New Grants Awarded
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

412 Food Rescue
Jefferson Food Recovery and Food Education
Increase food access and promote sustainability in the Jefferson area by recovering viable and healthy produce from retail donors and delivering it to nonprofit community partners through a volunteer network of drivers, and promote use of healthy foods in daily diets through a partnership with three local family support centers to offer an evidence-based food education program.

Adagio Health
Positive Action Youth Development Train-the Trainer Program
Increase out-of-school time program quality for 200 local youth through training and adoption of an evidence-based (Positive Action) curriculum for member organizations of the Clairton Youth Collaborative, engaging Adagio staff as master trainers, and delivering training to 75 families.

Albert Schweitzer Fellowship- Pittsburgh
Sustainability for the “Sweet Spot”—Support Group for Teen Girls Living with Diabetes
Seek a sustainable model to continue the innovative work of a female Fellow to increase diabetes management and self-efficacy among teen girls living with diabetes in the Steel Valley area through growing the “Sweet Spot” support group and developing linkages with host and support organizations.

Allegheny County Library Association
South Hills Libraries: Responding to Community Needs
Expand the capacity of ten South Hills libraries to serve as strong community resources by assessing the needs of local residents, developing and implementing community partnerships, and designing programming to meet unique community needs to serve new and more patrons.

Allegheny HealthChoices, Inc. (AHCI)
Mental Health First Aid in the Jefferson Area
Increase knowledge and reduce stigma regarding mental health and addiction by building a core of 16 certified local professional trainers from varied Jefferson organizations to offer 45 eight hour community trainings of a national, evidence-based program, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) to 1,300 Jefferson area residents.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit/Latino Family Center
Latino Family Center: Defining Opportunities
Support a strategic planning effort for the Latino Family Center to identify the Center’s future direction in remaining responsive to the growing Latino community’s need and to provide furniture for the new expanded site to continue offering a welcoming environment where people feel valued.
Angels’ Place, Inc.
Quality Childcare and Support for Student Parents
Support low-income, single, full time student parents residing in the Jefferson area to complete their education and strengthen their families while their children receive quality early childcare education.

Best of the Batch Foundation
Project C.H.U.C.K.
Increase physical activity levels, provide educational enrichment for disadvantaged youth, and increase parent and community engagement through a seven-week summer camp in Homestead.

Beverly’s Birthdays
Spreading South Hills Birthday Cheer
Create positive, memorable experiences for young low-income children and their families and increase capacity of 12 local organizations by providing birthday cheer programs in the communities of Clairton, Duquesne, Homestead, and McKeesport.

Community College of Allegheny County
CCAC South Campus Food Pantry
Create and sustain a food pantry on the CCAC South Campus to address hunger and increase retention for at least 50 CCAC South Campus students in collaboration with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Economic Development South
Jefferson Transit Circulator- Connecting Health, Food, and Education to Residents
Assist Jefferson residents in accessing critical health, education, and food sites by researching the possibility of a Jefferson transit circulator through a community-driven feasibility study.

Every Child, Inc.
Pregnancy Support with Trained Doula Program for At-Risk Moms
Enhance maternal and infant physical and mental health for the long-term benefit of 24 low-income, Jefferson area mothers and children by offering 18 weeks of individualized support from pregnancy to postpartum delivered by individuals cross-trained as doulas and social workers.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
Building Agency Capacity
Strengthen the capacity of 45 Jefferson area food assistance programs which are member agencies of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to improve the health and well-being of residents through access to capacity grants for new equipment, lines of credit for food, and enhanced referral capacity.

GTECH Strategies
ReClaim Clairton
Foster community health, revitalization and community ownership by engaging Clairton adult and youth residents to conduct a vacant land survey and training 10-12 adult resident leaders to manage community projects which reclaim and maintain ten vacant lots in partnership with EDS, the City of Clairton and Clairton youth.

Gwen’s Girls, Inc.
Clubhouse Program Expansion
Strengthen families through a psycho-educational community support group for 60 pairs of girls and their mothers/female caregivers and expand the size and intensity of the current afterschool/summer program with personalized academic support and a structured health and wellness program for 39 Clairton girls, ages 8-18.
Human Services Center Corporation $105,000 (3 years- $35,000/year)

Emerging Leaders Program
Increase the opportunity for successful transitions to career and college for 76 low-income high school seniors attending West Mifflin and McKeesport schools through an intensive year-round program which offers guided career exploration activities, skill-building, and personal assistance with career & goal planning, school selection and applications, and job placement.

