

Winter Park Health Foundation Well Together Grant Awards Challenge



Grace Medical Home is thrilled to partner with the Central Florida Black Nurses Association as one of five awarded grant applications by the Winter Park Health Foundation. By way of background, Winter Park Health Foundation announced the grant challenge in celebration of their 30th anniversary in the community. Applicants must address one of three categories: Youth Mental Health, Heart Health, or Diabetes/Prediabetes. Our partnership addresses Heart Health and Diabetes/Prediabetes. As always, anything they fund must be in their footprint of Eatonville, Maitland or Winter Park. More than 400 nonprofits expressed interest, 40 submitted applications and 5 were funded!

Our proposed program is bringing Grace Medical Home's new mobile medical unit to Eatonville for one week, 6 times a year. We will use the mobile unit during the day to see our existing patients who live or work close to Eatonville where it is more convenient to receive services. These services will include medical appointments (acute or follow-up), lab draws, nurse/vaccination visits, enrollment appointments, or social service screenings. During that week, we will also hold 1 or 2 education sessions for the community on Heart Health and Diabetes/Prediabetes offered by the Central Florida Black Nurses Association that will include screening to determine risk status. Our hope is that the visibility of the mobile unit will draw interest from the community and we can promote the community education session throughout the time it is in Eatonville.



For individuals identified at risk either through blood pressure, weight or family history screenings, they will be case managed/followed-up with by a Community Health Worker under the supervision of CFBNA to make sure those people are connected to a medical home and encouraged to seek care. If they have insurance, it could be at a Community Health Center or other local clinic. If they don't have insurance, the Community Health Worker will dig deeper and get them Medicaid or ACA insurance or get them enrolled at Grace Medical Home.

At the community education sessions, we plan to offer incentives to encourage attendance and widely promote throughout the community. We are seeking a host partner to park the mobile unit for a week, 6 times per year. The unit is fully contained and runs on a generator. We just need sufficient space and parking to see patients and a community room to hold the community education session.

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"See to it that no one misses the grace of God." - Hebrews 12:15