

GRANT SUMMARIES – WINTER 2008

Organization: Marion County Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc. -- Kimberly’s Cottage

Amount: \$80,960

Year: 1

Summary: Kimberly’s Cottage provides outreach counseling services and education to children who have been the victims of child abuse in Marion County, Florida. Traditionally, more than 75% of the children receiving services at Kimberly’s Cottage are either underinsured or uninsured. The Child Victim Clinical Program requests funds to increase and enhance services for children who have been the victims of abuse in Marion County. Funds will support hiring one additional Masters Level Therapist and one part time Child Advocate to provide immediate crisis intervention counseling sessions and advocacy.

Organization: Miami Beach Community Health Center

Amount: \$100,000

Year: 2

Summary: Miami Beach Community Health Center at the Center for Haitian Studies provides comprehensive primary health care to a target population facing enormous barriers to access and concomitant health disparities in addition to documented health disparities due to country of origin. Funds are requested to further develop the patient base. The Center opened in August 2007, and the resultant number of patients served and those in need of care is growing. This grant will fund a physician and clinician for direct service to patients.

Organization: Orange County Health Department

Amount: \$100,000

Year: 2

Summary: The Critical Connections project will educate and link underserved and uninsured pre-conceptual or pregnant African American women in Orange County to oral health services. The program provides outreach efforts to women and to OB/GYN providers for these women to promote accessing dental services at community health clinics in target zip codes. Grant funds will support a health educator/program coordinator, costs for 300 dental exams/cleanings, space, audio-visual needs, nutritional lunches, brochures/materials.

Organization: Refuge House, Inc.

Amount: \$10,000

Year: 1

Summary: For 31 years, Refuge House, Inc. in Tallahassee, Florida, has been the certified domestic violence and rape crisis agency for the 8 counties of the Big Bend in North Florida, providing community health clinic and outreach services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Refuge House requests funds to expand its capacity by renovating their current clinic from one exam room, to an exam room and a consulting room. The expansion would be completed within 1 year of the award and would accommodate 200 patients a year for follow-up medical clinic services.

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Organization: SafeHouse of Seminole

Amount: 10,500

Year: 1

Summary: SafeHouse requests funds to provide temporary emergency prescription drugs and over the counter medications to its clients, emergency room visits, first aid and hygiene supplies. SafeHouse is a domestic violence intervention agency providing a emergency shelter, a crisis hotline and a variety of prevention and awareness services

Organization: Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, Stuart(VIM)

Amount: 60,000

Year: 3

Summary: VIM requests funds to enhance its services to diabetes patients who use the clinic for disease management. The clinic proposes to add a bilingual diabetes educator to help patients self-manage their diabetes, use medications appropriately, consume healthy diets and teach them how to monitor their blood sugar. Funds would be used for salaries for the certified diabetes educator, a nurse practitioner, bilingual educational materials, testing strips, medicines and marketing.

Organization: Vision is Priceless Council

Amount: \$57,413

Year: 2

Summary: Vision is Priceless Council for 12 years has served the First Coast by screening those at risk for eye disease, identifying problems as early as possible and facilitating treatment for those in need. VIP screens over 30,000 children and 3,000 adults a year with five part-time screeners. The majority of screenings and other resources have been in Duval County. Cared Vision Outreach Program will expand services to Clay and Nassau Counties through partnerships with Barnabas Center's Good Samaritan Clinic (Nassau) and The Way Free Clinic (Clay). Funds will support equipment and supplies for full exams and treatment at clinics, a portion of the salary and travel for Cared Vision Program Coordinator, and will enable set-up of vision exam rooms/space in the respective clinics.