



Salina Regional Health Foundation

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Community Health Investment Program awards \$91,756 in grants

(May 18, 2016) – The Salina Regional Health Foundation’s Community Health Investment Program (CHIP) awarded five grants at its May committee meeting for a total of \$91,756. Funding for CHIP primarily comes from Salina Regional Health Center, which tithes a percentage of its operating margin each year to the Salina Regional Health Foundation. Additional funding for CHIP has come from the Salina Regional Service Auxiliary.

Funding priorities for CHIP primarily focus on children’s health and getting a healthy start in life, preventing medication misuse and preventing falls among the elderly.

Grants in May included:

- \$35,000 to the Saline County Health Department for its Becoming a Mom/Comenzado bien program for pregnant women to improve health and birth outcomes in Saline County including infant mortality rates, prematurity and low birth weights.
- \$25,000 to Catholic Charities of Salina to expand legal assistance and stabilization services for victims of violence – particularly immigrants and women and children.
- \$20,000 to the Salina Education Foundation to assist local school nurses and provide funding for a number of healthy lifestyle programs for the 2016-2017 academic year.
- \$6,756 to Child Care Aware of Kansas to provide education opportunities for child care providers in Saline County to enhance safety awareness, pediatric CPR and first aid training.
- \$5,000 to Rolling Hills Zoo for Dream Night, which provides a free night at the zoo for area children with terminal or chronic illness or disability and their immediate families.

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