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Health foundation awards top \$500,000 in six months



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The Health Foundation for Western and Central New York awarded more than half a million dollars in grants in the first half of the 2014.

Through June, the Buffalo-based foundation awarded \$547,440 to nonprofit efforts in support of its three focus areas: improving the quality of care for older adults and deferring the triggers of decline; improving health care for young children living in poverty; and growing community health capacity.

In the area of serving vulnerable seniors, grants included \$156,000 to **Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center** to support a project manager for its get well/stay well project. Two grants for \$20,000 and \$25,000, respectively, went to organizations in Washington, D.C., Grantmakers in Health and the **National Academy of Sciences**, support national efforts.

Three grants were awarded in the area of young children, including \$157,000 to Jericho Road Community Health Center in Buffalo to design a sustainable business model for its Priscilla Project, which serves low-income, pregnant refugee women. Other grants included \$50,000 to **Mercy Hospital Foundation** to adopt family-centered maternity care principles and build a midwifery practice; and \$85,000 to Harder + Company in San Francisco to build upon the work of the CHOMPERS! Cavity Free Kids program.

Four grants were awarded to support community health initiatives: \$13,000 to The Chautauqua Center in Dunkirk; \$7,750 to the P2 Collaborative of Western New York; \$26,800 to HealthConnections in Syracuse to integrate the Health Advancement Collaborative of CNY and the CNY Health Services Agency; and \$6,890 to the Research Foundation for SUNY and SUNY **Buffalo State** to develop a web portal for safety net data.

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