

# The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida

## WINTER 2009 GRANTS

**Organization:** Barnabas Center  
**Amount:** \$40,797  
**Years:** 1  
**Area:** Fernandina Beach, Nassau County, North Florida Region

**Summary:**

The Barnabas Dental Program is the only program in Nassau County dedicated to adult dental care for both the uninsured unemployed or uninsured working poor (at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines). The Center will expand its existing program from approximately 2,900 to 3,500 patients. Funding will cover a part-time dentist, part-time hygienist, supplies and equipment.

**Organization:** Bridgeway Center  
**Amount:** \$77,569  
**Years:** 2  
**Area:** Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa County, North Florida Region

**Summary:**

The grant will enable Bridgeway Center to begin providing primary care to approximately 200 uninsured patients (over the life of the grant) who have severe, persistent mental illness. Funding for this new program – the Integrated Care Program – will cover the costs associated with a part-time ARNP, program evaluation team and lab work.

**Organization:** Caridad Center  
**Amount:** \$75,000  
**Years:** 1  
**Area:** Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County, South Florida Region

**Summary:**

The grant will help implement an electronic health records (HER) system in an effort to improve the quality of care and reduce medical errors. Funding will cover personnel costs associated with implementing the new system as well as new EHR-friendly diagnostic equipment.

**Organization:** Center for Health Equity  
**Amount:** \$66,000  
**Years:** 2  
**Area:** Quincy, Gadsden, North Florida Region

**Summary:**

The grant will supplement the hiring of a nurse, nutritionist and case manager to provide low-income, uninsured African-American women between the ages of 14 and 44, who are between pregnancies, with access to basic primary care, nutrition assistance and access to a medical home. These staff will also conduct community outreach to screen women and educate them about all the Center's programs, particularly Healthy Start.

**Organization:** Dade County Dental Research Clinic (aka – Community Smiles)  
**Amount:** \$100,000  
**Years:** 2  
**Area:** Miami, Miami-Dade County, South Florida Region

**Summary:**

The grant will provide for expanded dental services (i.e., supplies and lab work) to 300 additional patients (from 4,500 to 4,800) annually, and enhance the quality of care to all patients by: A.) upgrading current dental software and equipment; B.) providing training to all staff members related to customer service; C.) hiring an Outreach Coordinator to help with patient follow-up and education; and D.) hiring a part-time Instructor for the Dental Assistant Program.

**Organization:** Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Pasco  
**Amount:** \$30,000  
**Years:** 1  
**Area:** New Port Richey, Pasco County, West Coast Region

**Summary:**

The Clinic, which is the only source of free dental care (i.e., extractions and fillings) in Pasco County for the uninsured, will expand its dental clinic from one day per week to two days per week, thus doubling the number of patients treated from 140 to 280, annually. The funding would primarily cover the increased staffing costs associated with expanding the dental clinic's hours of operation.

**Organization:** Haitian American Association Against Cancer  
**Amount:** \$50,000  
**Years:** 1  
**Area:** Miami, Miami-Dade County, South Florida Region

**Summary:**

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Project seeks to improve the health of uninsured/underserved Haitian women in Miami-Dade County through breast and cervical cancer prevention education, and early detection of cancer through screening, diagnosis and treatment. Funding will cover staff salaries as well as exams and lab work for approximately 100 women (e.g., physicals, mammograms, Pap smears, etc.).

**Organization:** Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine  
**Amount:** \$100,000  
**Years:** 2  
**Area:** Lakeland, Polk County, Central Florida Region

**Summary:**

Lakeland VIM is requesting funding to: A.) expand its dental clinic's services from pain relief (i.e., extractions and fillings) to comprehensive dental care (i.e., semi-annual exams, cleanings and x-rays) to include referrals to specialty care such as endodontists, periodontists and oral surgeons; and B.) increase the capacity of the clinic from 200 to 500 patients, annually. Funding would cover increased staffing costs as well as supplies.

**Organization:** Mission House  
**Amount:** \$48,000  
**Years:** 3  
**Area:** Jacksonville Beach, Duval County, North Florida Region

**Summary:**

The grant will be used to purchase prescriptions, medications and medical supplies for the nearly 2,100 patients served by Mission House annually.

**Organization:** Shepherd's Hope  
**Amount:** \$100,000  
**Years:** 2  
**Area:** Orlando, Orange County, Central Florida Region

**Summary:**

Funding will be used to hire a full-time Specialty Care Coordinator for the Longwood Health Center. This coordinator will: organize the volunteer efforts of Seminole County specialists; oversee day-time specialty care clinics; serve as a liaison with Seminole County Medical Society; and supervise a team of volunteer eligibility specialists to comply with the Department of Health's Volunteer Health Care Provider Program. The primary goal is to connect 1,152 low-income, uninsured residents over two years with gynecologists, urologists, cardiologists, pulmonologists, dermatologists, orthopedics, ENTs and neurologists.

**Organization:** Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH) Foundation  
**Amount:** \$75,305  
**Years:** 1  
**Area:** Tallahassee, Leon County, North Florida Region

**Summary:**

The grant will be used to expand the Family Medicine Residency Improved Pregnancy Outcomes Clinic that provides prenatal care to uninsured and underserved women in Gadsden, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties, from half-day weekly clinics to full-day weekly clinics in each county. The goals are to reduce infant mortality and pre-term births. Funds will be used to purchase a portable ultrasound machine and to cover a portion of the staff/professional salaries associated with running the program.