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TUPELO, Miss.—Project Hope recently awarded \$72,000 in grants to representatives from area organizations, including (front row, from left) Donna Loden, HealthWorks!, \$2,529; Rhonda Eaton, NMMC Heart Patient Assistance Fund, \$5,000; Tonya Hogan, NMMC Cancer Center Patient Assistance Fund, \$10,516; Tina Felks, NMMC Diabetes Assistance Fund, \$14,000; Mary Grice, My Duty Outreach Ministries Inc., \$2,000; (back row, from left) Kathy Smith, Camp Breathe Ezzzze, \$2,000; Polly Bailey, Tree of Life Free Clinic, \$3,000; Cindy Sparks, Antone Tannehill Good Samaritan Free Clinic, \$19,000; Ann Kelly, Camp Hopewell, \$2,510; Norma Derring, Sisters Network Tupelo Chapter, \$5,445; and Janice and Ray Reed, Weston Reed Cardiovascular Conference, \$6,000. 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](http://www.projecthopems.com).