

### Massachusetts Medical Society and Alliance Charitable Foundation

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### Fiscal Year 2023 Grants

The Foundation awarded a total of \$141,700 in grants to 12 organizations.

# **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

**Adolescent Consultation Services** in Cambridge received \$10,000 to expand mental health prevention and intervention services to high-risk children and their families.

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester** received \$15,000 to expand access to behavioral health services for at-risk children and families through the services of an on-site clinician.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Stoneham and Wakefield received \$10,000 to expand mental health and substance abuse prevention programming to youth, with a special focus on at-risk populations such as LGBTQIA2S+ youth.

**Interfaith Social Services** in Quincy received \$10,000 to support the New Directions Counseling Center which provides mental health services to impoverished people without health insurance or with inadequate coverage.

#### **HEALTH PROMOTION**

Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services in Springfield, in collaboration with medical students from the University of Massachusetts, received \$700 to put on a twice-annual food justice fair where attendees can connect with local resources offering services and nutritional education.

#### **IMPROVED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE**

**FriendshipWorks** in Boston received \$7,500 to support the Medical Escort Program which 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** in Quincy and Brockton received \$20,000 to support the Outreach Project which connects people living outdoors across the region to healthcare and services, to help improve their health and exit homelessness.

**Victory Programs** in Jamaica Plain received \$10,000 to support the Mobile Prevention Team which provides harm reduction services to homeless individuals throughout Boston at risk for overdose and infectious disease.

#### Addressing Social Determinants of Health

South Community Food Pantry in Pittsfield received \$15,000 to increase the amount of fresh produce available.

## QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE UN- AND UNDERINSURED

**Gratis Healthcare** in Framingham received \$18,500 to expand services and capacity to provide medical care to uninsured children, women, and men in the MetroWest region.

**Metrowest Free Medical Program** received \$10,000 to expand services at their new location in Marlborough to improve access for uninsured and inadequately insured patients.

**Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires** received \$15,000 to expand their services to an additional location in Pittsfield to meet the growing need for healthcare services for the uninsured.

## **INTERNATIONAL HEALTH STUDIES GRANTS**

The following five medical students and seven resident physicians received grants totaling \$15,000 to offset travel and lodging expenses for study in another country.

Clemence Cuillerot — 1st year medical student, Boston University School of Medicine
Andrew Chang — 3rd year medical student, Harvard Medical School
Jacob Rha — 4th year medical student, Tufts University School of Medicine
Colleen Witty — 4th year medical student, Tufts University School of Medicine
Emily Chin — 4th year medical student, UMass Chan Medical School

Ya Haddy Sallah, Internal Medicine, Mass General Hospital
Ramya Ramadas, Pediatrics, Boston Children's Hospital/Boston Medical Center
Sonia Taneja, Pediatrics, Boston Children's Hospital/Boston Medical Center
Celestine Warren, Orthopedic Surgery, University of Massachusetts
Mihoko Tanabe, Family Medicine, Boston Medical Center
Bijan Ghaffari, Family Medicine/Psychiatry, Boston Medical Center
Miranda Ravicz, Internal Medicine, Mass General Hospital