

### **Nueces Charities, Inc. - 2017 Grant Awards**

YWCA \$ 5,000.00 Funds to support the Therapeutic Recreation and YWTeens programs to help 5th and 6th grade title one school girls.

Focus Foundation \$ 6,000.00 The FOCUS Foundation along with The Kinesiology Department at TAMU-CC are combining their efforts to continue this award-winning program in our community. Grant funds are for transportation expenses only. The Summer Sports & Wellness Program at TAMU-CC is designed to educate and counsel children and their families about healthy choices - including those that can be made to prevent and mitigate the risk of some conditions like diabetes and drug and alcohol prevention.

Corpus Christi Safe Place House \$ 8,500.00 Wenholz House helps male adults in recovery regain and maintain stability and independence, reenter and retain jobs in the workforce, and learn to live clean and sober lives free from addiction. Offering human services (transitional housing / after-care support), it provides more than 75% of local housing for this underserved population. NEC funding will add exterior wall insulation at the facility (built 1930's) and reduce heating / cooling expenses (average monthly bills exceed \$3,000). Currently, energy loss is significant with little insulation buffering interior sheetrock walls from brick exterior walls. NEC funding is critical to accomplish this project.

Mission of Mercy \$ 10,000.00 The Mission of Mercy Texas Mobile Medical Program provides prescription medications and medical care for acute and chronic conditions at no cost to our patients at five mobile clinic sites in the Coastal Bend. Our patients work, cannot get health insurance, do not qualify for public assistance, and cannot afford to pay for healthcare on their own. We treat them at no charge by using professional and lay volunteers, who donate their time and skills, and through financial support from individuals, businesses, and charitable organizations. We reduce the usage of hospital emergency departments and lower healthcare costs in the community.

Corpus Christi Education Foundation \$ 10,000.00 The CCEF is seeking \$10,000 to help pay for educational materials needed to supply STEM Enhancement for At-Risk Students, a program designed to help CCISD elementary students from underserved neighborhoods. This will be accomplished by supplying students ages 8 to 11 with materials needed to create and manipulate their own projects using robotic elements. Once the project is fully funded, each school will have received a Lego Education "WeDO" Education-Getting Started Construction Kit, a Lego Elementary Construction Kit, a Lego Elementary Simple & Motorized Mechanisms Kit, and supporting software, worksheets, activity packs and lesson plans for hands-on application in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind \$ 5,000.00 STLB continually strives to provide job opportunities for blind and visually impaired Coastal Bend residents. The project for which we seek funding will provide full-time employment for two visually-impaired people. Our plan is to add the technology and large, touch-screen monitors to our Toilet Paper Conversion line so two visually-impaired employees can operate the line without assistance (other than identifying and repairing mechanical issues). The Toilet Paper Converter takes extremely large rolls of toilet paper (62 inches in diameter) and converts them into smaller rolls (4 inches in diameter) we then sell to customers.

COASTAL BEND COMM FOUNDATION \$ 10,000.00 Matching donor for the Coastal Bend Day of Giving - group matches donations from community members to area charities.

Corpus Christi Hope House, Inc. \$ 5,000.00 Our program provides facilities and services for addicted, abused, abandoned, poverty level, and homeless pregnant women, single mothers, fathers and their dependent minor children to improve the physical and emotional health of these low-income and poverty level persons, and by focusing on creating systematic change among this population to promote human dignity, and empower these individuals to accept individual responsibility and move toward self-sustainability. These goals are reached through the services provided by our shelter facilities and staff to provide case management and support, provide outreach to persons with substance abuse and help them get treatment, provide “wrap around” services to the holistic needs of the clients, and coordinate through collaboration with various service providers to ensure that each person’s needs are being met.

Education Service Center, Region 2 \$ 5,000.00 The purpose of this project is to give schools serving low-income students the opportunity to experience inquiry-based science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) experiential learning activities, along with career exploration, emergent literacy, and writing curricula offered at the ESA. The overall goals of this project are: (1) increase ESA participation of high-poverty and underserved schools located in the Coastal Bend, (2) cultivate a love of learning and STEAM career interest to support growth in student achievement, and (3) foster greater teacher understanding and use of inquiry-based, experiential learning to broaden student knowledge of STEAM, STEAM careers, oral language and emergent literacy skills. Expected outcomes include: (1) more high-poverty students exposed to inquiry-based, experiential learning to stimulate an interest in STEAM and develop cognitive math and science skills, (2) increased student knowledge and enthusiasm in STEAM, STEAM careers.

Corpus Christi Pregnancy Center, Inc. dba Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend \$ 5,000.00 The Center is requesting funding for Program Center Support to assist with the costs of services, support, and material assistance directly related to our services to clients. The program provides pregnancy tests; ultrasounds performed by a professional Medical Ultrasound Team for confirming pregnancies and gestational age for teens and women of the Coastal Bend and surrounding counties with support services for the physical, emotional, and mental health of teens and women in a crisis pregnancy; abortion recovery classes; as well as providing education materials on STDs/STIs and their health risks; New Born Care and Parenting Classes; Baby Benevolence Items; and Mentoring and Peer Counseling.

