



YOURGiftSAT WORK

AWARDED MISSION GRANTS 2015-2016

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

HOSPICE

Serving people with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers by addressing one's physical, emotional and mental health needs

\$17,750 to fund the following:

- patients' emergency funding for utilities, food, medications and other essential items such as bed sheets and pillows
- booklets to educate caregivers about what to expect during the stages of dying and patient education binders to address each patient's symptom management
- stationery and other items for providing extended support to bereaved family members after the patient's passing

HEALING PATCH

Providing free services for grieving children and their families at two centers and throughout the community

\$35,000 to support the program's overhead costs and cover the expenses for facilitation of in-school groups for children without access to the Healing Patch centers or other grief resources

HOME HEALTH

Specialized care including nursing and therapy after an injury, illness or surgery impacts quality of one's life

\$4,000 to support emergency funding of essential items for patients, such as nutritional supplements, utilities and medications

AIDS INTERVENTION PROJECT

Serving people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and providing HIV-prevention education

\$3,000 to provide vital services for clients, including transportation, utility assistance and personal items

HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT

Not Being Forgotten

Even though the eventual death of a loved one in hospice can be anticipated, for those left behind it can be a painful, challenging and often lonely time. Home Nursing Agency recognizes these challenges for bereaved and provides services to help them work through the grieving process. Everyone travels the journey differently. HNA Hospice bereavement volunteers support grieving families for up to 13 months after the death of a loved one, continually staying in touch and providing monthly encouraging notes. Sometimes all it takes is for one person to say the right thing at the right time and with the help of a Home Nursing Agency Foundation grant, the volunteers have the materials to help do just that.

Yvonne's father was supported at the end of his life through HNA Hospice program, and she sums up clearly the results of the bereavement volunteer efforts after his passing: "The bereavement services of Home Nursing Agency cannot match anything that I have experienced. I felt like there was someone out there who cared when I felt angry that it was 'life as usual' for those around me and when I was feeling lost and sad. It made me feel encouraged that someone was thinking of me and was empathetic at times when I needed a kind word."



"YOUR GIFTS AT WORK" report demonstrates the scope of our community's need, the power behind every contribution and the hope that together we are improving the quality of life.

PEDIATRIC HOME CONNECTION

Caring for medically fragile children who are technology-dependent or dealing with chronic and life-limiting conditions

\$2,500 to cover additional shifts of nursing care for family respite and therapeutic items that support the child's comfort and education, such as specialized toys

OPPORTUNITY CLUB

Community effort providing a stress-free, stigmafree atmosphere for adults who are diagnosed with a mental illness or co-occurring disorder

\$3,000 to support four special events/holidays that approximately 150 people attend

LEXINGTON HOUSE

Psychiatric rehabilitation program providing meaningful work opportunities for mental health clients

\$2,960 to support the "wellness movement" among Clubhouse members including memberships at a local gym and healthier food options in the Lexington Snack Shack outfitted with equipment donated by Sheetz, Inc. that is open to all Clubhouse members

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP®

Transforming the lives of first-time income-eligible mothers in seven counties

\$30,000 to support the program's overhead costs and help meet the required 10% match of a Department of Public Welfare Office of Child Development grant

ACEL (Adult Center for Exceptional Learning) Day program for adults with physical and intellectual disabilities

\$3,800 to support the involvement of local artists that will allow clients to improve their quality of life through art, dance and music

ADULT DAY SERVICES

Day program for seniors who cannot remain safely at home alone and can benefit from daily supervision, social interaction and clinical oversight

\$8,800 to support the involvement of local artists that will allow members to interact with various art forms, including drama and painting; and assist with funding for those who could not otherwise pay for services

AWARDED MISSION GRANTS

For fiscal year 2015-2016 the Home Nursing Agency Foundation has awarded \$163,810 to support 24 Mission Grants to assist individuals, families and our community served by Home Nursing Agency programs and services.

Since 2005, the Foundation has awarded **254 grants totaling \$1,338,373** helping to improve the quality of life for more than **20,000** children, adults and families.

For a complete listing of 2015-2016 Foundation Mission Grants, please visit www.homenursingagency.com, How You Can Help tab.

PEDIATRIC HOME CONNECTION

Special Kids, Special People

Families with medically fragile children face challenges with everyday activities as these children require special medical attention and monitoring. Pediatric Home Connection provides nursing care to children from 4-16 hours per day so parents can sleep, work or go to school. Our qualified and specialized nursing staff is competent in ventilators, tube feedings, IV therapy and medication administration.

Through recent Foundation funding, one particular family received a special monitor that made a world of difference in how they can still monitor the needs of their medically fragile child while going about everyday activities and chores throughout the house when the nursing team is not on duty.

ADULT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Treating adults diagnosed with mental health disorder or co-occurring disorder

\$35,000 to provide the following:

- treatment through Center for Counseling or Drug & Alcohol Program for those who could not otherwise pay for services due to lack of insurance or high co-pays/deductibles
- funding for unexpected emergencies, household/personal hygiene products, clothing and bus passes for clients to travel to program sites for services
- art therapy supplies, such as paints and clay, for creative expression and release

CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Serving children and adolescents who are diagnosed with a mental illness, such as bipolar disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

\$18,000 to provide the following:

- personal/hygiene products and other essential items for children and their families receiving mental health services
- access to community and school-based activities that promote active participation and positive interaction with others
- incentive prizes to reinforce positive behaviors through a rewards system
- financial assistance with travel/lodging expenses and gas cards for families whose children have specialized medical needs and require out-of-area medical treatment

ADULT DAY SERVICES

Peace of Mind and Assurance of Safety

Ron is a 68-year-old gentleman with a developmental disability who had also suffered a traumatic brain injury from a farming accident. Yet, Ron still lives independently in his home in Bedford County. Ron's closest relative, a sister, lives over four hours away. Because she lives so far away, she has worried over time whether or not her brother is staying active, eating right and spending time socializing with other people. However, because Ron attends Adult Day Services on a regular basis, the employees keep Ron's sister up-to-date on his activity. Ron enjoys attending the center and also helps to engage other clients while he is there.

Ron is a great example of how Home Nursing Agency Foundation grant dollars have helped him to maintain his independence and lead a productive and healthy life. Funds have given him access to high quality adult services. Many individuals who utilize Adult Day Services do not have insurance that will pay for the daily costs. Even the low fees of daily attendance can become burdensome on a family who is reliant on a fixed income.





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FOUNDATION PURPOSE

To provide financial and advisory support to create, improve or enhance the programs and services of Home Nursing Agency that ultimately results in a benefit to the individual, family and our community.

To make a gift today, please call or go online: 1.855.GIVE.HNA / www.homenursingagency.com

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