
Baylor/Methodist Community Health Fund

Behavioral Mental Health - Phase 5 Grantees

Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries (ACAM)

\$40,000 awarded

<http://www.acamweb.org/>

Project Description: The Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries (ACAM) project will be used by four of its member Community Assistance Ministries (CAMs) to provide free counseling services to medically underserved families and individuals. The goals of this project are multi-level: on a client level, to help medically-underserved individuals seeking basic needs to grow in their mental health by providing free, accessible counseling services and appropriate mental health referrals; and on a community level, to strengthen the effectiveness of Houston's basic-needs safety net by helping providers offer services that address root causes and long-term solutions. ACAM will coordinate, manage and evaluate the program, minimizing duplication of overhead and enabling each CAM to provide the needed direct services to the respective clientele.

The Amazing Place

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.seniorsplace.org/>

Project Description: The Amazing Place formerly known as The Seniors Place serves adults suffering from Alzheimer's disease in the early to moderate stages. The mission of Amazing Place is to provide fellowship, memory care and wellness for adults with mild to moderate memory loss and support to their families and the community.

Professionals at Amazing Place provide an individualized program for each participant offering socialization opportunities, stimulating cognitive activities, and daily exercise. In an attentive and active environment, participants from all walks of life find encouragement, enrichment, a circle of friends, and an enhanced quality of life. Since the grand opening of its new facility, Amazing Place has seen a 22% increase in the number of participants served.

Boys and Girls Country of Houston, Inc.

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.boysandgirlscountry.org/>

Project Description: The *Healing the Past, Shaping the Future* program will provide children with a secure foundation for growth that will allow them to develop internal resources for coping in healthy ways with challenges, stress, and emotions; and to build an external support system of healthy relationships with both their birth family and their campus family, especially the cottage family to ensure that the children achieve behavioral and mental health elements necessary to function independently. The mental health care program offers a safe place where children can reveal hidden abuse or addiction or to confront family members and express their anger and pain. Children are able to overcome psychological obstacles to success and well-being, reach closure on issues such as death or abandonment, and heal from abuse and neglect.

Casa de Esperanza de Los Niños, Inc.

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.casahope.org/>

Project Description: The Children's Developmental Center has been providing developmental and psychological care for Casa de Esperanza's children since 1984. The program has one full-time psychologist, a part-time consulting psychologist, a consulting child developmental specialist and a volunteer psychiatrist providing services to the children. Through this program, 100 to 150 children and their families receive services annually. Program services include: consultation and standardized assessments, weekly therapeutic play groups, training for foster and adoptive families and staff, and community liaison with schools, teachers, community mental health providers, including psychiatric hospitals and courts.

Council on Alcohol and Drugs

\$25,000 awarded

<http://www.council-houston.org/>

Project Description: Through the Behavioral Health Center for Women & Children, the Council will provide clinical and educational services, including Parent Child Interaction Therapy, play therapy, parent education, trauma services and family therapy to improve the bio-psycho-social well-being of children affected by parental substance abuse or prenatal substance exposure and to improve the ability of parents/caregivers to provide a safe, nurturing environment for their children. Children of substance abusers face four main sources of risk: prenatal exposure to alcohol or drugs; environmental risk, such as neglect/abuse and riding in a car with a drunk or drugged driver; mental health and behavioral problems; and a higher than average potential for developing substance abuse problems.

DePelchin Children's Center

\$75,000 awarded

<http://www.depelchin.org/>

Project Description: DePelchin's Community-Based Mental Health Services target children, youth, and their families struggling with trauma and other mental health issues and the resulting challenges arising within the family, school, and relationships. For families who lack transportation, experience poverty, and have other barriers to seeking services, this project provides therapeutic interventions in schools and in the home. The goals of the project are to improve the mental health and well-being of the child and increase family functioning and stability. The objectives of the project are to reduce symptoms of traumatic stress and improve each child's level of functioning.

Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance Greater Houston

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.dbsahouston.org/>

Project Description: Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) seeks to improve the lives of people affected by depression or bipolar disorder by sponsoring 60 weekly support groups, led by trained facilitators in the Houston metropolitan area. The support groups provide a much needed opportunity for participants to exchange information, to make observations about these changes in each other, to share coping strategies, and to give support and guidance to each other. These support groups can bring new participants encouragement as they meet with other participants who have overcome similar struggles. Participants do not dwell on the past, but focus instead on present and future recovery strategies. Group members provide understanding and empathy which in turn enhances the recovery process.

