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MOSES TAYLOR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL GRANTS *Grant Funds to Promote Health and Wellness Throughout Northeast Pennsylvania*

SCRANTON, PA. – The board of directors of Moses Taylor Foundation has approved its inaugural grants, awarding a total of \$1,137,880.57 to 13 organizations that advance the Foundation’s strategic priority of promoting health and wellness throughout Northeast Pennsylvania.

“Moses Taylor Hospital was founded by Moses Taylor in 1892 to provide quality healthcare to the residents of our community,” said LaTida Smith, Moses Taylor Foundation President and CEO. “Today, Moses Taylor Foundation is taking the next step on this continuing journey. Our inaugural grants honor the philanthropic legacy of Moses Taylor by providing meaningful opportunities for Northeast Pennsylvania residents – especially the most vulnerable – to lead healthier lives.”

“Since our founding in 2012, our board and staff have worked tirelessly in order to arrive at this day of inaugural giving. These inaugural grants represent the culmination of more than three years of planning and preparation – they mark the beginning of an exciting new chapter for us, and for residents of Northeast Pennsylvania,” said Douglas G. Allen, Chair of the Moses Taylor Foundation board of directors. “Through the leadership of our new President and CEO, LaTida Smith, our grantmaking will be highly responsive to the communities we serve in ways that make tangible impacts. We are committed to being a catalyst for healthy living throughout the region.”

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The Foundation will administer quarterly grant cycles. The full list of inaugural grants is noted below.

- **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. Grant funds were issued in November.
- **Make-A-Wish® Foundation of Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia:** \$5,000 to support the wish of one Scranton-area child. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The organization has served more than 15,000 children in 57 Pennsylvania counties and West Virginia during its 31-year history.
- **Newport Township Police Department:** \$10,110.57 for the purchase of life-saving automated external defibrillator (AED) devices and first-aid kits. The department was founded in 1914 with five full-time officers. Its officers respond to all emergent EMS calls in the Township; usually, they are the first responders on scene and have performed CPR six times in 2015 before EMS' arrival. The department currently has no AED devices, and it requires updated first-aid kits to facilitate treatment until EMS technicians arrive on scene.
- **The Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development:** \$12,500 to support the 2016 Regional Indicators program. The program features the facilitation / convening / support of seven task forces encompassing jobs, economy, and economic development; health and healthcare; housing; education and workforce development; energy; public safety; and planning, land use transportation and infrastructure. Task force members work collaboratively to craft a regional indicators report and adopt an annual program of work. Additionally, they work to ensure that plan information reaches organizations and individuals in ways that that can help them drive programs or initiatives, and advocate public policy.

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- **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 for needy families with children. Of the approximate 6,000 children living in Wyoming County, 23.5% live in food-insecure households. The Children's Produce Market program was founded in 2014 as a summer-only program. During that time, an average of 45 families participated in the program each month. The Foundation's support will help to extend the program's reach during the school year.
- **American Red Cross Northeast PA Chapter:** \$19,920 to support the Home Fire Campaign, an initiative that aims to reduce deaths and injuries caused by home fires by 25% in five years by partnering with the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre Fire Departments to install free smoke alarms. The Red Cross will purchase three enclosed trailers to store installation supplies and equipment that when needed, are easily accessible.
- **Children's Service Center (CSC) :** \$200,000 for use in constructing the Children's Service Center's 18,000 square-foot comprehensive outpatient clinic in downtown Wilkes-Barre. The clinic is designed to serve an increasing number of children, adolescents and families who will benefit from an on-site medical home with mental, behavioral and physical health services. The project will be constructed on the Wilkes-Barre campus of CSC and includes the renovation of the existing facility (housed in a 100-year-old structure) and the construction of an adjacent outpatient clinic.

Resulting enhancements and improvements to CSC services include: physician offices and medical examination rooms; on-site pharmacy; and the potential for dental services. Additional improvements include a parent-child interaction therapy suite and physical plant improvements (e.g., handicap accessibility, modern HVAC system and energy efficiencies).

- **Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO):** \$350,000 to build capacity for CEO's Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank. Specifically, grant funds will be used to support the capital and operating budgets of the Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Center for Healthy Living and implementation of its food distribution programs that focus on healthy foods and fresh fruits and vegetables. The Center opened in spring 2015.

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- **Lackawanna College:** \$50,000 to create and implement an Occupational Therapist Associate (OTA) degree program. The program will be launched in response to national, state and local demands for OTAs.

- **NEPA Community Health Care:** \$140,350 to support expansion of the new Community Health Center in Montrose, Pa. Susquehanna County is one of the poorest counties in Pennsylvania, with the greatest disparities evident among women and children. The County is a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) with limited primary medical, dental and mental health providers and no maternity services. The Center will provide primary healthcare throughout the region, along with prenatal and postpartum care, gynecology, and integrated psychiatric and behavioral health services. Grant funds will be used primarily for non-capital purchases and will mitigate the cost of rent and utilities during the initial phase of the revenue cycle.

- **Scranton Primary Health Care Center (SPHCC):** \$200,000 for expansion of SPHCC's dental services. Grant funds will be used to hire a general dentist with sedation credentials in order to increase capacity and better serve the homeless, uninsured, under-insured and generally underserved residents of greater Lackawanna County. This position will allow SPHCC to treat more pediatric patients, and it will eliminate the need to refer many adult patients out for procedures requiring some form of sedation.

- **United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties:** \$50,000 to support the Gift of Warmth Program, which focuses on emergency heating needs for low-income and senior populations. Grant funds can be used for three purposes: to fund emergency purchases of fossil fuels such as oil and coal; to avoid utility service terminations; and to fund furnace repairs.

- **Volunteers in Medicine (VIM):** \$75,000 to support the organization's Access to Care initiative, which provides medical and dental care and other vital programs to low-income residents of Luzerne County. VIM is a community-based nonprofit organization established to provide primary and preventive medical and dental care. The VIM model

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includes more than 100 clinics throughout the country, with different sizes and scopes based on the specific needs of the community being served.

Services available through the Luzerne County VIM include care coordination, dental care, primary and preventive medical care, chronic disease management, pharmacology, educational programming for adults and children, counseling and therapy. Grant funds will sustain and enhance current services and increase access to new programs based on community needs assessments.

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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