



2022 Skaggs Legacy Endowment Grant Recipients and Project Details

Access to Care

Neighbor's Charitable Pharmacy

\$180,000 Faith Community Health

Neighbor's Charitable Pharmacy is an innovative approach to increasing access to vital medications, medical devices, and disease management to under-resourced individuals across Stone, Taney, and surrounding counties. Expanding affordable access to these services with a first-of-its-kind pharmacy will reach many that would otherwise have gone without potentially lifesaving services. This is a three-year grant.

Nursing Scholarships 2022

\$66,583 Cox Medical Center Branson

Cox College will provide full-year scholarships to four exemplary, senior nursing students of Cox College who agree to secure employment for two years at an approved healthcare organization in Stone or Taney County, upon graduation.

Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Scholarships

\$65,000 Cox Medical Center Branson

Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Patient Scholarships provides financial assistance to patients at Cox Medical Center Branson who have experienced a qualifying cardiac or pulmonary diagnosis or event. Cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation greatly improves the patient's chance to recover and live a fuller, healthier life by helping the individual better manage their chronic condition. This grant provides financial aid to patients who otherwise would be unable to afford these vital services.

Expanding FaithCare

\$60,000 Faith Community Health

FaithCare is a business agreement where participating businesses identify employees who are eligible for primary care program participation. FaithCare membership-based healthcare services provide affordable healthcare for uninsured employees in Stone and Taney counties, fulfilling Faith Community Health's mission to make affordable healthcare accessible to the underserved in our community.

Good Samaritan Fund for Cox Branson Patients – Year 2

\$50,050 Cox Medical Center Branson

Cox Medical Center Branson's Good Samaritan Fund will provide Cox Branson patients who are uninsured or underinsured with financial assistance for hospital debt. This fund provides assistance to individuals who have utilized services at Cox Branson but do not have the resources to reconcile their hospital charges and do not qualify for charity care. This fund helps patients when unexpected illnesses or injuries occur.

Forsyth Schools Telehealth Clinic

\$32,621.67 Forsyth R-III Schools

CoxHealth Onsite Virtual Clinic provides no cost access to medical care providers at school for Forsyth students and staff. The clinic also provides tele-speech services to students who the district would struggle to serve otherwise. Many Forsyth students come from low-income homes and do not have access to health care providers. Funding from Skaggs Foundation will allow the district to provide health care to students and staff, reduce absenteeism and promote the physical health.

Patient Transportation Assistance

\$23,760 Cox Medical Center Branson

Cox Medical Center Branson provides transportation assistance to patients in Stone and Taney counties. This project ensures access to care and decreases the likelihood of readmissions, medical complications, and/or death, while increasing health and well-being.

Equity Access to Healthcare

\$17,076.93 Kirbyville School District

This grant provides funding to bring telehealth services to Kirbyville students through the school system. This service will help close the gap of healthcare equity and ensure students can receive medical treatment when needed. This program eliminates numerous barriers to care, including access to transportation, the cost of transportation and work time lost in getting to appointments. Lack of accessibility to technology and the internet make it difficult for families to do virtual visits from home, however, when healthcare services are offered at the school, families take advantage of it and students receive the services they need.

Transportation for Seniors

\$10,000 SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging

This program provides seniors in Stone and Taney counties with reliable transportation to medical appointments, the pharmacy, and grocery stores. Oftentimes, seniors are unable to drive due to various aging issues such as loss of eyesight, reaction time and coordination. While these conditions often hinder safe driving, these seniors are still able to live independently. Providing reliable transportation gives seniors the ability to live independently longer by eliminating transportation barriers.

Free Medical Clinic of the Ozarks

\$5,000 Free Medical Clinic of the Ozarks

Free Medical Clinic of the Ozarks is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide quality healthcare services to uninsured adult residents of Stone and Taney counties. Patients must show proof that their income is less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Each patient is seen by a qualified physician and provided free medications when possible. All personnel involved are on a volunteer basis. This grant will help Free Medical Clinic of the Ozarks cover expenses such as rent, medication for patients and supplies.

Building Stronger Learners

\$5,000 Tri-Lakes Special Education Cooperative

Tri-Lakes Special Education Cooperative provides services to children between the ages of 3-5 years old. Many of the children they serve have unidentified hearing and vision issues hindering their ability to learn and communicate. This grant gives funding to Tri-Lakes Special Education co-op to purchase two audiometers and two vision instruments as well as funds to purchase personal care items for students, such as diapers, wipes, head lice treatment and other items the students need but their families cannot always afford.

