

## Assurant Health announces \$240,000 in grants to eight local agencies Money supports community programs that address hunger, homelessness and health and wellness issues for at-risk children and youth

**MILWAUKEE**, **Dec. 16**, **2013** – Assurant Health, through the Assurant Foundation, today announces grants totaling \$240,000 to eight local agencies that address hunger, homelessness, and health and wellness for at-risk children and youth in the Milwaukee community.

"Improving the well-being of children and families through partnerships and community outreach is the legacy of Assurant Health. We are proud to partner with and support the important work of these eight charities that play such an important role in our Milwaukee community," said Adam Lamnin, president and chief executive officer of Assurant Health.

One of the agencies, Milwaukee Rescue Mission's Joy House, provides immediate aid, such as food, shelter and clothing, as well as comprehensive recovery programs. "Of Milwaukee's 100,000 adults living in poverty, 71 percent are women. They're often single moms with young kids and have no place to turn. Many are victims of domestic violence," said Patrick Vanderburgh, executive director of Milwaukee Rescue Mission. "This generous grant from the Assurant Foundation will provide emergency shelter and hot meals for one month for 100 women and children in need."

With a mission focused on the care of at-risk youth, the agency Pathfinders also provides essential services such as food and shelter. "The grant from the Assurant Foundation will provide much needed funding for Pathfinders' homeless youth services," said Tim Baack, interim president and CEO of Pathfinders. "These programs help mitigate some of the risks of sexual exploitation, lack of housing and inadequate independent living skills experienced by the more than 6,000 runaway, homeless, street-dependent and transient youth Pathfinders serves each year."

Here is the full list of grant recipients:

- Guest House, \$50,000 for the GATES housing program for homeless individuals.
- Hunger Task Force, \$50,000 for infant formula, milk and cereal to feed children, from infants to age 2, for one year.
- Milwaukee Rescue Mission, \$50,000 to feed and shelter 100 women and children for a month.
- **Pathfinders, Inc.**, \$40,000 to support a drop-in center that provides activities and a safe haven for homeless teens.
- **Penfield Children's Center**, \$20,000 to improve behavioral health for at-risk children under 6 years old.
- Children's Hospital Clinic inside COA Golden Center, \$10,000 to provide funding for immunizations and flu shots.
- **PEARLS for Teen Girls**, \$10,000 to help reduce teen pregnancy, and increase high school graduation and college entry rates.
- **Ronald McDonald House**, \$10,000 to aid in their mission to provide a "home away from home" for families whose lives have been disrupted as a result of their child's illness or injury.

## About the Assurant Foundation

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