



*Improving the Quality of Life in Our Communities*



HOME NURSING AGENCY  
FOUNDATION

YOUR *Gifts* AT WORK

MISSION GRANTS 2013-2014

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## *Can I really help somebody?*

We live in a community overwhelmed with opportunities to help others. For those facing illness and injury, poverty, addiction, loneliness, aging, mental illness or homelessness, you can provide hope and resources through the Home Nursing Agency Foundation.

As a not-for-profit, community benefit organization, Home Nursing Agency remains steadfast in our mission to keep our families, friends and neighbors at home and in their community. More importantly, we choose to address the needs that go above the physical, mental and spiritual support that is provided through Agency services and programs. We care for people who lack private or public insurance yet are in need of our care, and many lack life's basic necessities such as food, heat and medications.

In addition, we create and enhance programs that are necessary to the health and well-being of our entire community, like the Healing Patch: A Program for Loss and Hope for Children and Their Families, and grief services for adults and families—all offered for **free**.

## *What are Mission Grants?*

A gift to the Home Nursing Agency Foundation, regardless of size, goes a long, long way. Contributed dollars are awarded annually back to Agency programs and services through "Foundation Mission Grants." Agency staff seeking Mission Grant funding must demonstrate that the need cannot be covered by their program's budget or another funding source. All Mission Grant applications are reviewed by an independent grants committee. Programs awarded this funding must complete an outcome report at the end of the funding cycle demonstrating the use of the dollars, specifically, how many individuals/families benefitted from the support and personal accounts of how the grant made a difference and improved their quality of life. **Your money is making a difference.**

## *Does my money stay in my community?*

The Home Nursing Agency Foundation uses your donations efficiently and effectively. And, **all dollars remain in your community** – close to home within the cities, towns and boroughs served by Home Nursing Agency. It is through personal support of individuals and the community, coupled with proceeds from fundraising events, like the Mercedes Moment car raffle, that makes Mission Grants possible.

**"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 for others and ourselves.**

## 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.*

*This report specifically shares information about the Foundation Mission Grants awarded for the 2013-2014 fiscal year that help individuals and families in our programs and services throughout the Agency's 19-county service area. Approximately 27 grants were awarded for a total of \$141,700. These grants are expected to affect the lives of more than 3,000 children and adults. Since the inception of the Mission Grants in 2005, approximately \$1,000,703 dollars have directly impacted more than 14,000 lives. **You are really helping someone!***

*For more information about the Home Nursing Agency Foundation Mission Grants or to tour some of our community-based facilities, please contact Pam Seasoltz, Director of Development, at 814.946.5411, ext. 2565 or [development@homenursingagency.com](mailto:development@homenursingagency.com)*

# SUPPORTING COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS

## **\$3,000 - AIDS Intervention Project**

To assist individuals and families dealing with HIV/AIDS with personal care/hygiene items, cleaning supplies, vitamins and dietary supplements.

## **\$25,000 - Center for Counseling**

To assist in providing treatment to more than 300 children and 1,000 adults experiencing behavioral health issues who otherwise would not receive services due to having no insurance, high co-pays/deductibles or private insurances that will not pay for counseling services.

## **\$2,500 - Center for Counseling Art Therapy Program**

To support the art therapy program with supplies, i.e. paints, clay, paper products and easels and for planning and implementation of art therapy sessions.

*"It's all the stuff I can't get out any other way."*

~ Jessica, Center for Counseling Art Therapy Client



## **\$3,000 - ACEL (Adult Center for Exceptional Learning)**

To support individuals with physical and mental disabilities who attend the day program but go over their funding allocation cap, as well as help those who have no funding available and cannot self-pay for services.

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To support the continuation of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art (SAMA) Artists-In-Residence program that provides ACEL individuals the opportunity to experience art, painting, dancing and storytelling, which can improve their quality of life.

## **\$6,000 - Adult Day Services**

To provide additional days of support to help families caring for a loved one who cannot remain safely at home alone. These families do not have access to insurance but need daytime services for their loved one, allowing them to work and have respite care.

## **\$1,000 - Adult Day Services**

To support the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art (SAMA) Artists-In-Residence program that provides Adult Day Services individuals with art experiences, i.e. painting, dancing and storytelling to improve their quality of life.

## **\$1,500 - Adult Partial Hospitalization (Mental Health)**

To help individuals who cannot afford co-payments related to insurance, county liabilities or financial difficulties.

