

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: EDUCATION

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CEDAR RAPIDS AND EAST CENTRAL IOWA, INC.

Success in Education

Allocation: \$195,000

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) brings caring adult mentors to children. Through community and school-based mentoring, volunteers build a relationship with a child for one year. Through mentoring, children develop skills in three primary areas: educational success, avoidance of risky behaviors, and socio-emotional competency. The agency has been honored for long-lasting matches that average 38 months in the community-based program and 23 months in school-based.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CEDAR RAPIDS

Deepening Impact through Growth and Quality

Allocation: \$145,000

BGCCR's primary after-school services focus on youth from economically disadvantaged households so that they may gain and maintain the skill sets vital to succeeding in college, work and life in the 21st century. These skills include academic success, job preparedness, leadership skills, personal wellness and social skills. The Youth Development Strategy developed by Boys & Girls Clubs of America promotes and enhances the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging, power and influence.

HAWKEYE AREA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (HACAP)

Crisis Child Care Program

Allocation: \$69,750

As a child abuse prevention program, Crisis Child Care offers safe shelter for children in times of family crisis or overwhelming stress. Care is available free of charge, 24/7, for families in Linn and Benton County with children 0–14 years of age who are experiencing a crisis and need safe child care for their children. Crisis Child Care is often the only option for many struggling, low-income families who do not have a support system or access to community resources.

Head Start/Early Head Start Wrap Around

Allocation: \$171,618

Head Start provides full-day, full-year, quality and developmentally-appropriate childcare to low-income children and families. The goals of Head Start are to enhance children's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development; enable parents to be better caregivers and teachers to their children; and help parents meet their own goals, including financial stability.

Paces to Quality

Allocation: \$165,311

Paces to Quality strives to increase access to quality early care and education by serving home and center-based early care and education providers in Linn, Benton and Jones counties with core services of onsite consultation, environmental rating scales, Quality Rating Scales, and accreditation funding. These services offer support to all home and center-based providers who may not be familiar with the tools to improve quality. Each participant receives multiple strategies to make positive changes at his or her current skill level in early care and education environment.

HAWKEYE AREA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Trailblazers Scouting Outreach

Allocation: \$70,000

The strategy for Outreach Scouting in Trailblazers places a priority on bringing Scouting programs to communities where an exceptional need has been assessed, such as lack of transportation, volunteer leadership or financial stability. The Scouting program provides youth with character education, citizenship, leadership, exposure to a wide range of activities, greater empathy and, overall, a programming experience that arms them with life skills and core values. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives. Scouting promotes activities that lead to personal responsibility and high self-esteem.

JANE BOYD COMMUNITY HOUSE

Supporting Achievement

Allocation: \$335,000

Jane Boyd provides a range of programs to help vulnerable families. Specific supports include the Achievement Academy, an out-of-school time program offered at four locations; Family Support, which assists parents in setting goals and accessing support and resources; and a Parents As Teachers program, which offers free developmental screenings until children are three years old. Additional resources to promote self-sufficiency include the Harambee House, which provides community resources and housing support, which assists families with retaining affordable housing.

KIDS FIRST LAW CENTER

Stability for Children of Divorce

Allocation: \$71,000

Kids First's overall purpose is to create stability for children of divorce by lessening the effect of family conflict on children, strengthening family relationships, connecting kids to support systems and needed resources, and making children's voices heard through legal advocacy and workshops. In-depth interventions help families break patterns of conflict and stay out of court. Educational workshops equip youth with conflict-resolution skills and problem-solving tools to help them cope with the trauma associated with divorce. The class gives kids a confidential and neutral place to talk about their feelings and to clarify misperceptions in an age-appropriate way by professionals who are knowledgeable about divorce.

RAPE VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Equipping Youth by Building Hope

Allocation: \$8,000

The RVAP program provides evidence-based educational programming to youth, designed to teach social competency and healthy relationship skills and is demonstrated to decrease dating violence victimization and perpetration. RVAP's prevention efforts include youth educational programs, poster campaigns, and public service announcements.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Summer Day Camp

Allocation: \$30,000

The Salvation Army's goal for day camp is to provide a learning environment that fosters asset development and the identification of sparks that help children realize their potential and the many possibilities for their futures. They develop confidence and motivation to achieve success.

WAYPOINT SERVICES FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Quality Programming Education

Allocation: \$215,663

Waypoint's Child-Care Division includes Park Ridge Kids, River Ridge Kids, Uptown Kids Child Development Center, and eleven before and after School Age Kids Programs, which provide educational and family support services year-round, including School Age Summer Camps.

