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### **AllOne Foundation & Charities Announce Grants** *Collaborative Approach Featured in Programs for Women and Children*

**Wilkes-Barre, PA** - The Board of Directors of AllOne Foundation & the Board of Directors of AllOne Charities has approved its Fall 2016 round of grants to the community. The awards total over \$2.3 million to 36 non-profit organizations serving 13 counties in Northeastern and North Central Pennsylvania.

The grant round features a cluster of innovative and collaborative programming focused on significantly impacting access to health services for women and children. Grants focus on programs addressing childhood homelessness, food insecurity, childhood trauma and abuse, nutrition and wellness, health screenings, maternal and infant services and childhood mental and behavioral health.

For example, The Wright Center has been granted resources for a multi-year approach to significantly improve delivery of care to women and children through its Patient Engagement Care Delivery Model. Through the activities of community health workers, identification of barriers to care and needs through the social and economic determinants of health screening, linkages to social supports and 24/7 access to real-

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time, in-person response teams, The Wright Center will dramatically improve outcomes in areas related to cancer screenings, mammography, pediatric immunizations, children's dental services, pre-natal care and childhood obesity.

"AllOne Foundation & Charities is committed to making a substantial impact by supporting projects and programs that will make a real difference in improving the health and welfare of our neighbors in all corners of our community," said John P. Moses, Chairman of AllOne Foundation & Charities. "This level of investment in our region is truly a great beginning."

AllOne Foundation & Charities works independently or in collaboration with others to be innovative in creating new ways of improving the health and welfare of the people of Northeastern and North Central Pennsylvania. The full list of Fall 2016 grant round recipients for both AllOne Foundation and AllOne Charities is as follows:

### **AllOne Foundation**

**Catherine McAuley Center** – \$50,000 for Health Care Coordination and Access for Homeless Women and Children Project. Funding will be used for case management designed specifically to address, minimize and ultimately reverse the detrimental effects of homelessness on the physical and mental health of women and children.

**Children's Service Center** – \$250,000 for expansion of mental health programming services to provide a medical home for child and adolescent clients. Services to include access to primary care pediatric services and pharmaceutical treatment and provide a one-stop location for low-income children to receive behavioral, physical and pharmaceutical services.

**Wayne Memorial Hospital** - \$200,000 in funding for vehicle adaption and implementation strategy for delivery of mammography services at numerous locations delivered via a telemedicine system in a mobile van.

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**The Wright Center** - \$450,000 [year-1 of 3-year \$1,350,000 grant] in support of the Patient Engagement Care Delivery Model. The initiative is centered on the value of partnerships between patients and health care providers and reduce overall cost of care primarily impacting women and children.

**Northeast Regional Cancer Institute** - \$75,000 [year-1 of 3-year, \$225,000 grant] in support of Cancer Screening Navigation Program for underserved residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania to facilitate colon, breast and cervical cancer screenings, and to identify and assist with the barriers to screening, diagnosis and treatment while establishing and re-establishing medical homes for the targeted population.

**SHINE Program, Wilkes University** - \$150,000 in support of the "SHINE Program" an afterschool, and out-of-school home visitation program for children focusing on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) enhancement for 1st-12th grades.

**Dinners for Kids** - \$30,000 to address childhood hunger by providing healthy meals for children in need at no charge. The program serves 160 children which amounts to over 50,000 meals per year.

**Family Promise of Carbon County** - \$10,000 for Family Support Champion program. Family Promise of Carbon County serves homeless children and their families and program implementation would entail employing a master's level therapist to provide marital and family counseling and parenting classes to guests in the program.

**Hazleton Parent/Child Home Program** - \$30,000 in funding to Family Service Association to support expansion of services to the Parent/Child Home Program in the Hazleton area. The capacity of the program will grow through the acquisition of full-time and bi-lingual staff.

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**Child Advocacy Center, Wyoming & Susquehanna Counties** - \$50,000 to support services through the Child Advocacy Center administered by Family Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The center serves physically and sexually abused children.

**Freeland YMCA** - \$15,000 in funding to extend after school and early morning programs and "Mommy and Me" program that would focus on developing, emotional, and physical development of preschoolers (ages 2-4) through Kindergarten (ages 5-6).

**Greater Carbondale YMCA** - \$60,000 in support of Serving Special Needs programs offered for children with special needs at a free/reduced rate. Programs include those offered in partnership with Special Olympics, Friendship House, The ARC of Northeastern PA, Abilities 21 and Parents Loving Children through Autism, among others.

**Lacawac Sanctuary** - \$10,000 in support of the Naturally Healthy Program: promoting health and well-being education through nature for low-to-moderate income at-risk youth (Pre K through 6th grade).