Gibson Tech EMT Course

\$5,000 Gibson Tech Center

The Emergency Medical Technician program at Gibson Technical Center offers juniors and seniors from Stone and Taney counties the phenomenal opportunity to get a head start on their future careers in healthcare. Throughout the year, HOSA-Future Health Professions is intertwined within the program's curriculum in which 100 percent of the EMT students becomes affiliated members. HOSA's mission is to empower students to become leaders in the global health community through education, collaboration and experience. This grant provides funding to help off-set costs for students for membership fees, conferences and competitions.

AED Equipment

\$5,000 Taney County Regional Sewer District

Taney County Regional Sewer District's field staff work around electricity on a daily basis. One of the most common forms of cardiac arrest is through electrocution. Death can result within minutes from cardiac arrest if proper steps such as CPR and use of an AED are not taken immediately to shock the heart and restore a normal heart rhythm. Trained non-medical personnel can use AEDs to treat a person in cardiac arrest using voice prompts, lights and text messages to walk the responder through the steps and potentially save a life. With this grant, the Sewer District will purchase nine AED units - one for the administrative building, one for a shop building, and one for each of the field personnel vehicles.

Healthier Mothers, Healthier Babies

\$4,999.50 Cox Medical Center Branson

In its sixth year, Healthier Mothers, Healthier Babies will continue to address substance use disorder and perinatal and postpartum depression among pregnant and newly parenting women from Stone and Taney counties. Healthier Mothers, Healthier Babies' objectives are to: improve access to Medication-Assisted Treatment for mothers during pregnancy and their first year postpartum; reduce the number of babies being transferred to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for pharmacological treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome; and to monitor maternal patients for perinatal and postpartum depression and provide assistance with counseling services and/or medication to improve mother's mental and emotional wellbeing.

Access to Veteran Care Initiative

\$3,900 Coalition of the Ozarks

Through this grant, Coalition of the Ozarks will continue to support the Access to Veteran Care Initiative, which is provided by the Veterans and Military Coalition of the Ozarks. Veterans and Military Coalition of the Ozarks works with veterans and their families to obtain VA health benefits, resources and services the veteran has earned but may have been overlooked for or denied. The Coalition has developed a network of federal, state and local resources to accelerate the process. This grant will provide funds for the Coalition to meet face-to-face with veterans from Taney and Stone counties and work to get them the help and services they need.

Maico Pilot Hearing Test

\$2,895 Crane R-III School District

Maico's Pilot hearing tester is designed for children as young as 2 years old and can be used on children up to 1st grade as well as on children with disabilities. The tester is designed to determine hearing threshold levels. It's estimated that 30 percent of children under the age of 11 suffer from an ear infection and therefore have a degree of hearing loss. If hearing loss goes untreated, a delay in speech development can occur. This grant will provide funds to purchase a hearing tester for Crane School District.

Child and Family Safety

Boys and Girls Club Summer Enrichment Program

\$5,000 Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks

When schools close for the summer, children living in poverty are unable to access healthy meals, academic assistance and fun activities that are needed to continue to support their success during the coming school year. The demand for the Boys and Girls Club's services during the summer months has significantly increased among families struggling to survive. The effects of poverty are a continually growing concern. Club membership allows youth to access two meals and a nutritious snack every day. This grant provides scholarship funds to families who otherwise could not afford to send their children to the Boys and Girls Club in the summer.

Buchanan Intermediate Pirate Store

\$5,000 Branson School District

Buchanan Intermediate School goes beyond academics and works to teach students life skills such as earning and saving for items they need or want and taking responsibility for their self and belongings. To accomplish teaching these skills and to also provide for the school's high-need population, Buchanan Intermediate School has opened a Pirate Store. Through the Pirate Store, students are empowered to meet their needs towards a sustainable livelihood. The Pirate Store provides students with the opportunity to purchase items they need such as school supplies, hygiene items, food and clothing. Items are purchased with points that the students earn by having good school attendance, working hard at their academics, and showing good character.

Branson High School Cents of Pride Store

\$5,000 Branson School District

The Branson High School Cents of Pride store offers students a unique opportunity to obtain essential items that are not always provided through their home environment. This store supports students in their efforts to take care of themselves when oftentimes, there is no other alternative for assistance. All 1,400 students at Branson High School have the opportunity to shop in the store using Buccaneer Bucks awarded to them at the beginning of the school year. Through positive attendance and academics, students are able to continue to earn, however, no one is turned away from purchasing anything from the Cents of Pride store.

Cents of Pride Store

\$5,000 Gift of Hope, Inc.

