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PROJECT HOPE AWARDS \$72,000 IN LOCAL GRANTS

TUPELO, Miss.—Project Hope awarded \$72,000 today to area health organizations, thanks to the success of this year’s Festival of Hope fundraiser. Grants include:

- “Promoting Healthy Lifestyles for Free Clinic Patients” (\$19,000)—Funding will help provide treatment, education and screenings through the Antone Tannehill Good Samaritan Free Clinic for the “working uninsured” in Lee County.
- NMMC Diabetes Assistance Fund (\$14,000)—Funding will provide assistance with diabetes self-management education and diabetes testing supplies for patients who qualify. The fund is administered through the Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi.
- NMMC Cancer Center Patient Assistance Fund (\$10,516)—Funding will provide assistance with medications, transportation and nutritional supplements to patients who qualify. The fund is administered through the Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi.
- Weston Reed Cardiovascular Conference (\$6,000)—Funding will assist with free CPR certification, training in the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and screening for diabetes.
- NMMC Heart Patient Assistance Fund (\$5,000)—Funding will provide assistance with medications, educational materials, transportation and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation to patients who qualify. The fund is administered through the Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi.
- Sisters Network, Tupelo Chapter (\$5,445)—Funding will assist with prevention and diagnosis of breast cancer among medically under-served African-American women. The funding will cover baseline screenings, diagnostic mammograms and ultrasound examinations.

- Tree of Life “Arbon de la Vida” Free Clinic (\$3,000)—Funds will assist individuals with heart disease and diabetes who have no health insurance and limited resources by providing in-stock medications free of charge.
- Camp Hopewell (\$2,510)—Funding will provide assistance for 6- to 8-year-olds living with Type 1 diabetes, educating them to control diabetes with a positive, healthy approach.
- HealthWorks! North Mississippi (\$2,529)—Funding will be used for equipment needed to add functional fitness programming designed to decrease risk for heart disease, cancer and diabetes through improved health habits.
- Camp Breathe Ezzzze (\$2,000)—Funding will assist with an asthma camp for children age 6-12 at Tishomingo State Park. Sponsored by NMMC, the camp educates children about managing asthma, as well as the importance of regular exercise and healthy habits to prevent future cardiopulmonary disease.
- My Duty Outreach Ministries Inc. (\$2,000)—Funds will be used to provide diabetes education classes and medical referral contact information for community residents.

Founded in 1998, Project Hope is a group of local volunteers dedicated to community health improvement. Because heart disease and cancer are the leading causes of death in the United States, and diabetes can take a devastating toll on a person’s health, Project Hope specifically targets these diseases. For more information, call (662) 377-3867 or (662) 377-4143, or visit www.projecthopems.com.