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2018 NEWSLETTER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The national and local crisis with substance abuse, especially drugs, continues to grow. We are working on building the Endowment of the Brownson Memorial Fund and every day, it becomes more important in the fight to combat this crisis. To our knowledge we are the only fund in Mesa County whose sole mission is to fund Non-Profit Organizations in the county that address the problems of Drug Addiction, Alcoholism, Other Substance Abuse, and/or their related problems. These organizations do this through Counseling, Education, Training, Intervention, Prevention and/or Treatment.

Earnings from the Endowment at Western Colorado Community Foundation allow us to fund Grants to our local non-profit groups. YOUR DONATIONS KEEP GIVING YEAR AFTER YEAR, AND ALSO GROW AS THE ENDOWMENT FUND HOPEFULLY GROWS IN THE COMING YEARS. Since 1985, we have granted over \$350,000.00 to local organizations and this year awarded \$20,500.00 to eight different organizations.

The following are the Grant Recipients for 2018:

1. Care & Share -- Counseling for families of substance abusers (drugs).
2. Girls on the Run of the Grand Valley -- Heart & Soul Program to build life skills for Middle School Girls.
3. Girl Scouts of Colorado -- Girls are Great Program for fifth grade girls to help prevent drug/alcohol use.
4. Grand Valley Catholic Outreach -- La Mariposa, a weekly support group for women who have been or/are currently chronically homeless and have been alcohol and/or drug users.
5. Hope of the Grand Valley -- Counseling and guidance of family problems which can lead to the proper help.
6. Mesa County Partners -- Minors in Possession Classes - Substance Abuse Prevention Ed.
7. Mind Springs Health -- Women's Recovery Center -- Developing responsibility for women with substance abuse and co-existing conditions and who have children.
8. Western Colo. Area Health Education Center -- Project Opioid Response by AmeriCorps/Vista members.



The Brownson Memorial Fund has an annual luncheon meeting for our grant recipients and has expanded it to include other guests involved with substance abuse. In addition to the grant recipients giving short updates, we have invited a number of guest speakers as pictured above. (Left to Right: Kathy Capps, Mind Springs Health; Karen Jensen, Care & Share; Tom McCloskey, Primary Care Partners and Dr. Ryan Jackman, St. Mary's Health Organization.)

We hope the luncheon allows grantees, committee members and donors, involved in the fight against substance abuse, to interact, gain new insights and share information which will help in the battle.

WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS IN ANY AMOUNT ARE WELCOME AND APPRECIATED: Make checks payable to: WCCF/Brownson Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 4334, Grand Junction, CO 81502.

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