This grant provides Gift of Hope with necessary funds to continue to operate the Cents of Pride program for Forsyth Middle School and High School students. This unique program is dedicated to fulfilling students' needs, grades 5th thru 12th through a reward system. The main goal when starting this program was to reach the older students who were going hungry on the weekend because they were too proud or embarrassed to accept the food distributed through the Gift of Hope Backpack Club. This program also expands from the Backpack Club in providing essential health, hygiene, activity kits, sports balls, bedding items, school supplies and snacks.

PBIS Wolves Den School Store

\$5,000 Reeds Spring School District

The PBIS Wolves Den School Store provides many opportunities throughout the year for every student in the building such as providing hygiene products, school spirit wear, school supplies, Christmas presents, and craft supplies. This store will also allow teachers and counselors to meet student needs when they arise.

Dental Care

School Based Dental Services

\$50,000 Fordland Clinic, Inc.

Fordland's school-based dental program provides services to students in the Blue Eye and Reeds Spring school districts as well as to the pre-school program in Reeds Spring. Approximately 1,200 children will be offered services. This program specifically targets children who are not seeing a dentist but is offered to all students. The program includes dental screenings, sealants/fluoride treatment, oral health education and recommendations for restorative services.

Healthy Lifestyles

Sunny Side – Part 4

\$5,000 Branson Hollister Senior Center

Sunny Side-Part 4 will continue the ongoing wellness initiative to improve health, prevent falls, and prolong independence for Taney County senior adults. The Branson Hollister Senior Center offers daily exercise sessions including Zumba Gold, yoga, and chair exercises. This grant also expands services to include a balance training series with a licensed physical therapist. In addition, the new walking club is up and running and seniors are motivated to stay active. Seniors can access the walking trail at any time. Seniors are thriving as a result of the exercise programs, saying they feel better physically, mentally and emotionally.

Youth Scholarship Program

\$4,900 Branson Parks and Recreation Department

Branson Parks and Recreation Department's Scholarship Fund was created to encourage and allow access to youth sports and activities within our local communities to those who otherwise may not have the financial means to participate. The program is designed to allow each family \$100-\$225 annually, depending on the number of children in their household, which will provide the opportunity to be engaged in multiple activities throughout the year. There is no question that increased physical activity can reduce one's stress level and provides positive effects both mentally and physically.

Moving to Healthy

\$1,300 Chances of Stone County

Moving to Healthy is designed to facilitate active participation in fun, age-appropriate leisure choices for adults who have disabilities. Many disabled adults did not master skills required to play backyard games when they were younger and over the years, they quit trying to participate with their peers. As a result, many of these individuals sit and play video games and are physically inactive. Age-appropriate leisure equipment such as basketballs, wiffleball sets, frisbees, and tools to document participants' BMI will allow Chances of Stone County's program to reintroduce adapted leisure activities to individuals with disabilities. The goal of this program is to increasing participants' activity level and help them to move to a healthy weight.

Mental Health

Stone and Taney County School-Based Services

\$160,000 Burrell Behavioral Health

Burrell Behavioral Health will continue providing School Based Services to students by embedding mental health providers in school settings throughout Stone and Taney counties. Since December 2019, funding for School Based Services has allowed Burrell to serve 205 youth resulting in 4,581 mental health services provided to clients who are uninsured, underinsured, or those with unaffordable insurance.

Overall Mental Health Network Initiative

\$142,812.65 Cox Medical Center Branson

Cox Medical Center Branson's Overall Mental Health Network Initiative will provide free mental health services through a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner to Cox Branson employees in an effort improve overall mental well-being and workforce resiliency. Services will include mental health assessments, individual therapy, patient risk assessments, coordination of mental health services, and referral to a psychiatrist/psychologist.

Branson School Mental Health

\$39,857.45 Branson School District

This grant provides funding for a part-time mental health case manager to assist families through the process of receiving school-based mental health services for their student. Families without private insurance often need support as they navigate paperwork to qualify for assistance so their student can receive needed mental health services. This project first started in late 2018. The following school year they found: 57 percent of students reported a decrease in depressive symptoms after receiving care; 49 percent of students reported decreased anxiety symptoms; and daily attendance increased from 1-4 percent after students received mental health services.

Substance Use

Substance Use Initiative & Tobacco Cessation Program

\$202,749.87 Cox Medical Center Branson

The Substance Use Initiative and Tobacco Cessation programs are focused on collaboration around reducing the availability of and access to substances; improving access to overdose prevention, intervention and harm reduction and treatment services; increasing the capacity of recovery support services; raising awareness about mental health and substance use; and expanding the use of evidence based interventions. This is a two-year grant.