## **\$30,000 - Nurse-Family Partnership®**

To help with a required 10% match of a Department of Public Welfare Office of Child Development grant (\$1 million). This is an evidence-based community health program that transforms the lives of first-time, low-income mothers in seven counties. Care is provided to 300+ families each year.



## **\$500 - Tartaglio Home (Personal care home for adults receiving services from the Blair County Mental Health System)**

To purchase two wooden picnic tables, two benches and a patio set that will help promote socialization for residents and use of the outdoor space for daily and holiday events.

# SUPPORTING COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS

## **\$5,000 - Blended Case Management/Children and Adolescents**

To purchase personal/hygiene products, cleaning products, food, seasonal clothing items and other daily living needs for children and adolescents in the Children's Behavioral Health Program and to be used for start-up costs for community and school-based activities, i.e. intramural sports, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.

## **\$1,500 - Drug and Alcohol Adult Partial Hospitalization/Adult Outpatient**

To help individuals seeking drug and alcohol treatment who otherwise would not receive services due to having no insurance, high co-pays/deductibles or private insurances that will not pay for D & A services.

## **\$1,500 - Therapeutic Staff Support (TSS)** (Provides therapeutic support to children with Bipolar Disorders and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders)

To assist with community activity fees for children receiving behavioral health services and to purchase therapeutic activities and games, pool passes to area pools, weighted vests, teddy bears for children who are experiencing sensory issues and a sensory table to be used at the Children's Behavioral Health Center.

## **\$1,500 - Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)**

MST is an intensive family and community-based treatment program that focuses on encompassing the environment of the chronic and violent juvenile offender. Funding to purchase gas for families to attend appointments (psychiatric, psychological, school and court hearings), seasonal clothing and basic household items, such as bedding, cleaning supplies, groceries, etc.



## **\$4,800 - Early Intervention**

To purchase items that parents/families could borrow from a "developmental learning library" allowing them to have a parent/child play group that would include such items as language stimulation DVDs, physical therapy equipment including therapy balls and wedges, lap tables, booster seats, puzzles and building toys.

## **\$3,400 - Children and Adolescents Partial Hospitalization**

(Blair & Centre Counties)

To stock the "Rewards Store" for children and adolescents enrolled in the school-based behavioral health program that uses a therapeutic incentive-based model to change negative behaviors into positive ones with the use of a rewards system.

## **\$1,500 - Blended Case Management/Adult**

(Behavioral Health Care for adults diagnosed with a mental illness)

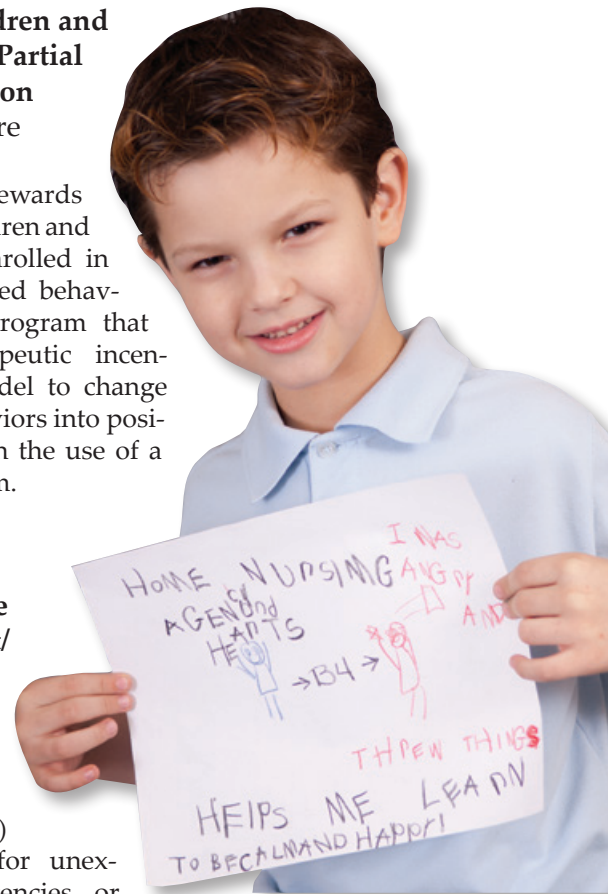
To be used for unexpected emergencies or when an individual has minimal income. Helps to fund household and personal hygiene products, clothes for employment/school and bus passes for those starting employment.

