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Massachusetts Medical Society and Alliance Charitable Foundation

Promoting Equitable Health Outcomes: Our Impact
June 1, 2022–May 31, 2023

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TOTAL AMOUNT: $141,700

- $45,000 Behavioral Health
- $43,500 Quality Health Care for the Uninsured and Underinsured
- $37,500 Improved Access to Health Care
- $15,700 Addressing Social Determinants of Health

Founded by the Massachusetts Medical Society in 2000, the Foundation has awarded more than $4.1 million in grants to 140 nonprofit organizations and 123 medical students and residents.
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ADDRESSING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH — $15,700

• Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services in Springfield, in collaboration with medical students from the University of Massachusetts, hosts a twice-annual food justice fair where attendees can connect with local resources offering services and nutritional education.

• South Community Food Pantry in Pittsfield serves close to 1,000 families weekly, including over 400 weekly home deliveries to elderly, disabled, or those who otherwise do not have transportation to the pantry. The pantry is operated entirely by volunteers.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES — $45,000

• Adolescent Consultation Services in Cambridge will expand mental health prevention and intervention services by providing individual and group treatment to 350 high-risk children and their families.

• Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester serves 4,000 children annually at their three clubhouses and will expand access to behavioral health services for at-risk children and families through the services of an on-site clinician.

• Boys & Girls Clubs of Stoneham and Wakefield will launch a multi-faceted mental health and substance abuse prevention program serving 300 children, with a special focus on at-risk populations such as LGBTQIA2S+ youth.

• Interfaith Social Services New Directions Counseling Center in Quincy will provide more than 4,000 mental health counseling sessions to impoverished people without health insurance or with inadequate coverage.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE — $37,500

• FriendshipWorks Medical Escort Program in Boston removes barriers to healthcare access for isolated older adults by recruiting, training, and assigning volunteer medical escorts to accompany them from their homes to medical appointments.

• Father Bill’s & MainSpring Outreach Project in Quincy and Brockton will connect 200 people living outdoors across the region to health care and services to help improve their health and exit homelessness.

• Victory Programs Mobile Prevention Team in Jamaica Plain will provide harm reduction services to more than 4,000 homeless individuals throughout Boston at risk for overdose and infectious disease.

QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE UN- AND UNDERINSURED — $43,500

• Gratis Healthcare in Framingham will expand services and capacity to provide medical care to uninsured children, women, and men in the MetroWest region.

• Metrowest Free Medical Program will expand services at their new location in Marlborough to improve access for uninsured and inadequately insured patients.

• Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires in Great Barrington will expand their services to an additional location in Pittsfield to meet the growing need for health care services for the uninsured.

Global Health Studies Grants — $15,000

• Five medical students and seven resident physicians received grants to help offset travel and lodging expenses for study in another country as they trained to become culturally competent physicians who are prepared to serve both local and international communities with humility and respect.