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MOSES TAYLOR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2016-2017 FIRST 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 first quarter grants, awarding a total of \$658,318.80 to eight organizations that advance the Foundation’s strategic priority of promoting health and wellness throughout Northeast Pennsylvania.

“From capacity building grants to support for programming and capital needs, these 2016-2017 first quarter grants will enable our grantee partners to continue the vital work that helps Northeast Pennsylvania residents – especially the most vulnerable – lead healthier lives,” said LaTida Smith, Moses Taylor Foundation President and CEO. “Each day, I am inspired by the creativity, innovation and hard work of these grantees in their efforts to drive lasting impacts.”

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

- **Advocacy Alliance:** \$139,575 over three years to deliver two nationally recognized, evidence-based training models, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), to police officers and first responders in Lackawanna, Susquehanna and

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Wayne counties. These programs help to reduce the stigma of mental illness and connect individuals who are in a mental health crisis with the mental health system while minimizing involvement with the criminal justice system.

- **American Heart Association:** \$75,000 over two years to implement the Healthy Way to Grow program in early education and child care centers throughout Lackawanna and Luzerne counties. The program aims to create healthy eating habits at a young age by working directly with providers to improve and sustain policies and practices around key behaviors including improving nutrition, increasing physical activity and decreasing screen time.
- **Children’s Advocacy Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania:** \$130,348.80 over two years to expand its current services to include two additional evidence-based treatment programs, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT). The TF-CBT model addresses depression, anxiety, and cognitive and behavioral problems in victims of abuse, while PCIT focuses on young children with emotional and behavior disorders and places emphasis on improving the quality of parent-child relationships.
- **Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps:** \$5,000 to replace a 30-year-old meat slicer with a new one that is safe, efficient and easy to use. This will allow the kitchen to continue providing fresh, sliced meat, cheese and vegetables with its daily prepared meals and will also promote a safe work environment for kitchen staff.
- **Scranton Area Foundation:** \$76,575 to facilitate a series of five workshops intended to address capacity building needs of nonprofit organizations in Lackawanna County. Workshop topics include measuring and evaluating program impact, developing strong and engaging boards, developing successful grant proposals, researching federal and public grant opportunities, and building capacity around the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). A portion of the funding will also be used to support this year’s NEPA Match Day program.

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- **Telespond Senior Services:** \$18,816 to replace 40 client chairs in the Adult Day Center. The new chairs are designed specifically for healthcare environments, provide lumbar, leg and hip support, increase client safety, and decrease the chance of falling, overturning or sliding.

- **Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA:** \$125,000 over three years for a collaborative Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Program between the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA and the Greater Scranton YMCA. Funding will support the cost of a full-time program coordinator and other costs related to providing all chronic disease programming, including LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, In the Cardiac Direction, Enhance®Fitness, Healthy Families/Happy Families, and Road to Wellness. A portion of funding will also be used to implement the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), a program serving adults diagnosed with prediabetes, in both Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.

- **Women's Resource Center:** \$88,004 to provide comprehensive support services through its Crisis, Economic Advocacy and Safe Housing Programs. Additionally, Women's Resource Center will provide an agency-wide training on The Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Model (TREM), providing staff with additional tools to better meet the complex needs of people who have been victims of domestic violence and other incidents of trauma.

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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