YMCA OF THE CEDAR RAPIDS METROPOLITAN AREA

Extended Learning

Allocation: \$50,000

The Y is committed to strengthening the foundations of our community through programs for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Y's Extended Learning program provides before- and after-school supports for youth in need.

YOUNG PARENTS NETWORK

Building Bright Futures

Allocation: \$320,000

Young Parents Network's (YPN) primary services are group meetings and home visitation, which incorporate early childhood education, prenatal and parenting education, and family support. Programs promote life skills, improve personal accountability and decision making, and increase confidence and competence in parenting skills. YPN's Youth Development Program is dedicated to offering life skills education for youth and adults with the intent of preventing teen pregnancy. This unique program provides interactive activities that engage participants in recognizing the realities youth face today, both positive and adverse situations; the strengths each individual youth has; and the development of skills for success in college, work and life.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: FINANCIAL STABILITY

CATHERINE MCAULEY CENTER

Adult Basic Education Program

Allocation: \$53,000

This program provides free one-on-one tutoring to adults who are English Language Learners (ELL), studying for the U.S. citizenship test, and/or striving to improve basic reading and math skills. Supplemental services include an Immigrant/Refugee Coordinator (I/RC) who provides case management services for students; a food pantry to help clients meet basic needs; and free childcare for students while they receive tutoring. The program also offers a biannual six-week citizenship class and an annual four-week banking class.

CATHERINE MCAULEY CENTER

Transitional Housing Program

Allocation: \$74,000

The Transitional Housing Program assists homeless women age 18 and older without children in their care, providing them with transitional housing, programming, case management and aftercare services.

GOODWILL OF THE HEARTLAND

Employment Training and Placement Services

Allocation: \$100,000

Goodwill of the Heartland provides a wide variety of services, including job training and employment services; supported community living services to help people remain independent in their homes, school-to-work programs for students in area high schools to find employment; and day habilitation to assist individuals with developing and maintaining life skills and community integration.

HAWKEYE AREA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (HACAP)

Food Reservoir Program and Transitions to Housing Stability

Allocation: \$72,000

HACAP provides a portfolio of health and human services to approximately 53,000 Iowa citizens, living in Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn or Washington counties. As a community action agency, they focus on

the identification of existing community needs and the provision of innovative solutions across several service domains: education, emergency services, employment, income management, housing, health, nutrition, senior services and community connections.

HORIZONS: A FAMILY SERVICE ALLIANCE

Financial Wellness

Allocation: \$60,000

Meals on Wheels provides hot, fresh and often local food seven days per week to homebound elderly, as well as customizable nutrition plans and counseling. The program ensures safety, wellness, and emotional and social support with volunteers.

IOWA LEGAL AID

Legal Assistance Project

Allocation: \$195,000

Access to Iowa's courts is important for everyone, but it is vital for low-income people. Everyday courts and administrative agencies make decisions that determine whether low-income individuals and families will be housed or homeless, fed or hungry, safe or in danger of violence and abuse. Iowa Legal Aid ensures that, through the provision of civil legal assistance, low-income people receive proper legal assistance under the law. Service use multi-faceted approach to service delivery that includes direct legal assistance, community legal education and referrals to private attorneys participating in Iowa's Volunteer Lawyers Project.

JANE BOYD COMMUNITY HOUSE

PATHS

Allocation: \$25,000

PATHS helps participants gain skills, references and internship experience. Coordinators provide job coaching and follow up in the transition to employment or further education.

NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC.

Bridge to Employment

Allocation: \$100,000

The primary service and purpose of NTS is to pick riders up by appointment and deliver them to work or school. NTS provides service at night from 6:30 p.m.–6 a.m. and on weekends. This fills the void left after the Cedar Rapids Transit buses and Linn County LIFTS are not in service. Other nonprofits in the Cedar Rapids area also rely on NTS for their transportation needs.

WAYPOINT SERVICES FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

System of Care for Households

Waypoint has two divisions: Critical Services and Child Care

Allocation: \$440,000

The Critical Services division consists of the Madge Phillips Center Shelter, Daytime Resource Program, Homeless Prevention Services and Domestic Violence Victim Services (DV). Waypoint offers support in locating

housing for those who are homeless, at-risk of becoming homeless, or victims of domestic violence who must relocate for their safety. Housing Advocates work with each household to assess their needs and connect them to resources in the community that best meet their individual needs. Waypoint's Domestic Violence Victim Services Program serves victims/survivors and their families by providing advocacy, 24/7 crisis line, emergency shelter and support groups.

WILLIS DADY EMERGENCY SHELTER, INC.