Family Services of Greater Houston

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.familyservices.org/>

Project Description: For 70 years, Family Services has served as one of Houston's main providers of behavioral and mental health services for low-income individuals and families. The objective of the program is to ensure men, women and children who would otherwise be unable to afford counseling learn to effectively address their mental health needs. The program helps them cope with current stresses and learn techniques to face difficult issues in the future.

Interface Samaritan Counseling Centers

\$25,000 awarded

<http://www.interface-samaritan.org>

Project Description: Interface-Samaritan Counseling Centers (ISCC) operates five counseling centers across the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area, making affordable counseling services available to all Houstonians. Services are delivered by a staff of 15 therapists with Master's and Doctorate degrees in their fields. Educational and professional consultation is available through workshops and educational programs throughout the year. ISCC is working with YES College Prep, Making It Better, and The Chinquapin School to deliver services to a diverse community. ISCC is partnering with several other community agencies to leverage existing resources and maximize impact to the community.

Jewish Family Service

\$38,000 awarded

<http://jfshouston.org/>

Project Description: Jewish Family Service (JFS) provides Counseling Services and Psychiatric Services; Senior Adult Services; Support Groups for Clients with Chronic Mental Illness; Hospital Visitation Program; Community Outreach; School and Camps Consultation Services; Hospice Program Support; and a Domestic Violence Prevention program. JFS plans to launch a pilot program to use an intern from the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work to provide weekly counseling to home-bound seniors. The project will allow for the development of training, protocols, and evaluation tools to assess the value of bringing mental health services to those who are the most isolated.

Krist Samaritan Center for Counseling & Education

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.samaritanhouston.org/>

Project Description: The Counseling Assistance Program has been an integral part of Krist's operations since its founding in 1986. The Counseling Assistance Fund enables Krist to offer the best possible treatment to anyone, regardless of their financial resources, touching the lives of more than 82% of its clients each year who rely on sliding fee scale assistance for professional counseling services. Krist hopes to provide counseling services to more than 5,000 families in 2011 at an average of 10 counseling sessions per client/family to identify and address issues causing conflict, distress, and affecting overall functionality. The Center's leadership is passionate about its mission to provide quality mental healthcare for anyone who seeks help, regardless of faith, ethnicity, or economic status.

Magnificat Houses, Inc.

\$25,000 awarded

<http://magnificathouse.org/>

Project Description: Magnificat Houses, Inc. (MHI) offers refuge and hope to the destitute by creating homes where people of different mental abilities, social backgrounds, religions and cultures can live together in community. MHI serves the Greater Houston area by offering a continuum of care for the homeless, chronically mentally ill and ex-offenders. Ensuring the emotional and physical health of the residents is an ongoing concern. Most come to Magnificat homeless, without resources and in poor health. The addition of a psychiatric nurse will give residents immediate access to professional help. Residents will have regularly scheduled appointments and counseling sessions with the nurse.

Montrose Counseling Center, Inc.

\$40,000 awarded

<http://www.montrosecounselingcenter.org/>

Project Description: Montrose Counseling Center primarily serves individuals who are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender, or people living with HIV disease and their significant others in metropolitan Houston and surrounding areas. The LIFE Program offers individual, couples, family, and group counseling on issues of relationships, coming out, depression, anxiety, sexual abuse, intimate partner violence, and personal growth to youth and seniors in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community. Individual and group counseling by licensed psychotherapists is the core of the LIFE program. The SOFA Project (Significant Others & Families Alike) is a new program being extended to caregivers, significant others and families of participating clients to provide stress management, grief and bereavement counseling.

SEARCH

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.searchproject.org/>

Project Description: SEARCH's House of Tiny Treasures (HTT) is Houston's only licensed child development center for homeless children. Support of this program will enable SEARCH's House of Tiny Treasures to continue to provide homeless children and families a comprehensive array of therapeutic services, including a Family Services Coordinator, Speech Therapist, Play Therapist, Art Therapist and Occupational Therapist. Each specialist is an important component of the therapy process with the Family Service Coordinator acting as the connection for the therapy team and the families. The House of Tiny Treasures is Houston/Harris County's first licensed, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredited early childhood education.

