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Foundation Gives Grants

SHARON—Almost \$600,000 in grants was awarded by the Foundation for Community Health to local health and human service organizations that serve the needs of the people living in northeastern Dutchess and southeastern Columbia Counties in New York and northwestern Litchfield County in Connecticut, the foundation announced recently.

The awards were made to support or enhance existing programs and services or to conduct new ones in mental health, access to services, oral health and new opportunities in 2010. Their primary goal is to improve the lives of the residents in this community by strengthening the ability to access health care services and by supporting the establishment or the improvement of locally-based quality and comprehensive health services. The foundation has invested more than \$3 million in support of health services for its area communities since its inception in 2003.

The awards in Mental Health/

Behavioral Health for Capacity Building were: Community Mental Health Affiliates, \$30,000; Council on Addiction Prevention & Education of Dutchess County, \$20,000; Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, \$20,000. For Prevention and Early Intervention in Mental Health/Behavioral Health, the grantees were: Beginning Year's Children's Center, \$7,500; The McCall Foundation, \$7,500; Mental Health America of Dutchess County, \$7,500; Women's Support Services, \$7,500.

Grantee awards in Access to Services for Increasing Access to Services were: Catholic Charities Community Services, \$15,000; EMS (Emergency Medical System) Institute, \$25,000; Sharon Fire Department, \$500; Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, \$50,000.

Awards in Access to Services for Transportation and Convening were: Columbia County Community Healthcare Consortium, \$20,000; Geer Adult Day Care, \$34,000; Immigrant Forum, \$500; North East

Community Center, \$12,000.

Oral Health awards were made to: Columbia Memorial Hospital, \$24,400; Community Health and Wellness Center of Greater Torrington, \$40,000; Connecticut Department of Public Health, \$3,000; Hudson River HealthCare, \$90,000; Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial, \$22,520.

Under New Opportunities, funds were provided to: Connecticut Council on Philanthropy, \$1,800 and Grantmakers in Health, \$2,500.

The Foundation for Community Health's Medical Education Fund was \$2,593. Funding to local

administrators of the Foundation for Community Health's Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund was: Columbia County Community Healthcare Consortium, \$13,650; Dutchess County Community Action Partnership, \$75,750; NW Connecticut Council of Governments, \$60,600.

Based in Sharon, the Foundation for Community Health is an independent, nonprofit public charity dedicated to improving the health of the people living in its community through funding, advocacy, outreach and collaboration. For more information about the foundation visit www.fchealth.org.