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### **Osteopathic Heritage Foundations Announce Funding Awards totaling \$4.8 Million**

Columbus, OH—The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville (the Foundations) announce the approval of grants totaling \$4,839,374 during the period of December 2008 through June 2009. The grants are awarded for community health and quality of life initiatives in central and southeastern Ohio and in support of the principles of osteopathic medicine, research and medical education in Ohio and throughout the United States.

“These significant investments reflect the Foundations’ support for collaboratively addressing local, state and national community health priorities and advancing the principles and practices of osteopathic medical care,” said Richard A. Vincent, president and CEO of the Foundations.

#### **Community Health: 29 grants totaling \$1,501,764**

Funding priorities to create the highest quality of life for vulnerable individuals and families, prevent and end homelessness, support individuals and families to incorporate healthy nutrition and physical activity into their daily lives and targeted community needs in central and southeastern Ohio.

Information about each of these grants follows.

#### **Athens County Community Initiative: \$12,500**

- To support a school-based weekend food program for low-income children: \$5,000 to Hocking. Athens.Perry Community Action (Athens, Ohio).
- To provide support for the 2009-2010 Leadership Athens Program: \$7,500 to the Athens Foundation (Athens, Ohio).

#### **Capital Campaigns: six grants totaling \$500,000**

Information about each of these grants follows.

- To support the acquisition of capital equipment designed to expand food storage capacity, preparation and delivery: \$100,000 to LifeCare Alliance (Columbus, Ohio).
- To support the implementation of a School Room for Child Learning for children with traumatic injuries while they are hospitalized: \$50,000 to Nationwide Children’s Hospital

(Columbus, Ohio).

- To support an early intervention education program expansion for children with developmental delays: \$100,000 to Easter Seals of Central and SE Ohio, Inc. (Columbus, Ohio).
- To support capital equipment and improvements at Camp Oty'Okwa, serving low income and at-risk children: \$100,000 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Ohio, Inc. (Columbus, Ohio).
- To support the acquisition of capital equipment that will increase food distribution capacity and efficiencies: \$100,000 to Mid-Ohio Food Bank (Columbus, Ohio).
- To support construction and installation of recreation trails and gardens at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center: \$50,000 to Audubon Ohio (Columbus, Ohio).

### **Research and Development: \$10,000**

Information about this grant follows.

- To support the statewide oral health and BMI assessment for the 2009/2010 academic year: \$10,000 to Ohio Department of Health (Columbus, Ohio).

### **Rural Homeless Initiative of Southeast and Central Ohio (RHISCO):12 grants totaling \$614,264**

Phase II of a multi-year, multi-phase initiative designed to improve the health and quality of life of homeless individuals through a comprehensive, coordinated plan to prevent and end homelessness through systems prevention and emergency prevention in the 17-county Southeast and Central Ohio area.

Information about each of these grants follows.

- To increase housing stability and employment opportunities through financial assistance, case management, referrals and transportation in Fayette County: \$50,000 to Community Action Commission of Fayette County (Washington Court House, Ohio).
- To increase access to employment, housing and healthcare opportunities through provision of transportation services in Meigs and Jackson Counties: \$48,264 to Woodland Centers, Inc. (Gallipolis, Ohio).
- To expand a comprehensive family homeless prevention program designed to facilitate housing stability through case management and support in Pickaway County: \$50,000 to Pickaway County Community Action (Circleville, Ohio).
- To improve existing low-income housing stock through needed emergency home repairs in Perry County: \$30,000 to Perry County Family and Children First Council (New Lexington, Ohio).
- To increase housing stability and economic independence through comprehensive financial support services in Knox County: \$50,000 to InterChurch Social Services (Mount Vernon, Ohio).
- To provide needed case management services to at-risk youth and families transitioning into stable housing in Athens and Hocking Counties: \$100,000 to Hocking Housing Management (Logan, Ohio).
- To support at-risk youth transitioning into independent, permanent housing through coordinated supportive services and housing assistance in Delaware County: \$50,000 to The Salvation Army (Columbus, Ohio).

- To prevent eviction through short-term emergency housing support and case management in Union County: \$50,000 to The Salvation Army (Columbus, Ohio).
- To increase financial stability by increasing access to eligible tax and public benefits in Madison County: \$21,000 to The Community Action Organization of Delaware, Madison and Union Counties, Inc. (London, Ohio).
- To expand county-level information and referral systems designed to connect at-risk families and individuals to existing community housing resources in Fairfield County: \$50,000 to Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council (Lancaster, Ohio).
- To prevent housing eviction and/or foreclosure through short-term subsidies and supportive services in Licking County: \$50,000 to Licking County Coalition for Housing (Newark, Ohio).
- To expand a comprehensive case management program designed to transition survivors of domestic violence into permanent housing and to stabilize families through short-term housing assistance in Washington and Morgan Counties: \$65,000 to Washington-Morgan Community Action (Marietta, Ohio).

**School Wellness Initiative: seven grants totaling \$350,000**

Phase II of a multi-year, multi-phase initiative designed to prevent obesity and to improve the nutrition, physical activity and general health of students, staff and families led by certain school districts in the region: \$50,000 each to seven school districts in Athens (Nelsonville-York), Hocking, Meigs, and Perry counties in Ohio.

Information about each of these grants follows.

- To implement a walking trail with stations, curriculum implementation, a new fitness center and improved district-wide nutrition policies: \$50,000 to Crooksville Exempted Village School District (Crooksville, Ohio).
- To establish two new wellness centers with fitness equipment and a climbing wall: \$50,000 to New Lexington City School District (New Lexington, Ohio).
- To implement a walking trail, renovate a fitness center and create a school garden: \$50,000 to Nelsonville-York City School District (Nelsonville, Ohio).
- To expand a community accessible district fitness center: \$50,000 to Southern Local District-Meigs County (Racine, Ohio).
- To expand a walking trail and institute curriculum improvements targeted to students, staff and the community: \$50,000 to Southern Local School District-Perry County (Corning, Ohio).
- To renovate a community accessible fitness center: \$50,000 to Eastern Local School District (Winchester, Ohio).
- To implement a fitness trail and add fruit/vegetable bars at elementary schools: \$50,000 to Logan-Hocking Local School District (Logan, Ohio).

**Osteopathic Medicine: three grants totaling \$3,352,610**

To enhance post-graduate osteopathic medical education and faculty development, advance osteopathic medicine and its principles and foster a culture for osteopathic research.

Information about each of these grants follows.

**Biomedical Research: \$1,052,610**

- To provide matching funds in support of research applications approved to advance the principles of osteopathic medicine: \$900,000 to American Osteopathic Association Council on Research (Chicago, Illinois).
- To conduct a national study of ambulatory medical services to assess distinctive aspects of osteopathic medical care: \$152,610 to University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth (Fort Worth, Texas).

**Medical Education: \$2,300,000**

- To support the development of an enhanced and expanded patient simulation and medical education laboratory: \$2,300,000 to Ohio University (Athens, Ohio).

**About The Osteopathic Heritage Foundations**

The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville (the Foundations) are pre-eminent in supporting community health and quality of life programs in central and southeastern Ohio as well as advancing, on a national scope, osteopathic medical care, biomedical research and osteopathic medical education. The mission of the Foundations is to improve the health and quality of life in the community through education, research and service consistent with the principles of its osteopathic heritage and the philosophy of osteopathic medical care. The Foundations advance this mission through a broad spectrum of funding awards, initiatives and funding methods.

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