

PRESS RELEASE (February 2019)

***The Mary McClellan Foundation is now accepting grant applications for 2019 from organizations that address health or wellness needs of residents previously served by the Mary McClellan Hospital. Nonprofit organizations are eligible for grant support.***

*Organizations interested in obtaining applications or information about the MMF are invited to visit the website at [www.marymcclellanfoundation.org](http://www.marymcclellanfoundation.org) or send an email to [info@marymcclellanfoundation.org](mailto:info@marymcclellanfoundation.org). Applications are due on Monday, September 9, 2019.*

The Mary McClellan Foundation (MMF) has been funding health initiatives in the area formerly served by the Mary McClellan Hospital since 2007, when the Hospital closed. The MMF is committed to filling gaps in medical care, emergency services, and community education. We have invested more than **\$1.5 Million** into local health centers, EMS companies, and care facilities.

The Mary McClellan Foundation is comprised of residents from a variety of backgrounds including health care and business. Board members work to make informed decisions regarding the many grant applications submitted each year. Drawing on focused research, professional knowledge and community input, we consider how to best steward our funds to serve the interest of the communities in Cambridge, Easton, Greenwich, Jackson, Salem, White Creek and Hoosick Falls. All of the MMF Board Members live in the communities we serve.

**In response to applications submitted in 2018, the Mary McClellan Foundation awarded \$171,908 in grants.**

The MMF is excited to partner with entities that make health care services more accessible to residents of Washington & Rensselaer counties. This year Southwestern Vermont Health Care received \$15,000 to purchase equipment for their new Physical Therapy Suite at the Twin Rivers Medical, P.C., which will bring physical therapy services back to Hoosick Falls. The Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health was awarded \$7,300 to fund Caleo Counseling Services. This money will allow 'open access' to mental health care for patients who cannot afford to pay for services. Although WWAMH is not located in our community, many of our residents will gain access to necessary care as a direct result of this grant.

The Glens Falls Hospital Regional Family Health Centers in Cambridge, Greenwich and Salem strive to provide access to quality medical care in our small towns. It can be a challenge attracting doctors to our rural setting. The MMF has helped retain a doctor in the Greenwich Family Health Center by pledging \$100,000 (over 5 years) toward repayment of medical school loans. In addition, The Cambridge Family Health Center was awarded \$6,521 to purchase a NuStep recumbent cross trainer

machine for their patients, and the Greenwich Regional Medical Center has received \$19,202 for a stocked ear, nose & throat Physician Assistant's cart. This award will also fund McKenzie Part C continuing education tuition for their Physical Therapists.

Each year we focus a significant amount of our giving toward medical equipment for local rescue squads and fire departments. Grant money supplements tight budgets in the form of state-of-the-art medical equipment, new ambulances, training opportunities and tuition. MMF continues to support the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad with funding for ambulance equipment, training manikins, and tuition for advanced training and education (\$20,540), the Salem Rescue Squad (\$20,000 to purchase an SUV for the Mobile Health Care Service), the Easton Greenwich Rescue Squad (\$20,000 toward a new ambulance), and the Greenwich First Responders (\$2,993 to replace consumable pads for their Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)). The Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad was awarded \$12,695 to outfit their ambulances with ZOLL AED Plus units. Also, The Village of Cambridge received an award of \$1,956 to purchase a ZOLL AED Plus for the village office.

MMF is proud to support groups caring for the elderly and/or disabled in our community such as The Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Hoosick Falls (\$15,000 to purchase equipment for reducing patient falls in the shower and when transitioning from a wheelchair into a bed or stationary chair), and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Warren and Washington Counties (RSVP) (\$10,700 in continued support of its medical transportation program in Southern Washington County and toward the Osteobusters program).

*Organizations interested in applying for grants in 2019 will need to show how they are addressing the health or wellness needs of residents in at least one of the following Southern Washington County townships: Cambridge, Easton, Greenwich, Jackson, Salem, or White Creek, or the Town of Hoosick in Rensselaer County. The Foundation does not require the nonprofit organization to be located in one of these townships; however, it must deliver services to a significant number of residents in one or more of these townships to qualify for support.*

*By way of example, grant funds can be used for recruitment and retention of specific medical personnel; medical equipment; special medical training; service delivery programs (for particular health problems); and publications or outreach materials (to educate the public about particular health problems). Applications will be assessed based on evidence of community need and potential benefit, feasibility, target population, organizational history and commitment to addressing health care needs, and non-duplication of programs in the same geographic area. It is anticipated that grants will range in size up to \$20,000 per grant, per year. MMF will consider multi-year grant requests.*