Spaulding for Children

\$25,000 awarded

<http://www.spauldingforchildren.org/>

Project Description: Spaulding for Children (SFC) operates award winning, culturally sensitive programs that work to provide permanence, stability, and care for abused and neglected children who have been removed from their birth families and placed in the custody of the State of Texas. SFC's major programs include foster care, adoption, and post adoption. The Foster Care Program provides a safe haven home for children waiting for the outcomes of their permanency plans by the state. The mission of Spaulding for Children is to provide children in need of a loving home with the joy of having one. The Post Adoption Program provides on-going support services to families in the Greater Houston area who have adopted a child from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS). Services include case management, 24-hour crisis assistance, therapy, support groups, respite care, both day and residential treatment, and referrals.

Village Learning & Achievement Center, Inc.

\$25,000 awarded

<http://www.villagelac.org/>

Project Description: Village Learning & Achievement Center is a community based program serving the needs of 230 children and adults with moderate to severe developmental and physical disabilities in Harris and surrounding counties. Many of their clients have single or multiple diagnoses: Mental Retardation, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Seizure Disorders, Emotional Disturbance, Down Syndrome, Learning Disabled, Depressive Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injuries and some mental illnesses. The mission of Village Learning & Achievement Center is to create a positive environment that enables individuals with learning and developmental disabilities to reach their maximum potential. The Village Learning & Achievement Center continues to grow and accept people with multiple disabilities in various programs they develop and offer as needs continue to arise.

The Women's Home

\$10,000 awarded

<http://www.thewomenshome.org/>

Project Description: The Clinical Program at The Women's Home provides behavioral health services to homeless women diagnosed with mental health and substance abuse issues. It also offers healthcare access to women otherwise unable to receive it. An important component of the Clinical Program is nurse practitioner services. The Women's Home contracts with the University of Texas - Houston School of Nursing for these services. Each resident receives a wellness exam which is critical because the women we serve have neglected their health. Referrals are made and follow-up is provided. Individual nurse counseling and classes focus on the side-effects of psychiatric medication and the benefits of healthy eating and exercise for those dually diagnosed with substance abuse and mental disorders.

Childhood Immunization – Phase 5 Grantees

Caring for Children Foundation of Texas

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.carevan.org/>

Project Description: Caring For Children's Care Van Program provides free or low cost immunizations to Texas's uninsured or underserved children. Targeting the families who are the working poor, the Care Van program offers outreach clinics on weekdays primarily 4pm -7pm and on Saturdays to help accommodate these families. Caring for Children has set a 2011 goal of immunizing 13,000 children, a 13% increase over 2010. Caring for Children is a statewide organization, with two mobile vans in the Greater Houston area. Partnering with schools and community organizations across the Houston area, Caring for Children intends to reduce the current statistic of 1 in 4 children living in Texas going without necessary immunizations. Additionally, through the Building Healthy Texans Initiative, the Care Van program promotes healthier lifestyles through nutrition and exercise education and health indicator screenings.

Texas Children's Hospital

\$110,589 awarded

www.texaschildrens.org/

Project Description: Texas Children's Hospital supports excellence in patient care, education and research with a commitment to quality service and cost-effective care to enhance the health and well-being of children locally, nationally and internationally. Through the Center for Vaccine Awareness and Research, Texas Children's Hospital supports The Cocoon Strategy, an immunization initiative to prevent severe and fatal pertussis (whooping cough) in underserved infants. Infants under six months of age have more than 18 times the risk of getting acellular pertussis, or whooping cough, than the rest of the population as well as the highest risk of pertussis-related complications and deaths. The success of The Cocoon Strategy is serving as a model for other settings nationally.

Dental Services - Phase 5 Grantees

Bering Omega Community Services

\$70,000 awarded

<http://beringomega.org/cms/>

Project Description: Bering Omega's dental clinic is recognized as a world leader in HIV/AIDS dentistry (a United Nations model agency). Individuals with HIV/AIDS face a number of serious oral diseases that are found only with those who have compromised immune systems. A full array of oral health services are offered free of charge and range from basic oral hygiene to emergency care. Other dental services include fillings, crowns, dentures, treatment of lesions, ulcers and gum disease, to name a few. Good oral health is vital to maintain nutrition and provide a positive self-image. This not only helps manage the disease, but allows clients to stay in the workforce.

Communities in Schools Houston, Inc.

