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MOSES TAYLOR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2017-2018 THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTER GRANTS *Grant Funds to Promote Health and Wellness Throughout Northeast Pennsylvania*

SCRANTON, PA. – The board of directors of Moses Taylor Foundation has announced its 2017-2018 third and fourth quarter grants, awarding a total of \$924,516 to 15 organizations that advance the Foundation's mission of promoting health and wellness throughout Northeast Pennsylvania.

"We are fortunate to have increasing opportunities to work with our partners in determining solutions to some of the communities' most pressing health challenges," said LaTida Smith, Moses Taylor Foundation President and CEO. "From supporting two new primary care centers that will increase access to health services for rural communities, to providing innovative training opportunities that will strengthen the healthcare workforce of NEPA, these 2017-2018 third and fourth quarter grants support our partners' efforts to create lasting impacts in the communities we serve."

The Foundation administers quarterly grant cycles. The full list of 2017-2018 third and fourth quarter grants is noted below. A complete history of grant awards is available on the Moses Taylor Foundation website.

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- **NEPA Community Health Care:** \$300,000 to expand the Andrew C. Mazza Memorial Health Center in Greenfield Township. This second phase will add an additional three medical exam rooms, two behavioral health offices, two provider offices, a nurse's station, triage room, and three dental exam spaces.
- **Children's Service Center:** \$200,000 for the development of an electronic medical record that will allow professionals across all of CSC's integrated programs to confer electronically. CSC will also purchase tablets for the 275 employees who work remotely or spend much of their time in client homes or in the community.
- **Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers:** \$100,000 to support the construction of a new primary medical care facility in Forest City. The new center will have capacity to handle increased patient demand, provide adequate parking and handicapped access, and will be more accessible to public transportation.
- **Fund for Shared Insight's *Listen for Good Initiative*:** \$75,000 to provide five local nonprofits with resources and technical assistance for step-by-step collecting, interpreting, and responding to beneficiary feedback. Listen for Good grantees receive \$45,000 over two years: \$30,000 from Fund for Shared Insight and \$15,000 from Moses Taylor Foundation.
- **United Way of Monroe County:** \$60,950 to increase access to summer meals for children from low-income families throughout Monroe County. Funding will support the operation of new meal distribution sites throughout the Stroudsburg area. A portion of the grant will also support a strategic planning initiative for future programming.
- **Keystone College:** \$24,000 for the acquisition of BIOPAC training software for students majoring in Pre-Med, Pre-Physician Assistant, Pre-Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and Allied Health. The BIOPAC software will provide students with lessons on various medical topics and will allow students to perform real-world and virtual health assessments. It will also be utilized for faculty-mentored undergraduate research.

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- **Friendship House:** \$20,000 to support a bi-lingual Mental Health Professional at Neil Armstrong Elementary School in the Scranton School District. This licensed therapist is available to students during school hours. Grant funding will enable this position to continue throughout the remainder of the school year.
- **North Central Sight Services:** \$20,000 to provide supportive services throughout Bradford County. Life Skills Coordinators drive and escort clients to medical appointments and other essential resources, and also assist with tasks such as reading mail and paying bills. A Vision Rehabilitation teacher provides individualized in-home instruction on the use of low vision devices and products, and how to function safely in the home and community.
- **S.A.F.E., Inc.:** \$20,000 to provide water safety skills classes to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Drowning is the number one leading cause of death of individuals with autism. Through a partnership with the YMCA, water safety lessons will be taught by certified lifeguards trained in CPR and First Aid and who have experience working with children with ASD.
- **Scranton Area Community Foundation:** \$20,000 to support the NEPA Equitable Transportation Council and the hiring of an Equitable Transport Coordinator. The goals of the Council include more equitable access to health care, employment, social services, child care, grocery and other retail establishments, through improved access to public transportation. The Equitable Transportation Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the convenings of the Council and working to achieve the Council's goals.
- **Serving Seniors, Inc.:** \$20,000 to support the Guardianship of Person Program. Serving Seniors provides Guardianship of Person services to individuals who have been deemed incapable by the Courts. Through this program, the Agency provides consents for medical treatment, surgeries, hospice care, and home health services; secures home and community based services; consults with medical specialists; obtains second opinions as needed for medical treatment; and end of life decision making in the absence of a living will.

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- **The Wright Center:** \$19,855 to support the purchase of dental equipment, including three portable dental chairs, a compressor, and hand tools, for the full-service primary care clinic located inside Children's Service Center. Two public health dental hygienists will provide oral healthcare services, including cleanings, fluoridation, and dental sealant services, to medically underserved individuals as well as children enrolled in area Head Start Programs.
- \$16,220 to offer no-cost NARCAN® (naloxone HCl) administration training to employees of non-profit organizations in Lackawanna and Susquehanna counties. Training will include best safety practices; understanding the stigmatization of drug users; sample policies for organizations; talking points for colleagues and volunteers on the necessity of NARCAN preparedness; and how to refer a patient to more advanced medical help and appropriate addiction recovery centers.
- **Rural Health Corporation of Northeastern Pennsylvania:** \$14,840 for the purchase of vaccine refrigerators for the Valley Pediatrics, Monroe-Noxen, and Black Creek clinical sites. Rural Health Corporation administers thousands of vaccines throughout the year, as well as specific Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccines provided by the state. New medical grade refrigerators will increase storage capacity and will ensure consistent temperature regulation that is required for vaccines.
- **Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation:** \$10,000 to support the second annual "Living Well with Breast Cancer and Beyond" Symposium in collaboration with Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine. This all-day event is designed for breast cancer survivors, their families, and health care professionals, with the goal of providing a comprehensive overview of metastatic breast cancer, available treatments, and strategies for living well with a diagnosis of MBC.
- **Wyoming County Special Needs Association:** \$3,651 to support staff development at a 4-day training course in Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI). This is a widely recognized training model used in many behavioral health facilities, hospitals, and schools. This Train-the-Trainer course will certify staff members in CPI, allowing for continual training of direct support professionals and family members on-site.

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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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