Jefferson Hospital/AHN $10,000

Jefferson Hospital School Screenings
Improve opportunities for student success through earlier identification of health issues and vision and hearing challenges by offering onsite teams of Jefferson nurses to expand the capacity of three local school districts to accomplish annual student health screenings in the fall session.

Jefferson Hospital/AHN $50,000

Event Sponsorships
Support Jefferson Hospital’s impact on health and wellness through the sponsorship of major annual Allegheny Health Network events building broader community support and visibility.

Jewish Family and Children’s Service $50,000

Immigration-related Legal Services for South Hills residents
Provide specialized legal services for 200 immigrant and refugees in the Jefferson area on a wait list to resolve citizenship, work, and family issues which will enable them to live healthier lives and contribute to the economic vitality of our region.

LifeSpan $60,000

Engaging Senior Refugees (A Multi-Agency Collaboration)
Engage 200 senior refugees age 60 or older in culturally appropriate activities to address social isolation, educational opportunities, and wellness through the existing senior services network and a multi-agency collaboration.

Pennsylvania Health Law Project $30,000

Assist Older Adults and Increase Local Capacity on PA’s New Community HealthChoices System
Educate, assist, and advise older adults, caregivers, and supporting professionals in the Jefferson area through significant changes in accessing long-term care services at home or in a nursing facility for seniors dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare as the state’s new managed care program, Community Health Choices is implemented first in the southwestern PA region in the fall of 2016.

Saltworks $15,000

Off'Script
Increase knowledge about the misuse of prescription drugs for hundreds of Jefferson area middle and high school students and teachers through a live theater production, a curriculum guide for teachers, and a question and answer session with young actors who have received training on addiction issues.

South Hills Interfaith Ministries (SHIM) $100,000

SHIM Capacity Building for Development
Build organizational capacity to provide key services in the South Hills through initiation of a strategic development program that includes full-time development staffing, face-to-face solicitations, an enriched volunteer program, new community outreach to engage younger donors, expanded partnerships with the business community, and new branding/marketing efforts.
Squirrel Hill Health Center
Health Center Expansion Site for the South Hills
Provide start-up support to open a satellite federally qualified health center in Brentwood Towne Square which will provide primary and preventive medical and behavioral health services to thousands of local low-income, uninsured patients of all ages, including the growing population of immigrants & refugees.

Student Conservation Association
Jefferson Youth Conservation Crews
Provide 20 Jefferson area youth, in partnership with local organization Melting Pot Ministries, the opportunity to receive paid summer employment, through conservation work in South Park while increasing physical activity, knowledge of environmental and healthy lifestyle habits, access to trained mentors, and important employment skills.

United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania
Jefferson Care Shared Pilot
Support family caregivers of older adults in the Jefferson area by engaging trained CCAC South students to provide quality, in-home respite care and foster intergenerational mentoring.

University Center for Social and Urban Research, University of Pittsburgh
Jefferson Area Community Profiles and Technical Assistance
Increase the knowledge and capacity of Jefferson area nonprofit and community organizations by providing specific, community-level data resources and group/individual technical assistance on the use of a robust community profiles database through the Southwestern Pennsylvania Community Profiles project.

Veterans Breakfast Club
Post-9/11 Veteran Outreach and Engagement
Explore and pilot an expansion program to engage post 9/11 military veterans in the Jefferson communities through storytelling, leadership and community engagement.

Youth Opportunities Development
Stay Positive Clairton
Provide pro-social opportunities for Clairton youth through a youth leadership program which includes leadership development, community projects and community engagement.

(YWCA) Young Women’s Christian Association of Pittsburgh
Get Ready! Get Licensed! Advancing Quality Child Care in South Pittsburgh
Increase access of Jefferson area low-income working parents and children to quality early childcare education by providing financial support and professional development to home daycare centers to meet new federal licensing requirements enabling them to grow their quality, capacity & income.

Total Grants Awarded: $1,818,500

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