\$110,000 awarded

<http://www.cishouston.org/>

Project Description: Communities in Schools (CIS) established Project MOVE (Mobile Operations Vehicle for Everyone) in 1997 to help improve the health and well being of at-risk children, their families, and their communities through direct services and education. Since its inception, Project MOVE's mission has been to reach those who may not have access to or an understanding of dental care. Project MOVE provides free basic dental services, referrals for major restorative work, and coordination of oral health educational activities. CIS staff educates students on dental health, teaches daily oral hygiene and distributes toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS)

\$17,000 awarded

<http://www.echos-houston.org/>

Project Description: ECHOS assists under-served families in accessing critical health, dental, social and educational services - without restriction. The client population is predominantly immigrants and refugees living in southwest Houston. ECHOS is a site of choice for the University of Texas Dental School mobile van. The complexity of the dental needs of clients coming to ECHOS provides a wonderful training experience for the students of the van as well as an outreach to the community where there is a true scarcity of dental services for the medically indigent.

Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston

\$75,000 awarded

<http://www.homeless-healthcare.org/>

Project Description: Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston (HHH) provides the following, closely inter-related programs: Shelter Clinics: Three primary care clinics at SEARCH, Star of Hope Men's Development Center, and the Dunn Outreach Center of Christ Church Cathedral. Medical Outreach: Street medicine for chronically homeless people. HOMES Clinic: a student-run free clinic staffed by volunteer students from Baylor College of Medicine and other area educational institutions. Dental Clinic: Houston's only full service, no cost dental clinic for homeless persons. Project Access: A free bus service linking 21 health and social service resources; Jail Inreach: continuity of care for homeless, mentally ill persons released from Harris County jails. The Dental Clinic is Houston's only full-service, no cost dental clinic for homeless people. The three-operatory clinic is centrally located in the SEARCH building on Fannin Street.

Healthcare Access - Phase 5 Grantees

American Cancer Society

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.cancer.org/>

Project Description: The Gulf Coast Region of the American Cancer Society receives an average of 4,000 transportation requests each year. Fluctuations in fuel prices over the past year have made it difficult for volunteer drivers from the Society to offer sufficient transportation services. The Society plans to supplement volunteer transportation services with experienced, reliable transportation from the Yellow Cab Company. Through the transportation program, the American Cancer Society will provide transportation to and from cancer care or rehabilitative follow-up anywhere in its six-county Gulf Coast Region for cancer patients who reside in any of those six counties. The organization will focus on patients who are most in need and have no way to access treatment. A recent study by the UT School of Public Health and the National Cancer Institute indicates that the lack of a personal vehicle and limited public transportation are the top two physical barriers to cancer patients fulfilling treatment. An insufficient number of treatment sites and limited hours of operation are problems for patients without transportation in remote areas of the Gulf Coast Region who are left with few options, as they have no way to travel elsewhere.

Boat People SOS, Inc.

\$40,000 awarded

<http://www.bpsos.org/offices/houston>

Project Description: Boat People SOS is utilizing the San Leon Community Church as its community meeting place in Galveston County to provide healthcare access to the Vietnamese population. No organization in the Galveston area has the capacity to provide health care services such as case management, health and wellness referrals, and mental health services focused on Vietnamese clients with limited English language proficiency. This funding will allow Boat People SOS to expand services to an anticipated 500 Vietnamese seniors through a range of health-related programs.

Breath of Life Children's Clinic

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.boflife.com/>

Project Description: The Breath of Life Children's Center's clinic services are broken down into two categories: Preventive and Acute Sick Care services. Preventive Services offer a comprehensive program for children and adolescents in Harris, Ft. Bend and Waller counties. Additional educational services focus on helping young mothers understand the prevention of childhood diseases and child development. Services include: Immunizations and routine care; Parental Education and an annual "Back to School Immunization Drive". Acute Sick Care Services provide treatment for children who are ill due to ear infections, nosebleeds, asthma, high fevers, and all other childhood related illnesses. Medications for routine treatments are supplied to the children when available and procedures performed on site when feasible.

Casa el Buen Samaritano

\$15,000 awarded

<http://www.casaelbuen.org/>

Project Description: Casa el Buen Samaritano (CEBS) operates a free clinic for the uninsured and indigent in Houston. All treatment is provided completely free of charge, including laboratory testing and medications from the clinic's Class D Pharmacy. In addition to outpatient care, CEBS conducts a number of special programs. It provides a nutrition education program to at-risk patients. CEBS patients are below 150% of federal poverty guidelines and have no form of health insurance. Because of the CEBS's location, the majority of its patients (98%) are Hispanic; however, its doors are open to all persons living in poverty who need medical care.

