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**Fifteen Nonprofits Awarded Grants to Improve Health Care in the Carolinas**

**Raleigh, NC** – Fifteen nonprofit organizations in North Carolina and South Carolina have received grants totaling \$502,480 from the CCME Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports health care quality improvement in the Carolinas. The one-year grants run from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024. The CCME Foundation Board of Directors selected the awardees based on each project's impact on health care improvement and access for individuals and communities, particularly the uninsured and under-served populations. The awardees include:

**Compass of Carolina** - \$30,000 Greenville SC

Providing access to mental health care by removing transportation barriers and providing direct hours of therapeutic services to adults affected by domestic violence.

**AIDS Leadership Foothills Area Alliance** - \$10,000 Hickory NC

Providing sterile drug use supplies, overdose reversal kits, and infection prevention services, testing, and link to care through the Harm Reduction program.

**ABCCM Doctors Medical Clinic** - \$25,330 Asheville NC

Improving navigation and integration of clinical care within a recovery and transitional housing program through Costello House, a new recovery living and transitional housing center, serving men experiencing homelessness.

**Hands of Hope Medical Clinic** - \$45,000 Yadkinville NC

Addressing barriers to medication access and ensuring that individuals can obtain the medications they require for their health and well-being.

**Transitions LifeCare** - \$50,000 Raleigh NC

Supporting the Hispanic Community to Navigate Serious Illness by increasing health literacy, highlighting pathways to care for the local Latino/Hispanic community for people with serious illness, and building the capacity of Transitions LifeCare to provide care for this population from a perspective of cultural humility.

**Lions Vision Services** - \$50,000 Columbia SC

Providing eye surgeries, exams, glasses, and vision technology for the un- and under-insured.

**Warrior WOD Foundation** - \$50,000 Ravenel SC

Addressing gaps in veterans' mental health care through exercise, nutrition, and mentorship.

**AWAKE Child Advocacy Center** - \$50,000 Sylva NC

Providing services to the Child Medical Collaborative for child medical evaluations, ensuring 24/7 services are available to child abuse victims in Jackson County.

**Greenville Free Medical Clinic** - \$50,000 Greenville SC

Expanding the clinic's Behavioral Health Services.



**Community Care for Forsyth County** - \$50,000 Winston-Salem NC

Adding a bilingual dental hygienist to Dental Health Program.

**Carolina Caring** - \$19,150 Newton NC

Providing technology package for in-house Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program in its second year to recruit and retain quality nursing assistants.

**Tender Hearts Ministries** - \$25,000 York SC

Providing support to uninsured client families needing access to health care, prescriptions, and supplements.

**Partners for Active Living** - \$30,000 Spartanburg SC

Helping to increase fruit and vegetable consumption to decrease chronic disease through the Cooking Up Confidence: Skills in the Everyday Kitchen, which introduces participants to the FoodShare program.

**EmmanuWheel** - \$8,000 Lexington SC

Building wheelchair ramps for disadvantaged populations in South Carolina.

**Good Shepherd Free Clinic** - \$10,000 Clinton SC

Purchasing generic medications needed to supply the community pharmacy at the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy and dispensing at no cost, along with diabetic testing supplies, to patients.

"The impact these organizations have within their communities is inspiring, and we are thrilled to support their efforts," said CCME Foundation Chairman Donald J. DiPette, MD. President and CEO Steven Martin added, "This marks the Foundation's third year in awarding grants, and it is very rewarding to help fund the many programs that enrich and improve health care in the Carolinas."

The CCME Foundation was established in 2018 and is funded by Constellation Quality Health, formerly CCME, a separate nonprofit organization celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a health care quality consultancy in the Carolinas. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded \$1,032,536 in grants.

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