Reducing Homelessness

Allocation: \$115,000

WDES is a homeless shelter for single men and families without other options; WDES increasingly focuses on prevention services for households at risk of homelessness. Funding for Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides services for struggling veteran families in a five-county area. This program, locally titled "Operation Home," is a partnership led by Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) and includes other agencies.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: HEALTH

ABBEHEALTH

School Based Mental Health Services

Allocation: \$200,000

Abbe Center provides outpatient mental health services to children, adolescents, adults and families. Types of services that Abbe staff offer include psychiatric evaluation, medication management, individual/family/group therapy, school-based services and emergency services. Abbe provides community based programs for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness.

AGING SERVICES, INC.

Supporting Independence for Older Adults

Allocation: \$589,539

Aging Services, Inc., provides a comprehensive array of quality home- and community-based services to support older adults in their ability to continue living independently and to avoid unnecessary or premature nursing home placement.

AREA SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Allocation: \$492,000

The purpose of the Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) is to combat the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Our services follow the continuum of care beginning with prevention and intervention and moving through the various levels of treatment.

BENTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Medical Transportation and Food Distribution

Allocation: \$18,415

The BCVP provides a Medical Transportation Assistance Program; an affordable, locally delivered and nutritional food products distribution service; and outreach human services for the elderly, cancer patients, schools, military and care facilities.

FOUNDATION 2, INC.

Crisis Prevention and Response

Allocation: \$612,500

Foundation 2 crisis services, offered 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, focus on crisis resolution, suicide prevention and family conflict resolution.

HAWKEYE AREA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (HACAP)

Rural Senior Services

Allocation: \$35,000

HACAP's Rural Senior Services provides home-delivered meals, center-based dining and a chore and medical equipment lending closet within Benton County.

HORIZONS, A FAMILY SERVICE ALLIANCE

Healthy Horizons for Older Adults

Allocation: \$95,000

Meals on Wheels provides hot, fresh and often local food seven days per week to homebound elderly, as well as customizable nutrition plans and counseling; Ensures safety, wellness and emotional and social support with volunteers.

Mental Health Access and Enhancement

Allocation: \$380,000

Mental Health Access and Expansion provides individuals, couples, family and group therapies, psychological testing and, with the addition of an ARNP, medical/pharmaceutical treatment.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CHILD PROTECTION CENTER

Child Therapy Services

Allocation: \$16,000

The Child Abuse Council is a regional, nonprofit agency with more than 36 years of experience strengthening children and families by providing child abuse prevention, education and treatment programs in the Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois and surrounding communities.

RURAL EMPLOYMENT ALTERNATIVES, INC.

Community Based Experiences

Allocation: \$35,000

Rural Employment Alternatives provides a variety of services, including pre-vocational, day habilitation, sheltered work, work activity and supported employment.

SOUTHEAST LINN COMMUNITY CENTER

Rural Health Services

Allocation: \$16,970

Southeast Linn Community Center serves a diverse population through supports such as congregate and home delivered meals, supplementary and emergency assistance food pantry program, senior volunteer transportation program, educational programming, case management, senior exercise programs, senior activities, The Full Circle Clothing Closet, holiday assistance, LIHEAP (energy assistance) application completion, information and referral services and volunteer opportunities, weekend food back packs for children, park and recreation scholarships and other programming.

UNITYPOINT HEALTH ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL CHILD PROTECTION CENTER

Family Advocate

Allocation: \$50,000

St. Luke's Child Protection Center (CPC) is a safe place for children to come when there are suspicions of abuse by assisting children who may have been physically abused, sexually abused or mentally and/or emotionally injured.

UNITYPOINT HEALTH ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL DENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Prevention and Early Outreach Program

Allocation: \$104,000

St. Luke's DHC is a dental clinic with a community outreach program for populations who have no ongoing sources of dental care, providing the following types of dental treatments: Preventive, operative, endodontic (root canals), oral surgery, nutritional counseling and conscious sedation. The Prevention and Early Outreach Program conducts school-based dental screenings, prevention and education to address dental access problems for children.

THE ARC OF EAST CENTRAL IOWA

Family Stability Despite Disability

Allocation: \$200,000

The Arc of East Central Iowa provides lifelong support for people with intellectual, physical and mental health issues and their families. The Arc helps increase and sustain a family's ability to remain effective as the primary care giving unit.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES OF CEDAR COUNTY

Assisted Transportation and Respite

Allocation: \$17,734

VSCC provides transportation for frail adults in Cedar County who need rides. Travel is one-on-one, with volunteers available to take clients to medical appointments and to businesses so they can take care of their daily needs. VSCC owns two handicap accessible vans, which provide the same services to wheelchair-bound residents. This partner also has a respite care program that places trained volunteers as helpful companions in the homes of the elderly, ill or disabled in order to provide time outside the home for the primary caregiver.