CASA of Kleberg County \$ 5,000.00 To recruit, train and support community volunteers who will advocate for children that have been abused and neglected and removed from their homes in the five county area that we serve: Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy and Kleberg.

Presbyterian Pan American School \$ 4,892.00 We seek to equip the Resource Room in our Learning Center with a Clevertouch interactive, educational touch screen. This is a video display system that replaces the traditional white board and allows teachers and students to share information from a variety of sources with speed and clarity. Students preparing for university classes must be ready to function with the electronic technology they will encounter in college. This technology is also helpful for students who are learning to speak English, which is the majority of our student body, as students can learn using audio and video presentations in an interactive way. Currently all of our classrooms except one are equipped with either a Clevertouch screen or traditional SMART boards. Equipping this final classroom will allow all of our students to benefit from this technology.

Driscoll Children's Hospital \$ 4,000.00 The Driscoll Summer Camps give children with serious illnesses the chance to go fishing, swim, climb, hike, explore, ride horses and take part in many other activities that are typical of a comprehensive, week-long summer camp program. The camps include medical support so that children who are unable to attend other camps can join in the activities. Camps have proven to be effective intervention for children with heart problems, cancer, kidney problems and asthma. The Driscoll Summer Camp programs are universal in that each program can be accomplished in multiple ways to meet the needs of a broad spectrum of campers with different abilities. Driscoll's Summer Camps program goal is to help every child reach their maximum potential. All of the activities at Summer Camp are adapted to accommodate the special needs of each camper, allowing them to be successful in each program.

Rise School of Corpus Christi \$ 5,000.00 Funding to support the "Strengthening Our Tuition Assistance program allows our children physical, occupational, speech, and music therapy each day as part of the regular curriculum. This allows our students with disabilities to progress to developmental milestones at a greatly accelerated pace, We provide need-based scholarship assistance for current and prospective students to have access to these programs.

CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Foundation \$ 5,000.00 The CareVan's mission is to take healthcare-on-the-road to the underserved/uninsured individuals throughout the Coastal Bend who are struggling with finances and lack access to healthcare services. The requested grant funds will assist the CareVan's team of Registered Nurses in providing preventative care, influenza immunizations, patient education on disease management for diabetes, heart disease, stroke, weight management, and other serious health conditions, as well as providing referrals for additional medical care as needed. This commitment is always driven by CHRISTUS Spohn's mission to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all persons regardless of their ability to pay.

Good Samaritan Rescue Mission \$ 5,000.00 Good Sam requests \$5,000 to help underwrite the cost of purchasing groceries to be served in our free diner for the hungry and the homeless of the Coastal Bend. The largest shelter in the region, Good Sam offers 200+ beds, diner, and supportive services. We operate 12 ministry areas: Good Sam's Bed & Breakfast, Room & Board, Diner, Coffee House, General Store, Labor Force, Park & Pet Care, Support Network, Chapel, Staff, Fresh Start for Ex-Convicts, and Medical Dorm. In 2016, we provided: Emergency Shelter 201 people/night=73,365 nights of lodging (25% increase), Room & Board Rooms 38 people/night=12,410 nights of lodging, Diner 696 meals per day=253,869 meals served, Labor Force 273 individuals began employment.

Communities In Schools \$ 4,050.00 For more than 30 years with the support of CIS staff and the contributions of community partners, CIS serves the most vulnerable and high-risk students in the coastal bend. CIS site coordinators assess the needs of their students and assist with everything from hygiene products to a new pair of shoes. Thanks to our partners, there will be even more kids in caps and gowns this year, and each year forward. CIS is requesting \$4,050 to purchase hygiene products to be placed in 27 schools in 5 school districts in Nueces County.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Bend \$ 5,000.00 We would like to install high-intensity exterior lighting to enhance the safety of guests, visitors, and employees who must come to and leave from our facility at night. This will allow us to provide a safe place for visitors, employees, and guests who must travel to Corpus Christi to acquire life-saving treatment for their families.

CASA of the Coastal Bend       \$    5,000.00 Funding is requested to support CASA of the Coastal Bend's daily operations and the constant need to recruit and maintain our volunteer-based organization.

Youth Odyssey Inc.       \$    5,000.00 We are requesting support for our Adventure Challenge Program serving 6 low income housing units – Wiggins, Glen Oak, The Palms, Lantana Square, Samuel Place and Casa de Manana. We teach youth how to make better decisions for their future through our life skills curricula and a variety of outdoor adventures. All activities are processed with the youth and tied back to their home lives, school lives, and social groups. Nature is our medium because many of our youth have never seen a cow in the wild much less a deer; even more surprising is the fact that most of our youth have never seen the Bay of Corpus Christi. Amazing things happen when youth are safely guided out of their comfort zones by caring adults, and into a brighter future. Corpus Christi ISD reports that youth who participate in our programs show: decreased disciplinary action in school, increased grades, increased state testing scores, increased attendance, and 90-95% improvement in all life skills taught.

HALO FLIGHT   \$    24,000.00 Monthly award of \$2,000 provided for General Program Support for regional air ambulance service.

Total Awarded \$   141,442.00