Catholic Charities

\$25,000 awarded

<http://www.catholiccharities.org/>

Project Description: Catholic Charities has embarked upon a multi-faceted \$20 million campaign. A portion of funds raised through this campaign will be used to build a new Community Service Center in Fort Bend County with a Wellness Clinic, focusing on helping low-income seniors live longer, healthier lives through preventative care and disease management. The Wellness Clinic will be staffed with a bilingual team that includes a nurse practitioner, nutritionist, health educator and counselors who will provide services to empower clients to adopt healthy behaviors and to improve their management of chronic conditions.

The Center for Hearing and Speech

\$75,000 awarded

<http://www.centerhearingandspeech.org/>

Project Description: The Audiology Clinic performs fundamental health services which result in lifelong benefits to deaf and hearing-impaired children. All programs are guided by the belief that communication is a basic human right and all children should have the option of communicating orally, even if they are hearing-impaired. The overall goal of the program is to diagnose hearing impairments in children and provide audiological intervention and amplification. The Center for Hearing and Speech is the only audiological service provider in the Houston area that offers a sliding scale option for clients who do not have insurance or Medicaid.

Center Foundation (Foundation for the Retarded)

\$29,000 awarded

<http://www.cri-usa.org/>

Project Description: The Center provides adults with significant developmental disabilities a place to live and be taken care of physically and emotionally, especially as they age and outlive their families. Many of these people have multiple physical issues, requiring a lot of monitoring and care. The Center intends to implement an electronic records system to minimize human error and enhance care given to the residents. The mission of The Center is to provide adults with developmental disabilities opportunities for individual choice, personal growth and independence.

Children's Defense Fund

\$60,000 awarded

<http://www.cdf-texas.org/>

Project Description: The Every Child, a Healthy Child Initiative is a five-year, city and county wide initiative to enroll eligible uninsured children in low-cost or free health coverage through CHIP and Medicaid. The Children's Defense Fund has linked over 60,000 Harris County children to health coverage and hopes to link another 5,000 - 7,000 Harris County children to health coverage. Since its inception in 2007, this program has boosted Harris County CHIP enrollment by more than 40,000 children and boosted Children's Medicaid enrollment by more than 42,100. The Every Child, a Healthy Child Initiative provides an important solution to the crisis of uninsured children in Houston/Harris County by increasing access to preventative health care.

Community of the Streets Outreach (Lord of the Streets)

\$33,600 awarded

<http://www.lordofthestreets.org/>

Project Description: Community of the Streets' (COTS) Caritas Health Care Clinic targets homeless and indigent individuals of all ages and ethnicities in Harris County seeking primary healthcare and preventative diagnosis and treatment services. The Women and Children Wellness Care Project actively targets women and children who are medically underserved who are homeless as a result of domestic abuse (violence), alcohol abuse and/or substance abuse. COTS offers primary healthcare to include: well women and baby exams, immunization services, pharmaceuticals, and TB testing. COTS mission is to minister to the spiritual, emotional, physical, and social needs of individuals living in Houston, who are homeless, disadvantaged or in transition.

Covenant House Texas

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.covenanthousetx.org/>

Project Description: Covenant House Texas (CHT) provides homeless youth with the basics of food, shelter and clothing, as well as counseling, education, job training, and transitional living programs. In addition, CHT addresses the health care needs of this population with the on-site C. Richard Stasney Health Clinic. Services include physical exams, treatment for minor and chronic illnesses, HIV/AIDS testing and case management, mental health and substance abuse counseling, pre- and post-natal care, as well as referrals to specialists. The mission of Covenant House Texas is to offer homeless and runaway youth safe haven from the dangers of street life and abuse as well as provide them with the necessary skills, training, and emotional support to choose positive life alternatives and develop into self-sufficient adults.

El Centro de Corazón

\$150,000 awarded

<http://www.elcentrodecorazon.org/>

Project Description: The addition of a primary care provider at the Dunn Clinic will provide a medical home for the uninsured and underinsured residents of the Magnolia Park area, as well as alleviate some of the overcrowding at the Eastwood clinic. El Centro targets a largely uninsured, primarily Hispanic, population.

