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AllOne Foundation & Charities Announces Inaugural Grants *Collaborative Approach Featured in Behavioral & Mental Health Programming*

Wilkes-Barre, PA - The Board of Directors of AllOne Foundation & Charities has approved its inaugural round of grants to the community. The awards total over \$1.5 million to 28 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 improving behavioral and mental health services. The Behavioral Health Initiative lead by The Commonwealth Medical School has a partnership network of more than 40 regional stakeholders and will result in the creation of a comprehensive residency program in psychiatry at The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education.

“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.”

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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 inaugural grant round recipients for both AllOne Foundation and AllOne Charities is as follows:

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The Commonwealth Medical College – First year funding [\$640,000] of a five-year grant [\$3.2 million] for The Behavioral Health Initiative to develop a psychiatric residency program in collaboration with The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education, to integrate physical and behavioral health through innovative models of care, to expand telemedicine within primary care to increase access in rural regions, and to implement a curriculum leading to a certificate in behavioral health to train regional healthcare providers in behavioral health issues.

Partners in Family & Community Development – Based in Bradford County, this \$28,000 grant is in support of the Strengthening Families 10-14 plan, an evidence-based program designed to reduce behavioral risk factors such as aggression, poor school performance, and poor social and communications skills in youth and their families.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Luzerne County - \$45,000 to organize the training program "Becoming a Mental Health Sleuth: The Sherlock Holmes Skills Every School Needs," for those individuals working directly with children within the foster care system and those working with children in the general population, to increase access to appropriate, quality mental health services by bringing appropriate mental health training to child-serving professionals.

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The Autism Center at Misericordia - \$50,000 for sustaining capacity of the center's professional leadership to advance the mission of serving as a resource for clinicians/practitioners and caregivers in the field of Autism. The center provides a guide to the clinical services at Misericordia University, camps, other community resources, current best practices and helpful information while establishing community linkages that expand both access to and familiarity of the program's offerings within a multi-county region.

Pocono Services for Families & Children - \$50,000 in funding to increase access to high quality mental health services in Monroe County through the "Child Well Being System", which works with pre-school aged children from birth to five years old, parents, and staff. Funding will provide expertise in childhood mental/behavioral health as identified through early detection health screenings for children.

Volunteers in Medicine [Patient Centered Comprehensive Care] - \$250,000 to establish an innovative Patient Centered Comprehensive Care program at the Volunteers in Medicine clinic in Wilkes-Barre. The new clinic which will focus on the delivery of free behavioral health services and wellness programs for the working uninsured, low income population. Services are available for clients living or working in Luzerne County.

Volunteers in Medicine [Social Care Coordination] - \$30,000 in funding to establish the Social Care Coordination program to assist with the socio-economic challenges that affect the behavioral and medical health of the low income population in the greater Wilkes-Barre area.

The Wright Center - \$25,000 in support of the Skyview Park Apartments Primary Care Clinic to provide a full range of physical, dental, and behavioral health services to residents of a low-income South Scranton neighborhood.

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St. Gabriel's House – Hazleton - \$50,000 to be used for the restoration of a housing project, which provides affordable housing for low-income families, including victims of domestic violence, elderly and disabled individuals, and emergency housing for the homeless.

Clinton County Healthy Communities - \$10,000 grant to provide access to dental care, and reduce oral disease, for the low income population of the greater Clinton County area.

Penn State Extension – Lycoming and Clinton Counties - \$4,000 grant to support the "Dining with Diabetes" research-based program to help decrease complications from Type 2 diabetes and improve access to preventive services for the low income population.

Allied Services Foundation - \$7,000 grant to support the Jumpstart! Behavioral Health Outreach program which assists at-risk young people 16-26 years of age in taking charge of their own mental health and recovery.

Candy's Place - \$15,000 in support of cancer wellness program services and resource center to help patients, and their caregivers, with mental and physical recovery before, during, and after cancer treatments in Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike and Wyoming counties.

The Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency, Inc. (SLHDA) - \$10,350 to provide access to regular and proper dental health care for children from economically-challenged families in Lackawanna, Pike, Susquehanna and Wayne counties.

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Pocono Alliance - \$21,000 to expand the "Healthy Start Early Childhood Screening" program in Monroe County. The program detects developmental, vision, and hearing issues in children ages birth-to-5 years, from economically at-risk families.

Weller Health Education Center - \$15,000 to support the "Stress Less and Adolescent Depression Awareness" programs to reach public middle and high school students with critically-needed mental health education in Monroe and Carbon counties.

Tioga County Partnership for Community Health - \$25,000 grant to the "Fit for Life" program in support of efforts at two existing sites, and expansion of one additional site, to promote safe and structured physical activity for youth, to reduce childhood hunger and to promote healthy eating habits in Tioga County.

Marywood University Head Start Program - \$21,000 grant to support the speech-language-hearing screening program activities by teachers to help identify hearing and speech-language challenges in Head Start children in Lackawanna County.

East Central PA Area Health Education Center (PA AHEC) - \$11,850 grant to support the "Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)" program to provide training of instructors in Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties, to learn the warning signs of mental illness in youth and how to provide assistance to that population.

Pennsylvania Elks Major Projects, Inc. - \$25,000 grant to support the "PA Elks Home Service" program, which provides free in-home support, advocacy, and care coordination services to children with special health care needs who live in Bradford, Carbon, Clinton, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties.

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United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern PA - \$25,000 in funding to help maintain and expand the "Community Health Department" program which provides individualized care coordination, services and awareness/educational programming, generalized resource/referral assistance, and screenings targeted to groups of at-risk individuals in Lackawanna County & Luzerne County.

Northern Tier Industry and Education Consortium - \$25,000 in funding to the "Health Care Careers" program in the five rural Northern Tier Counties. The program brings together high school students and healthcare professionals to communicate a better understanding of healthcare careers. This program addresses the critical shortage of primary care providers in Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wayne Counties.

Children's Service Center - \$8,000 grant to provide implements to be used to help children with autism focus on social skills training in a social development group setting. This specialized program serves children in Bradford, Carbon, Clinton, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne and Wyoming counties.

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) - \$20,000 in support of the "Active Adventures: Find Your Path to Wellness" program to introduce 750 individuals (including 500 school-aged children) to direct and active use of the hiking, biking and walking trails and watercourses of both the PEEC and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA) in Pike County.

Women's Resource Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania - \$10,000 in funding toward an Education and Training Specialist to provide prevention education programs throughout Susquehanna County.

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American Lung Association in Pennsylvania- \$25,000 in funding for school-based nebulizer equipment, educational and training programs focused on lung disease in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties.

The Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) - \$50,000 to support the health and well-being of children and their families by providing diabetic appropriate food through the Weinberg Regional Food Bank serving Luzerne, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, and Wyoming Counties

The Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development - \$10,000 to fund a baseline report measuring specific indicators following the five areas of funding priorities in each of the 13 counties within the AllOne Foundation & Charities service area resulting in providing baseline data on each priority.

King's College - \$7,500 grant to support of the McGowan Hispanic Outreach Summer Residential Enrichment program for 20 low-income high school Hispanic students from Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties. The program includes a health class to improve behavioral health and prevent diseases for those at high risk of obesity.

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