



Riverview Health FOUNDATION

WOMEN OF VISION FUNDED GRANTS 2024

OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION

Program/Project: Lymphedema Treatment Supplies

Amount Funded: \$3,000.00

Executive Summary:

Many women in our community cannot afford the appropriate wraps used to decrease swelling. These specialized bandages help decrease their edema to the point it allows them to utilize a compression garment. This makes normal mobility and function more feasible, which overall improves their quality of life. Outpatient rehabilitation served 30 women in 2023 and projected to serve the same amount in 2024.

BONE AND BREAST CENTER

Program/Project: Breast Cancer Awareness Gifts

Amount Awarded: \$2,500.00

Executive Summary: The Bone and Breast Center provides small gifts as a sign of our appreciation for patients choosing Riverview Health for their mammogram during the month of October. These gifts help raise awareness and set us apart from our competition in the area. They also help to reinforce to our patients that they are special to our facility. Bone and Breast has increased the number of patients by 212 in 2023.

MATERNITY SERVICES

Program/Project: Supporting New Mothers, Saving Lives

Amount Awarded: \$4,300.00

Executive Summary: This project is aimed at providing new mothers with essential items that will make their postpartum journey more comfortable and enjoyable, while bringing essential education to the forefront that could save their life. The Association for Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) has identified postpartum warning signs as a critical area of concern for maternal health. The goal of AWHONN

post-birth warning signs education is to help women recognize signs and symptoms of potentially life-threatening postpartum complications so they can seek medical attention promptly.

MATERNITY SERVICES

Program/Project: Pregnancy and Infant Loss

Awarded Amount: \$2,500.00

Executive Summary: Riverview Health want to continue to provide excellent care for our bereaved patients. This program provides ongoing education to not only the Maternity Center staff, but any staff that is in contact with a patient that is experiencing a loss of a pregnancy. We, as staff of the Maternity Center, will be responsible to provide education and support to other staff in the hospital when the loss of a pregnancy occurs. We have offered support by creating mementos and photos that the families take home in memory of infants that have passed away due to stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, and neonatal death. Through this grant they provide literature to the families and provide yard signs, with their baby's name, to our parents that recognize Pregnancy and Infant Loss month in October.

MATERNITY SERVICES

Program/Project: Adolescent Peer Pregnancy Support Group

Amount Awarded: \$350.00

Executive Summary: The purpose of this grant is to build community through an adolescent peer pregnancy support group. This group provides a stable, welcoming environment for teens to engage in activities with peers, medical professionals, and others to create an environment of support. They play educational games and let the winner pick from toys, clothing or supplies needed for their baby. We often have our teen moms express how much this group is helpful, being able to see other moms in the same situation. We help them manage the stress of parenting while attending school, work, or dealing with families. They voice this group provides a safe place to ask any questions.

MATERNITY SERVICES

Program/Project: Maternity Services (Lactation support, Sleep sacks, Period of Purple Crying, Car seats, Newborn holiday hats, Natural labor support)

Amount Awarded: \$9,150.00

Executive Summary: To educate new parents on the importance of safe sleep practices to reduce SUIDS: to decrease/eliminate shaken baby syndrome in central Indiana and to educate parents about what normal crying is for infants: to continue to increase initiation and continuation rates of breastfeeding. There are numerous items in the grant that support the overall well-being of babies.

WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE

Program/Project: Lymphedema/Compression

Amount Awarded: \$4,000.00

Executive Summary: Lymphedema is a medical condition characterized by swelling in one or more extremities typically following cancer treatments especially breast cancer. One the lymph nodes are removed during treatment, the body's ability to remove fluid is compromised. The goal of this grant is to make sure patients undergoing lymphedema treatment at Riverview Rehab and Fitness or the Wound Center can afford compression garments to assist with long term control of this chronic condition.

WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE

Program/Project: Wig Program

Amount Awarded: \$3,000.00

Executive Summary:

There are many women in our community that are undergoing chemotherapy due to cancer that will lose their hair. Many of them will not be able to afford a wig or head covering. The Women's Boutique will provide women that show financial need with a free wig or head covering (hat or cap). Currently, Medicare does not cover cranial prosthetics for cancer patients.

WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE

Program/Project: Breast Cancer Post Surgery Garment Program

Amount Awarded: \$3,255.70

Executive Summary: This grant makes sure no breast cancer patient leaves Riverview Health without post op garments after having a Mastectomy. All women who have breast surgery at Riverview Health will go home with a post-surgery garment. After breast surgery, a woman is left with several tubes and drainage bulbs that simply hang from their body. The post-surgery garment is a soft cotton bra/camisole that not only allows a pocket to hold the drainage tubes and bulbs, but also has a soft puff where her breast is missing.

WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE

Program/Project: Breast Prosthesis

Amount Awarded: \$4,774.00

Executive Summary: There are many women in our community that have had a Mastectomy due to breast cancer but are uninsured or underinsured. Many of them will not be able to afford a post mastectomy breast prosthesis or specially made bras to

support the prosthesis. The Women's Boutique would like to provide women that have had a mastectomy AND show financial need with a free silicone breast prosthesis and bra.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Program/Project: Touch of Love

Amount Awarded: \$15,000.00

Executive Summary: Touch of Love is facilitated by numerous volunteers at Riverview Health and in the community that knit or crochet items for our patients and new babies. The volunteers provide blankets, wraps, pillows, for patients and newborns. Riverview Health has experienced an increase in WIC families and in 2023, more than 273 families received Baby Bags filled with much needed items for the babies. 18 Baby Bags were given to families who had a preemie baby. The bags consist of the following items that are purchased; 1 crib blanket, 2 receiving blankets, 2 burp cloths, 2 bibs, 2 pairs of socks, 1 mitten set, 1 sleeper (0-3 months), 1 sleeper (3-6 months), 1 hooded bath towel, 1 changing pad and a handmade, sweater, hat, booties, and blanket.

OUTPATIENT PHARMACY

Program/Project: Healthy Start Prenatal Program

Amount Awarded: \$10,000.00

Executive Summary: Riverview Health has experienced an increase in mothers who have emergency-based health care and unable to pay for prenatal care. This grant will provide access to prenatal vitamins to improve maternal health and birth outcomes. Approximately 11% of our birthing parents last year were covered by Emergency Medicaid only.

EMPLOYER HEALTH CLINIC

Program/Project: Employer Clinic Outreach

Amount Awarded: \$3,000

Executive Summary: This grant will help fund the 2024 Employer Clinic Women's Health Event. The grant money would be used toward purchasing "thank you" gifts for women who complete mammograms following the women's health event. These gifts will not only help raise awareness about the need for annual mammogram screenings, but also help to provide additional information on the other women's services offered through Riverview Health, such as a Body Composition Scans that we would offer in conjunction with the services provided by our in-house nutritionist.