Eye Care for Kids Foundation

\$75,000 awarded

<http://www.eyecareforkids.org/>

Project Description: Eye Care for Kids' services include free eye exams, free eyeglasses, coordinated referrals from school nurses, a coordinated provider network, program outreach and mobile eye care services. New for 2010 - 2011 the organization will provide vision screening services to children in women's shelters where no nurses are employed in order to identify those children who need glasses. In addition, the organization has partnered with the Children's Defense Fund to help enroll children in CHIP or Medicaid to ensure that those resources are utilized if the children are eligible. Eye Care for Kids works in collaboration with school nurses in 56 school districts in the greater Houston area who refer medically underserved students to the Foundation for assistance.

Fort Bend Family Health Center

\$100,000 awarded

<http://www.fbfhc.org/>

Project Description: Fort Bend Family Health Center (FBFHC) is renovating its Richmond location. The renovations are part of FBFHC's plans to bring the building up to ADA standards to improve patient flow through the building.

Good Neighbor Healthcare Center (Fourth Ward Clinic)

\$90,000 awarded

<http://www.gnhc.org>

Project Description: Good Neighbor Healthcare Center (GNHC) will work toward improving the health of the low-income families they serve by providing high-quality care in a comprehensive manner. Services will include prenatal care; pediatric care; adult care; and dental care, among others. They have a highly dedicated staff of physicians, dentists, family nurse practitioners, registered nurses, a nutritionist, and other support staff. Goals/objectives for the grant include: Adult care: Diabetic patients will demonstrate better compliance with diabetic management; Perinatal: More patients receiving prenatal care at GNHC will return for postpartum visits; Pediatric: Children 0-2 years of age will receive required immunizations; Dental: Patients will learn good dental habits as evidenced by testing.

The Hope Clinic (Asian American Health Coalition)

\$75,000 awarded

<http://www.hopechc.org/>

Project Description: HOPE Clinic is a professionally staffed and full-time Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike. It provides culturally and linguistically appropriate primary care services to Houston's different ethnic groups regardless of ability to pay. In particular, HOPE Clinic serves vulnerable families who are uninsured, underinsured, with limited English proficiency, and low income. To meet the unique needs of this population, the Clinic offers services in Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Burmese, Hindi, and Spanish. The Hope Clinic serves a population that is extremely difficult to reach because of language, cultural and social behavior barriers. HOPE Clinic's mission is "to improve the health of residents in greater Houston through culturally and linguistically appropriate services".

Houston Community Health Centers (Denver Harbor Clinic)

\$100,000 awarded

<http://www.denverharborclinic.org/>

Project Description: Since October 2001, Denver Harbor Clinic, Houston Community Health Centers, Inc. has been providing comprehensive medical services to its community by bringing healthcare back to the neighborhood. Medical services include; diagnostic, laboratory, radiologic services, prenatal and perinatal services, screening for breast and cervical cancer, well-child services, pediatric eye, ear and dental screenings to determine the need for vision and hearing correction, immunizations, screenings for elevated blood lead level, communicable disease, cholesterol, voluntary family planning service, continuity of care and case management. Mental health services include: screening, assessment and diagnosis; medication therapy and management; and one-on-one and group counseling that may focus on substance abuse issues. Dental services include: extractions, fillings, fluoride treatments, resin based composites and scaling, root planning, and cleaning.

Houston Hospice

\$20,000 awarded

<http://www.houstonhospice.org/>

Project Description: Houston Hospice cares for the severely and terminally ill by providing a coordinated comprehensive program of in-home and hospice in-patient care through an interdisciplinary team of professionals and volunteers in accordance with a physician's written plan of care. Houston Hospice's main goals include assisting patients to maintain the highest possible quality of life, to remain in control as long as possible, and to die with dignity. Hospice care includes physician-directed clinical care, registered nurse care management, psychosocial support, counseling and spiritual assistance, hospice aides, volunteer relief, medical supplies, equipment and medication. Houston Hospice provides community education to civic and professional groups, churches, businesses, and schools and offers professional education programs for nursing students, rotation of medical students and internships for social workers.

Legacy Community Health Services

\$250,000 awarded

<http://www.legacycommunityhealth.org/>

Project Description: Legacy Community Health Services is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and as such is charged with providing the underinsured, uninsured, and indigent population of greater Houston with primary healthcare services. Legacy also provides HIV/STD counseling, testing, support services, education, information, Primary Healthcare services for men, women and children, as well as culturally sensitive healthcare services for the GLBT community. Legacy is constructing a new state-of-the-art healthcare facility that will serve as the headquarters and central clinic.

