



MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY AND ALLIANCE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION 2006 - 2007 Grants

COMMUNITY ACTION

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center – \$10,000 to support the Medical Advocacy Program, which provides services to approximately 350 recent survivors of sexual assault per year who present at Boston area hospital emergency departments, and for the Community Awareness and Prevention Services Program, which provides skills-based training to medical professionals..

Boston Coalition for Adult Immunization – \$25,000 to support BCAI's efforts to build capacity for the future growth of the organization so it can further its mission of immunizing Boston's most vulnerable at risk citizens.

Dotwell, Inc. – \$15,000 to support DotWell's Diabetes Initiative, more specifically by enhancing its community-based component through the provision of educational outreach materials and diabetes screening for at-risk individuals, as well as the development of technology that allows the scheduling of medical appointments for individuals who access these services.

New England Hemophilia Association – \$5,000 to support the Red Flag New England program with a specific emphasis on Massachusetts residents. RFNE is an outreach program to raise awareness, improve diagnosis, and create better treatment outcomes for von Willebrand disease.

Southbridge Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$20,000 to support additional case management to the homeless and potentially homeless pregnant women and children referred to the program.

Transition House - \$5,000 to support the Dating Violence Intervention Program, which provides girls, ages 10-20, who are currently victims or at-risk of becoming a victim of violence, with individual and group clinical counseling.

CARE FOR THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED

Hilltown Community Health Center – \$35,000 to support the integration of the behavioral health screening and assessment system into the comprehensive primary care visit. More specifically, increasing access to care for uninsured or underserved patients, by providing community-based screening, treatment planning, medication review, and monitoring by a psychiatrist.

VIM Berkshires – \$15,000 to continue to expand medical services for the uninsured and underserved by: 1) hiring a full-time Clinic Director/Medical Provider; 2) hiring a consultant to conduct a needs assessment and plan for piloting walk-in medical clinic hours and; 3) opening an on-site optometry suite.

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship – \$25,000 to support the Boston Schweitzer Fellows Program, one of seven such programs in the U.S. The Fellows Program supports students in medicine and other health professions who are engaged in community service projects that promote health and improve access to health care for underserved populations.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH STUDIES

The following individuals received a \$750 grant to defray the costs of study in another country:

Nazleen Bharmal, MD, MPP – a third-year resident at Brigham & Women's Hospital who provided clinical services, working with the health staff, to care for adult and pediatric patients with diarrheal illness as well as primary data collection and secondary data analysis at the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research in Bangladesh.

Emma Burbank-Schmitt – a fourth-year medical student at the University of Massachusetts Medical School who worked with doctors and nurses at the Pop Wuj Clinic in Guatemala to evaluate and treat patients with acute complaints.

Kim-Ngan Pham Fellman – a fourth-year medical student at Tufts University School of Medicine who worked with attending physicians, midwives, nutritionists, and counseling teams at the Hung Vuong Hospital in Southern Vietnam to provide medical and surgical care to gynecological patients.

Vanessa Kerry - a fourth-year medical student at Harvard Medical School who provided health care alongside the doctors and nurses at the Rwinkwavu District Hospital in Rwanda.

Paul J. Krezanoski – a first-year medical student at Boston University School of Medicine who continued a mosquito net distribution study in villages located around the central town of Ambalavao, Madagascar to aid in the prevention of Malaria.

Anna B. Wheeler, M.D. – a second-year resident at the Massachusetts General Hospital who provided pediatric care and taught pediatrics to medical students at the Maternal and Child Health Center in San Ruiz, Guatemala.