

## **Healthy Community Fund doles out \$220K**

The Healthy Community Fund has awarded \$220,000 in grants to nine area nonprofit organizations. Representatives of recipient organizations attended an Award Breakfast at St. Joseph's Hospital Wednesday morning to receive their funding.

The Healthy Community Fund was created in 2008 through St. Joseph's Community Foundation to support community programs or projects throughout Washington County that will positively affect the health and wellness of those living and working within this area. The goal of this fund is to bring together nonprofit organizations and resources that will support healthy lifestyle choices as well as provide support for programs committed to the promotion of health and wellness.

The agencies selected to receive funding this year include Albrecht Free Clinic, Boys and Girls Club of Washington County, Family Center of Washington County, Family Promise of Washington County, Friends of Abused Families, Friends of Lac Lawrann Conservancy, Healthy People Project, Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County, and The Threshold. The 2012 total amount granted for all nine projects from the Healthy Community Fund is \$220,000.

The fund allows Froedtert Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Froedtert Health Medical Group to support the communities they serve with initiatives that will promote healthier lifestyles. Oversight for the fund is provided by a committee of individuals from local communities as well as St. Joseph's Hospital and Froedtert Health Medical Group. The fund is administered through St. Joseph's Community Foundation.

For more information about the Healthy Community Fund, eligible organizations or how to apply for funding, go to [healthycommunityfund.com](http://healthycommunityfund.com).

Summaries of recipient organization projects:

- **Albrecht Free Clinic — Chronic Care Program — Phase II** The Chronic Care Program provides critical medical treatment and education to patients living with chronic conditions. In the first half of 2012, AFC served approximately 540 individuals with chronic conditions, more than 200 of them being new patients. A little more than 100 individuals in the first six months have been diagnosed with diabetes or diabetes with hypertension. The goal for the second phase of the Chronic Care Program is to continue providing patients with attainable treatment plans, education, medications, and to evaluate the needs of the community in this particular area. Emphasis will be placed on patients living with diabetes or diabetes with hypertension. Funding will assist with adequate staffing necessary to conduct the uniform blood testing, use of test strips and medicine to effectively manage the program and oversee patient outcomes. This comprehensive plan that specifically addresses these two chronic conditions will help to positively manage client's health and reduce the amount of return visits for patients Amount awarded: \$50,000

- **Healthy People Project of Washington County — School Nutrition/Farm to School Project** The

Healthy People Project of Washington County coalition was formed in 2006 to address and improve the health status of Washington County residents as it relates to nutrition and physical activity. Today, 11 core committee members represent agencies such as Washington County Health Dept, West Bend School District, City of West Bend, Washington County Aging & Disability Resource Center, UW Extension, Kettle Moraine YMCA, Froedtert Health, Aurora Health and West Bend Mutual Insurance Company. Funds will be used to allow 16,183 students, within Washington County schools, the opportunity to increase their fresh fruit and vegetable offerings and implement and/or grow Farm to School programs by supporting the school food service programs. The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 has directed the USDA to update the federally funded National School Lunch Program's nutritional standards based on the latest dietary guidelines. The School Nutrition/Farm to School program will provide participating Washington County schools the basic equipment to meet these guidelines and offer fresh fruits and vegetables over canned foods, provide resources to start school gardens and expose students to fresher options and expand existing gardens. The expected outcomes from this collaborative effort are to lower rates of obesity, overweight health issues and provide students with opportunities to be active consumers about their food so they will consume more produce and less high-calorie, nutrientpoor foods.

Amount awarded: \$36,333

■ Friends of Abused Families — Emergency Shelter and 24-hour Crisis Intervention Friends of Abused Families has provided more than 30 years of service to Washington County and empowers and provides safety to those affected by domestic and sexual violence through support services and prevention education. This project supports clients accessing emergency shelter and 24-hour crisis intervention and specifically assists with shelter operation and crisis line costs as well as client assistance with medical, transportation, housing, utilities and legal support. Safe housing and access to 24-hour crisis intervention support are pivotal elements in helping individuals escape a violent relationship and gain access to mainstream resources to prevent further victimization for themselves and any children. Friends is the sole provider of housing and support services for individuals experiencing violence in their homes or relationships in Washington County and is on track to meet or exceed the number of emergency shelter and crisis interventions services compared to the last two calendar years.

Amount awarded: \$26,334

■ Family Promise of Washington County — Interfaith Hospitality Network Family Promise's mission is to provide resource and services that empower homeless families. With the assistance of a case manager, it assists clients in identifying action items necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. The goal is to connect families with necessary resources to move them into permanent housing within 59 days. The Interfaith Hospitality Network includes three components: 1) Overnight Shelter and Meals provided through a network of Family Promise congregations throughout the county, 2) a Day Center that is available from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. daily for case management, laundry facilities and showers and 3) Case Plans where every program participant will work with a case manager to develop a case plan that includes access to area resources, life skills education and job and housing searches. The funds requested will support direct program costs of case management, transportation and day center daily operations. Family

Promise provides a critical link between the emergency housing system and the community-based social service, educational and health care organizations that bring about neighborhood integration and family self-determination. Homelessness requires an integrated approach that begins with meeting immediate needs but reaches much further to help families achieve independence.

Amount awarded: \$26,333

■ Family Center of Washington County — Parent and Family Education The Family Center focuses on strengthening and supporting families in Washington County and has more than 20 years of serving families. Its underlying focus is to provide programs and services to healthy families as well as those at risk of developing into abusive households. This is accomplished through an offering of group-based parent education programs, interactive

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**Submitted photo**

Allen Ericson, president of Froedtert Health St. Joseph's Hospital, front row, second from right, and Linda Buntrock, chair of the Healthy Community Fund, front right, are joined by the recipients of the 2012 Healthy Community Fund. Also pictured are, front, from left, Joni Whitehouse, Healthy People Project; Paul DeChant, Friends of Lac Lawrann Conservancy; back, from left, Kathy Christenson, Family Promise; Jay Fisher, Boys & Girls Club; Robin Reis, Albrecht Free Clinic; John Bloor, The Threshold; Lisa Krenke, Friends of Abused Families; Bonne Debroux, Family Center; and Debi Genthe, Interfaith Caregivers.