Lone Star Family Health Center

\$100,000 awarded

<http://www.lonestarfamily.org/>

Project Description: Lone Star Family Health Center is the only Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving Montgomery County residents. Lone Star was formed to strengthen, stabilize, and expand patient access to health care services in Montgomery County. Lone Star provides a full-service pharmacy, eligibility services and a wide range of medical services, including family medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics, sports medicine, counseling services, adult and pediatric dental services, nutrition and diabetes education, hospital and nursing home care, and an after-hours walk-in clinic that operates weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. In addition, Lone Star's onsite residency program, consisting of 21 residents each year, has become nationally recognized for the development of family practice physicians. The mission of Lone Star Family Health Center is to provide high quality, easily accessible health services to the underserved and the community at large.

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM)

\$25,000 awarded

<http://www.helpherehelpnow.org>

Project Description: Memorial Assistance Ministries' *I Can See* Program provides qualifying Spring Branch ISD children with free optometric exams and \$10 eyeglasses. Spring Branch ISD school nurses refer students to MAM when they demonstrate visual acuity less than 20/40 and their families indicate they lack adequate means to provide vision care. MAM interviews the families to confirm their financial need and provides vouchers for complete eye exams and eyeglasses. A required \$10 co-pay policy was introduced as a means of building families' sense of ownership in order to reduce loss and breakage of eyewear and has been found effective. *I Can See* is offered throughout the academic year, beginning at the start of each school year and ending when all children who received referrals during the school year have been served. *I Can See* is accessible to parents and children with limited English proficiency: one provider offers care in English and Spanish, the other in English and Vietnamese.

Northwest Assistance Ministries

\$100,000 awarded

<http://www.namonline.org/>

Project Description: Northwest Assistance Ministries provides a broad range of social and health services to the indigent, the homeless, and clients in need. The Children's Clinic goal is to provide quality healthcare and education to patients from birth through age 18 who have limited access to medical care. The Clinic's pediatrician and pediatric nurse practitioner lead interns, residents and volunteers in providing well-child checkups, sick visit care, immunizations, case management services and referrals to an average of 650 children a month. The number of children who are treated, the number of immunizations and other services provided, the number of children seen for well child visits, and the numbers of healthcare students trained are measures used to track change and to evaluate outcomes.

Open Door Mission Foundation

\$50,000 awarded

<http://www.opendoorhouston.org/>

Project Description: The Russell M. Scott, Jr., M.D. Convalescent Care Center (RMSCCC) provides a safe short-term environment to indigent hospital patients to continue their convalescence from surgery, illness or injury. The functions of the RMSCCC are to facilitate the care prescribed by the hospital, or other referring entities, and to provide intensive case management services including need assessments, treatment planning, referral coordination and advocacy for all residents. Residents are provided, at no cost, the essential services of nutritious meals, clothing and shelter in a clean, supportive and nurturing environment. Facilitating medical care includes continuing the orders for medical services from the referring sources, such as distributing medications, and coordinating with home health agencies.

The Rose

\$100,000 awarded

<http://www.the-rose.org/>

Project Description: The Rose offers a full continuum of care for breast cancer needs to the insured and uninsured. Medical procedures available include screenings, ultrasounds, diagnostic work-ups, biopsies, Breast Specific Gamma Imaging, physician examinations and, if needed, access to treatment. Meeting patient breast health care needs, patient-centered programs include: EmpowerHer®, nationally recognized as a model for serving the uninsured; Patient Navigation, providing one-on-one advocacy and mentoring support for the uninsured patient; Physician Network, composed of 500 doctors, clinics, hospitals, radiation and chemotherapy centers who volunteer their time and talents to provide health care services at no cost to patients of The Rose; Young Women's Clinic, designed to serve women age 39 and under who have concerns about breast cancer; Mobile Mammography Program provides mammography screening to women throughout Houston, including Harris and the eight surrounding counties reaching women where they live and work.

San José Clinic

\$150,000 awarded

<http://www.sanjoseclinic.org/>

Project Description: San José Clinic's services include primary and specialty medical care, general and specialty dentistry, optometry, health education, counseling, and immunizations. Available medical specialty care includes cardiology, dermatology, endocrinology, family practice, gynecology, internal medicine, nephrology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, pediatrics, podiatry, and rheumatology. Comprehensive treatment includes prescription medications and laboratory services at no additional cost to patients through the Clinic's on-site pharmacy and laboratory. Dental services range from basic dental hygiene to complex restorative and prosthodontic dental care.