## **\$3,000 - WIC (Women, Infants & Children)**

To provide incentive items to stock the "Stork Store" that encourages pregnant women to seek early, regular prenatal care. Through the Stork Store, women are rewarded for achieving positive behaviors that contribute to the delivery of healthy full-term infants. The items for the store are considered basic items needed by WIC families and include diapers, wipes, infant clothing, crib sheets, blankets, etc.

## **\$2,000 - Opportunity Club** (Mental Health)

To host four special events per year in a stress-free, stigma-free atmosphere for people 18 years and older who are diagnosed with a mental illness or co-occurring disorder. Approximately 150 individuals attend each special event.



# SUPPORTING HOMECARE & HOSPICE



## **\$6,000 - Hospice Emergency Fund**

To help individuals who are facing a life-limiting illness with emergency one-time funding for utility or fuel costs, medications, air conditioners and other emergencies to ease the emotional and physical challenges occurring at the end of life.

## **\$750 - Hospice Veterans Program**

To purchase U.S. flag lapel pins honoring veteran Hospice patients throughout the year who served our country in the Armed Forces.

## **\$3,000 - Hospice Volunteers**

To provide funds to support the comfort and care of Hospice patients who need bed sheets, neck pillows, hospital gowns, baby monitors or reading materials.



## **\$5,000 - Hospice Emergency Ongoing Medications/Durable Medical Equipment Funding**

To help cover ongoing expenses of medications, treatment, equipment and supplies that are not covered by the Medicare Hospice Benefit (the primary payer for these services) or because the patient does not have private or other insurance to cover expenses.

**\$2,000 - Hospice Bereavement** (Free services offered up to 13 months or longer if needed to all families who have experienced the death of a loved one in our Hospice program)

To purchase stationery items (cards, grief support literature) for the extended support mailings to bereaved families.

## **\$20,000 - Healing Patch: A Program for Loss and Hope for Grieving Children and Their Families**

To supplement overhead costs, including staff time/facility costs, craft/activity supplies and food. In addition, to cover expenses for staff to facilitate six-week in-school groups with children who would not otherwise have access to a center or grief resources.



## **\$3,000 - Home Health Emergency Fund**

To provide funds for Home Health patients and their families who have need beyond normal circumstances and need assistance to purchase life's basic necessities, i.e. nutritional supplements, bathing/safety aides, bedding and emergency medications.

## **\$2,000 - Pediatric Home Connection**

To pay for additional shifts of nursing care, respite and social services support for children who are technology-dependent and suffer from chronic, life-limiting disabilities.

## **\$500 - Pediatric Home Connection**

To purchase therapeutic items needed by children with chronic, life-limiting disabilities that will help to ensure/maintain the child's comfort and provide education and stimulation.

# EVERY GIFT HAS... *a face* *a story,* *a purpose*

## HOSPICE

A 63-year-old patient with inoperable lung cancer had no insurance. The Hospice Emergency Fund was able to provide support to keep him at home surrounded by his family.

## PEDIATRIC HOME CONNECTION

Jordon, a 7-year-old boy, is a quadriplegic, is completely alert and loves dinosaurs. The Pediatric Home Connection program used their grant to purchase a specialized remote control dinosaur that he could control by using his mouth. Total purchase price was \$42.39, but the joy it has brought is beyond words.

## CENTER FOR COUNSELING

The Center for Counseling used grant dollars to provide essential mental health services to children and families who would not qualify for treatment because of funding difficulties. One woman had issues related to raising her children after leaving an abusive husband. She was able to attend counseling sessions to work toward creating a safe environment for her family and increasing her independence.

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## 'RECONNECTING WITH MOMMY'

The Healing Patch used their Mission Grant dollars to purchase a priceless gift—three \$10 photo frames to help children coping with the impending death of their mom. The children (all under five years) made a memory with their mom as one-by-one they sat next to her in bed and created a picture of their hand and their mom's on an oversized mat surrounding the quote *"A mother holds her child's hand for just a short time, but holds their hearts forever."*



"It allowed for the children and mother to re-connect," shared Allison Stockley, Healing Patch Manager. "In the years to come, each child will have that frame with his/her small handprint alongside mom's as a special memory of their brief time together. That was a gift that is priceless and would not be possible without contributed dollars to our Foundation."

