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Fredericksburg Social Services Receives Grant for Community Eligibility Worker

(Fredericksburg, VA) March 7, 2019 - In January 2019, the Joe and Mary Wilson Community Benefit Fund of the Mary Washington Hospital Foundation awarded Fredericksburg Department of Social Services a grant for a Community Based Eligibility Worker. The Foundation has provided support for this program for eleven years and has helped improve access to services and public assistance programs resulting in a healthier community. This program has assisted a total of 3,068 citizens enroll in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) program, 1,159 citizens enroll in Medicaid and provided comprehensive assessments to 6,995 citizens since 2009.

The grant award provides funding for the CBEW (Community Based Eligibility Worker) position to continue to provide outreach in our community at various community partner agencies: Micah Ministries, Micah Respite House, Thurman Brisben Center, Moss Clinic, RAAA-Healthy Generations, Community Health Care Center of the Rappahannock Region, Hope House, Hazel Hill Apartments, and other locations on an as needed basis. Additionally, the CBEW maintains a case load of clients who are homeless or temporarily sheltered. The worker also provides direct assistance to clients applying for Medicaid and SNAP benefits, ensuring that clients receive and maintain benefits for which they are entitled, as well as providing information on other community resources. This program was instrumental in supporting Medicaid Expansion efforts in our area resulting in health care coverage for citizens – some of whom have never had health insurance. “We are especially thankful to Joe and Mary Wilson for their continued support of the Foundation’s work that benefits the Department of Social Services’ mission and programming that continues to serve the area’s neediest residents,” said Bea Paolucci, Chair of the Board of Social Services. “Efforts like these help us further our department vision of quality programming and demonstrate our City value of Agile Innovation. This also aligns with City Council’s goal to provide highly responsive public safety, health and social services programs as part of their vision for public service as the backbone of our community,” said Christen Gallik, Director of Fredericksburg Social Services.

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