

The West End Health Foundation (WEHF) recently approved \$39,900 in grants intended to meet the Foundation's mission of *advancing health and wellness in the West End*. Grants were approved for the fall programmatic grant cycle intended to support health related programs and services that will benefit Marquette County's west end communities.

Receiving grants were

- ! Caregivers Incentive Project \$7,500 for the Caregiver Academy and to support mentored in-home training.
- ! Feeding America West Michigan \$6,400 to provide mobile food truck services in Marquette County's west end.
- ! Ishpeming Negaunee Nice Community Education \$6,000 to support the Beyond 26 program for adults with disabilities.
- ! Cancer Care of Marquette County \$3,900 for cancer patient support services
- ! Goodwill Industries/UP Sports Camp \$3,500 for sports camp and training opportunities for persons with disabilities.
- ! Partridge Creek Farm \$2,000 for the expansion of the Farm to School program
- ! Start the Cycle \$2,000 to provide winter clothing and safety gear for the winter fat tire biking program
- ! Superior Shore Systems \$2,000 in support of food security programs based on Marquette County's west end
- ! Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly \$2,000 in continuation funds for the Marquette County ACES program
- ! Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes \$1,750 to provide leadership opportunities for west end Girl Scouts.
- ! Hope Free Lutheran Church \$1,500 for the Encourage our Community program addressing food security and basic needs.
- ! Big Brothers Big Sisters \$1,350 for the Big Book Club program.

The West End Health Foundation was established in 2014 after an agreement between Bell Hospital and LifePoint, Inc. for the purchase of the hospital. The mission of the WEHF is Advancing Health and Wellness in the West End Community. The WEHF provides funding in two competitive grant cycles per year and provides funding for health and wellness related programs in the four West End school districts. The Foundation will accept proposals for capital/facilities and equipment improvement grants in March and April 2021.

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