**Lou Ruspi, Jr. Foundation** - \$10,000 in support of the Wellness Matters program which provides suicide prevention, behavioral health education and awareness to children (grades 5-12 with focus on elementary students), teachers and community groups.

**Maternal and Family Services** - \$50,000 in supplemental funding of Enhancing Health Care through Health Information Technology Initiative.

**Misericordia University** - \$100,000 for Addiction Counseling Education & Interprofessional Treatment program to address counseling and pharmacy services to women and children touched by domestic abuse.

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**Nativity Miguel School** - \$15,000 for low-income after school program promoting access to help for homework and academic areas of deficiency, personal enrichment activities such as music lessons, nutritional counseling, cooking lessons and student clubs and social emotional counseling.

**Northeastern Child Care Services** - \$25,000 in support of a community-based multi-sensory play and activity center.

**Northeastern Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living** - \$25,000 in support of the Transitional Skills Center to assist students ages 14-21 on the Autism Spectrum to cope with daily living activities.

**Pittston Memorial Library** - \$20,000 in support of the "Start Right/Start Early" project focusing on ages 0-5 and their parents/grandparents/guardians to enhance multi-faceted preparation for Kindergarten and grades above.

**Ronald McDonald House** - \$50,000 to support the Ronald McDonald Family Room Program which provides supportive services free of charge to individuals and families who have a child receiving critical care in area medical facilities.

**Safe Haven of Pike County** - \$75,000 to build capacity for the Children's Advocacy Center, accomplished through medical equipment, supplies and increase service capacity through expansion of programming to enlarge a medical examination room to address issues of trauma brought on by violence.

**St. Joseph's Center** - \$100,000 to sustain two residential programs, Walsh Manor and Mother Infant, which directly impact the health and safety of pregnant women and mothers with infants who are experiencing homelessness.

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**Greater Scranton YMCA** - \$25,000 to expand Special Needs Program to create additional activities, purchase playground equipment and program equipment/supplies, and hold three special events annually for special needs individuals, and their families from preschool age through young adulthood.

**United Way of Wyoming Valley** - \$30,000 in support of "Responding to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's)," a trauma-focused awareness initiative and professional development program for health and human services providers, teachers, early childhood educators, and parents/caregivers.

**Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers** - \$30,000 in funding for Prenatal Services Program, including educational tools for prenatal breastfeeding classes; baby scale for outpatient consultations and evaluations; prenatal educational materials; resources for community awareness events.

**Women's Resource Center, Monroe County** - \$5,000 in support of the Child Abuse/Witness to Violence Counseling Program which helps children who have been abused or witnessed abuse. The program assists children to cope and heal from trauma while staying with their guardian in an emergency shelter.

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## **AllOne Charities**

**The Clinics at Scranton Primary Health Care Center** - \$150,000 grant to increase service capacity through expansion of programming needed to enlarge dental clinic, expand programming for internal medicine dept. and add behavioral health counseling to serve the homeless, the uninsured, the under-insured and under-served citizens of the community.

**The ARC of Northeastern Pennsylvania** - \$50,000 in support of programming in its Health and Wellness Initiative for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities by teaching nutrition, exercise and gardening techniques.

**Caring Communities** - \$25,000 to support HIV/HCV (Hepatitis C) Community Education & Outreach Programs in Bradford, Clinton, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne and Wyoming Counties.

**211 Information & Referral System** - \$25,000 grant to the Family Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania's 211/Help Line Website Development project. The program will assist in the redesign of website, data manipulation, staff training and chat capability serving a 17-county footprint.

**Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania** - \$25,000 grant to assist expansion of outpatient behavioral/mental health counseling services to Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Wayne, Pike, Wyoming, Susquehanna, and Bradford Counties.

**Meals on Wheels of NEPA** - \$15,000 grant to support expansion of Fast Track Home Delivered Meals Program targeted for individuals (as well as direct family caregivers) who need meal assistance, but are unable to qualify under traditional program guidelines.

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**The Gathering Place for Community, Arts & Education** - \$75,000 to provide programs focused on health, wellness and quality of life issues to the community. The Gathering Place will serve as a satellite studio in partnership with The Deutsch Institute's Verve Vertu Arts Center providing arts and recreational opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities and special needs.

**Leahy Clinic, University of Scranton** - \$75,000 to support increased capacity to provide health care to uninsured residents who may otherwise forego health care due to cost or seek care in hospital emergency rooms. The Leahy Clinic strives to provide high quality care in a welcoming, respectful and compassionate environment.

**Young People in Recovery** - \$7,500 grant to improve life and job skills for young people in recovery from alcohol and/or drug addiction. The grant will expand program work to include: monthly chapter meetings, social activities for young people in recovery, recovery advocacy workshops, education, employment, housing, recovery messaging training, technical assistance and training for the YPR chapter leadership.

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