Shalom Health Ministry, Inc.

\$75,000 awarded

<http://www.shalomhealth.net/index.htm>

Project Description: Shalom Health Ministry offers services under two program categories to individuals that are uninsured, or face other significant barriers to accessing care: prevention and primary care. Both areas include such services as physical exams for adults, children and seniors, treatments that are indicated, patient and family education, and follow-up care. Lab work and immunizations are also included in these services and referrals to specialty care are made on the basis of diagnosis and patient need. Shalom preventative services focus on identifying and addressing health indicators before they pose a severe or chronic threat to the person's health. They organize prevention under three current programs: breast health, diabetes and cardiovascular disease prevention, and soon hope to add mental health services.

St. Vincent's House

\$75,000 awarded

<http://www.stvhope.org/>

Project Description: St. Vincent's House serves the disadvantaged, underserved and working poor community of the greater Galveston community with programs and services to enhance their mental, physical and spiritual well being. Their free clinic provides services to those who lack any kind of medical benefits with no other means of receiving medical care. St. Vincent's Psychiatric Clinic has seen an increase in mental/behavioral health services since Hurricane Ike. The Psychiatric Clinic provides: evaluation, referrals, counseling, follow-up and refills on medicine. St. Vincent's House is preparing its application to be designated as a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center.

TOMAGWA Ministries Medical Clinic

\$100,000 awarded

<http://www.tomagwa.org/>

Project Description: TOMAGWA HealthCare Ministries is a minimal-fee family practice and acute-care medical clinic that provides the uninsured with access to early intervention for potentially fatal conditions and proper care for chronic illness as well as immunizations, health exams, and other non-emergency care. The Tomball clinic is open full time on weekdays to treat patients by appointment. A satellite clinic in Waller is open every Thursday morning, with treatment on a walk-in basis. TOMAGWA also provides special medical outreach services to the entire community (including non-patients) such as weekly immunization clinics, TB testing for people who need testing to obtain or maintain employment, and pregnancy testing to assist women in applying for Medicaid.

University of Houston College of Optometry

\$100,000 awarded

<http://www.opt.uh.edu/>

Project Description: The University of Houston College of Optometry is one of only 19 optometry schools in the US that offers a variety of degree programs including: Doctor of Optometry (OD), a combined Doctor of Optometry/Doctor of Philosophy (O.D./Ph.D), Master of Science (M.S.) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). The University Eye Institute (UEI) serves over 36,000 patients annually ranging from complete vision exams to the management of medical eye disorders. Funding toward diagnostic equipment enhancements for the Pediatric and Binocular Clinical Service will help ensure that the innovative clinical care program continues to be successful.

Preventative Care - Phase 5 Grantees

Healthy Family Initiatives

\$25,000 awarded

<http://www.hfihouston.org/>

Project Description: Healthy Family Initiatives (HFI) seeks support for its Pregnancy and Childbirth Education Program. As part of a continuum of services to low-income Hispanic families, this program provides trained and experienced childbirth professionals who address the pre- and post-natal well-being of mothers and their babies, focusing on healthy pregnancy practices, labor and natural childbirth, promoting breast feeding benefits, nutrition and full term healthy birth weight outcomes and infant care. HFI's mission is valuing children as our future and leading communities in developing solutions to eradicate child abuse and child neglect.

VN Teamwork

\$35,000 awarded

<http://www.vnteamwork.org/en/home>

Project Description: Since 1996, VN Teamwork (VNTW) has been serving a culturally diverse area of Southwest Houston. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative is a new and innovative approach that will employ research tested interventions to reduce this health disparity among Asian American women in the Houston metropolitan area. All information will be culturally sensitive and in dual languages. VNTW is a trusted organization within this niche community; this initiative is expected to serve 4,000 women and provide 360 breast or cervical cancer screenings. VNTW delivers a variety of community service, health care and training programs, including income tax assistance, case management services, senior services, Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP registration, health screenings and seminars, blood drives, legal seminars, energy efficiency programs, computer literacy and ESL classes, and CPR & First Aid training. The mission of VNTW seeks to enhance the health, education, and social well-being of low-income and underserved people in the greater Houston area.