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Provident Health Foundation Awards over \$220,000 in Community Health Grants

The Provident Health Foundation of Marinette/Menominee granted over \$220,000 to 15 not-for-profit entities as part of their Spring grant cycle. The Foundation funded programs that aid Provident's purpose to improve and sustain the health and well-being of the people who live in Marinette and Menominee Counties.

Provident gave awards to the following agencies serving Marinette and Menominee counties: the Healthy Youth Coalition, CASA of Menominee/Marinette, Communities That Care, DAR Boys and Girls Club, YMCA Heart and Sole Sisters, Stephenson Schools Heart and Sole Sisters, Great Start Collaborative, YMCA Community Hunger Relief Efforts, Crivitz School District, Peshtigo School District SEED Program, U.P. Foster Closet of Menominee, the Salvation Army of Marinette, Feeding America of West Michigan, Marinette School District Nurse Program, St. Vincent de Paul, and Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services.

"We're proud we're able to fund over \$220,000 to these nonprofits," said Provident Health Foundation Board Member Jim Koronkiewicz. "We received 33 requests totaling almost \$600,000. Which demonstrates that the need is great in our community, and more than any one organization can meet. We hope to see other organizations, businesses, and community members join us in funding a healthier future for Marinette and Menominee Counties."

Provident Health Foundation was founded in 2019 with a \$25 Million endowment through the agreement between Advocate Aurora Health and Bay Area Medical Center resulting in the hospital becoming an owned member of the Advocate Aurora system.

The Provident Health Foundation funds initiatives serving Marinette, WI and Menominee, MI Counties around the prevention and promotion of substance abuse, childhood obesity reduction, and mental health. Provident favors requests for evidence-based, data-driven, programs with strong plans for sustainability.

“Since we started granting in the Spring of 2021, we’ve been able to grant just shy of \$700,000 to not-for-profits in Marinette and Menominee Counties,” John Hofer, Executive Director of the Provident Health Foundation said. “Our Board takes their role very seriously and keeps their eyes fixed on the future of our communities and how our granting can create a healthier future for all. We’re proud of the agencies we fund, the positive impact they’re having on the community, and the increase collaboration we’re seeing in the twin counties.”

“Provident isn’t done granting this year,” said Madison Darling, Grants and Collaborations Officer for the Provident Health Foundation. “Our Board will consider additional grant requests in 2023 and we’ll be sure to share what those application opportunities look like. In the meantime, we encourage nonprofits working to improve community health in Marinette and Menominee Counties to contact us! We’d love to learn what you’re doing and see how we can partner in improving our community.”

The Provident Health Foundation is a private 501(c)3 tax-exempt foundation governed by an eleven-person board of leaders from Marinette and Menominee Counties. For more information about the Spring 2022 Grant Cycle or the Foundation, go to www.providenthealth.org or follow us on Facebook @ProvidentHealth.

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