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Foundation for Community Health Announces New York Grant Awards In Mental Health and Access to Services

The Foundation for Community Health is pleased to announce the current round of grant awards totaling over \$313,700 in the areas of mental health and access to services. These awards were made to local health organizations that serve the needs of the people living in the greater Harlem Valley in New York and in the northern Litchfield Hills of Connecticut. The overall goals for these awards is to improve the mental health of the residents in this community by supporting the enhancement of community based quality and comprehensive health services as well as strengthening the ability to access health care services. The Foundation has infused over one million dollars into this community in health service support since its inception in 2003.

The New York agencies that received awards to improve mental health and access to services for our community are:

- **Astor Home for Children, Inc.**, \$50,000 for their mobile crisis to reduce the number of emergency room visits for psychiatric crisis and the number of suicide attempts among children in eastern Dutchess County.
- **Astor Home for Children, Inc.**, \$10,000 for mental health screenings for youth to reduce the incidents of psychiatric crisis visits to emergency rooms and suicide attempts in children in eastern Dutchess County.

- **Hudson River HealthCare, Inc.**, \$25,000 for a care partner program to increase access to health services for senior citizens and migrant farm workers in eastern Dutchess and southeastern Columbia Counties.
- **Mental Health Association of Dutchess County**, \$50,000 for a community collaborative project to improve access to mental health and substance abuse services in eastern Dutchess County.
- **Mental Health Association of Dutchess County**, \$12,000 for a parenting skills development project to increase access to research-based parenting classes for northeastern Dutchess County parents and caregivers.
- **North East Community Council, Inc.**, \$20,000 to purchase a new van.

Award serving both NY and CT:

- **EMS Institute at Sharon Hospital, Inc.**, \$20,000 for capacity building and outreach to strengthen their ability to meet the emergency service needs of the residents in the tri-county area.

According to the Foundation's Executive Director, Nancy Heaton, "We are fulfilling our mission to improve the health and well being of the people living in our service area and we are proud and excited about the changes that have occurred because they have made an actual difference for the people living in our community."

The Foundation was established with the funds from the sale of the previous non-profit Sharon Hospital and is a supporting organization of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. For more information about the Foundation call 1(800) 695-7210 or visit their website at www.fchealth.org.