child care center at St. Mary's Church. Funding will be used to improve the St. Mary's Child Care Center and provide additional staff training so the organization can reach Keystone STARS Level 3. Keystone Stars is an initiative of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) to improve, support and recognize the continuous quality improvement efforts of early learning programs in Pennsylvania.

About Moses Taylor Foundation

Moses Taylor Foundation is a private foundation dedicated to building healthy communities and providing opportunities for people in Northeast Pennsylvania, especially the most vulnerable, to lead healthier lives. The Foundation was endowed in 2012 with the net proceeds from the sale of the Moses Taylor Health Care System to Community Health Systems of Franklin, Tennessee. Information on the work of Moses Taylor Foundation is available on the Foundation's website: www.mosestaylorfoundation.org.

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