



SCMS Foundation Awards Eight Grants to Area Nonprofits in 2020

The Spokane County Medical Society Foundation is pleased to announce that it awarded eight grants totaling \$13,100 to local nonprofit organizations in 2020, assisting in providing formal leadership training for medical students as well as providing services to youth and women in the community. “As a demonstration of its ongoing commitment to the Spokane community, this was a very rewarding way to close 2020,” according to the Foundation board.

Included on the list of grant recipients:

- **Crosswalk/Volunteers of America Spokane** is the only licensed emergency shelter serving runaway and homeless youth in Eastern Washington. An array of professional case managers, teachers, healthcare workers, and chemical dependency counselors work with Crosswalk youth with the primary goal of ending their homelessness and connecting them to stabilizing and supportive services.
- **Daybreak Youth Services** is a non-profit provider of adolescent addiction and mental health treatment services in Washington state. With residential Inpatient programs in Brush Prairie and Spokane, they provide safe and secure environments where teens ages 13-18 can commit to their recovery while engaging in school and recreation, as well as offering co-gender outpatient counseling and short-term crisis stabilization services.
- **Inland Northwest Academy of Family Physicians - Primary Care Update** is a well-established conference and tremendous opportunity for physicians and other health professionals to choose from more than 20 CME sessions and workshops designed specifically for primary care practitioners.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Spokane** provides NAMI Peer-to-Peer courses, NAMI Family-to-Family Courses, a NAMI Basics Course, and six support groups each month for individuals and families whose lives have been affected by mental illness. All courses are free of charge to the public.
- **Project Beauty Share** provides personal hygiene, cosmetics and beauty products to non-profit organizations who serve women and families overcoming abuse, addiction, homelessness and poverty to help restore hope and dignity in their lives.
- **Ronald McDonald House Spokane** provides temporary lodging, social and emotional support, at no charge, for families of children accessing medical services.
- **Spokane County EMS Council** Comprehensive use of PPE and HEPA filters help significantly reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 of EMS responders and the hospital staff receiving ambulance transport patients. Funds were used to purchase PPE and HEPA filters to meet an estimated 60-day needs of our Fire Districts and ambulance transport agencies.
- **UWSOM Leadership Pathway** developed and delivered in conjunction with the Gonzaga University School of Leadership Studies, which provides formal leadership training for medical students in collaboration with the Gonzaga University School of Leadership Studies.

“There’s an opportunity where people are asking for help where we can potentially fill the need,” stated 2020 Foundation President, Dr. Deborah Wiser, “and that’s what continues to drive the Foundation today.”

The Spokane County Medical Society Foundation (SCMSF) was established in 1996 by physician and physician assistant members whose mission was focused on developing and operating programs that serve the health needs of our community. Its mission of “promoting and supporting the development of future physician and physician assistant leaders within our community, and identifying and funding important and innovative projects that advance the health of our community” is driven and preserved by the physician and physician assistant members of the Spokane County Medical Society.

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