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Endowment Awards Grants to Health District and Public Health

The LCMC Endowment Fund Board of Directors awarded grants totaling \$15,342 to the Lake Fork Health Service District (LFHSD) and Silver Thread Public Health District (STPHD) at their regular quarterly meeting on August 23.

The Endowment also hosted an Open House September 3 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Moseley Health Care Complex. It included supported organizations LFHSD, STPHD, and Hinsdale EMS. The event was sponsored by the Endowment in partnership with the Lake City Chamber of Commerce. Food and refreshments were served, equipment was on display (including the new ambulance), staff was on hand for questions, and tours were given.

The grant award to the Public Health District of \$8,847 is for support of the Lake City Community School nurse program. Included are an otoacoustic test system, audiometer, otoscope, blood pressure cuffs, stethoscope, thermometer, finger pulse oximeter, blood glucose monitor, privacy screen, furniture for the new sick kid area, a locking refrigerator, cabinets, and a chair.

Tara Hardy, Public Health Director, says “this generous support from the Endowment will allow us to expand our capacity for health screenings and services that we provide through our school nurse program. We will be purchasing updated equipment to assist in comprehensive screenings for vision and hearing. We are grateful to have the opportunity to do so much more for our school community!”

Shawna Shidler, RN and Lake City Community School Nurse, adds “the new school building will have a dedicated space for the school nurse program, which now we will be able to furnish, allowing us to increase our capacity to better address health and wellness for students and staff at LCCS. This has been a goal of ours for quite some time. Thank you LCMC Endowment Board for your contribution!”

The other grant award to the LFHSD (medical center) of \$6,495 is for support of the new electronic medical records system (EMR). Included are I-pads, computers, interface to the health information exchange (QHN), and system start-up fee for the Athena system.

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Dr. Gina Carr, LFHSD Medical Director, says “thank you to the donors and Endowment for the funds to connect to the regional network to coordinate care for our patients and equipment to support our transition to the new system which will increase our efficiency. This will help us grow into the next generation of medical care with the most up-to-date technology and ensure we are here for years to come caring for our community.”

“The Endowment is pleased to continue our support of the medical center as we have since 1997, and welcome the Public Health District as a new supported organization. We are excited to put the money to work from our great donors on worthy projects for Lake City healthcare” adds Bernie Krystyniak, Endowment Board President.

The Endowment fund was founded in 1997 to provide support to the Medical Center. Since then the scope has expanded to include the Lake Fork Health Service District, Silver Thread Public Health Service District, and Hinsdale County EMS. Directors or officers of the supported organizations sit on the Endowment Board to assure close integration and communication.

The LCMC Endowment Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) with the Mission of supporting quality health care delivery in the Lake Fork Health Service District. The Endowment was established in 1997 with 97.7% of donations going to Lake City grants or invested for future needs.

Learn more about the Endowment at www.LCMCEndowmentFund.org. An online donation function is available. Contacting a Board member to discuss estate planning, legacy donations, and property donations is also encouraged.

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Photos:

Presentation of the grant check of \$6,495 to the Lake Fork Health Service District for support of the new electronic medical records system. Left to right - Jerry Johnson – LFHSD and Endowment Board member, Mike Schell – LFHSD Board Secretary, Dr. Gina Carr – Medical Director, and Bernie Krystyniak – LCMC Endowment Board President.
Photo by John Bonner.

Presentation of the grant check of \$8,847 to the Silver Thread Public Health District for the Lake City Community School nurse program. Left to right – Tara Hardy – Public Health Director, Shawna Shidler, RN – LCCS Nurse, and Bernie Krystyniak – LCMC Endowment Board President.
Photo by Tara Hardy.