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MOSES TAYLOR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2018-2019 SECOND QUARTER GRANTS *Grant Funds to Promote Health and Wellness Throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania*

SCRANTON, PA. – The board of directors of Moses Taylor Foundation has announced its 2018-2019 second quarter grants, awarding a total of \$494,622 to 11 organizations that advance the Foundation's mission of promoting health and wellness throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"This quarter we are proud to support Catholic Social Services as it implements a new program to address the health needs of homeless individuals, some of the most vulnerable in our community," said LaTida Smith, Moses Taylor Foundation President and CEO. "With other investments including health care workforce development, mental health and counseling services, and capacity building, these 2018-2019 second quarter grants support our partners' efforts to improve both the health of individuals and of organizations in the communities we serve."

The Foundation administers quarterly grant cycles. The full list of 2018-2019 second quarter grants is noted below. A complete history of grant awards is available on the Moses Taylor Foundation website.

- **Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton:** \$150,000 over 3 years to

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implement an intensive health-focused case management program for homeless individuals. A certified patient navigator will assist program participants in securing medical attention, accompany them to appointments, monitor medication intake, and help maintain the connection to a medical home.

- **Scranton Area Community Foundation:** \$125,000 to facilitate a series of workshops intended to address capacity building needs of nonprofit organizations in our region. Workshop topics include grant research training, strategic planning, board recruitment and development, and improving financial reporting. A portion of the funding will also be used to support the 2019 NEPA Match Day Program.
- **Marywood University:** \$103,147 to purchase an Anatomage Table that will enhance the University's ability to train students on state of the art equipment. The Table will be utilized in multiple health-related educational programs, including Physician Assistant, Nutrition, and Communication Science Disorders.
- **YMCA of Greater Scranton:** \$40,000 to support the expansion of the "Your Nurse" program. The program's goal is to help community members who finish any type of rehabilitation program take advantage of an affordable maintenance program with a licensed nurse. A portion of this funding will also support marketing and communications needs.
- **Jewish Family Service of Northeastern PA:** \$20,000 to support mental health and counseling services. Jewish Family Service has had a presence in Lackawanna County since 1915, offering programs aimed at enhancing and strengthening the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities.
- **Volunteers in Medicine:** \$20,000 to repair and refurbish portions of the medical clinic. Funds will support critical repairs to the structure of the building, including the outside walls and roof.

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- **Women's Resource Center:** \$20,000 to upgrade security and technology equipment. Women's Resource Center operates a crisis hotline along with a continuum of housing services including crisis housing, temporary transitional housing, and rental and relocation assistance.
- **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.
- **Lackawanna Blind Association:** \$5,000 to purchase assistive technology devices and demonstrate their uses in the home to blind and visually impaired clients. Equipment includes sonar-equipped bands, video magnifiers, text-to-speech readers, and various responsive "smart home" products.
- **Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art:** \$4,000 to support OurSELF, a thoughtful exhibition meant to prompt an open dialogue around mental health. The exhibit will explore the themes of dysfunction, anxiety, depression, and suicide, and will offer information about community resources for those struggling with mental health issues, domestic violence, and drug/alcohol abuse.
- **Leadership Lackawanna:** \$2,475 to support a day-long society simulation for the Core Leadership Program. The simulation teaches various aspects of social issues that affect our community, including diversity, economic development, quality of life, distribution of wealth, fair and equal justice, unemployment and under-employment, and leadership.

About Moses Taylor Foundation

Moses Taylor Foundation is a private foundation dedicated to building healthy communities and providing opportunities for people in Northeastern 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.