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Martha and John Tanner Memorial Grant

Martha Tanner was a founding member of the Region 7 Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) Steering Committee that brought the Memphis Model of First Responder C.I.T. training to Eastern Idaho in 2009. Martha was a member of National Alliance on Mental Illness N.A.M.I. for many years as well as an accomplished infectious disease control physician who practiced medicine in Eastern Idaho from 1979 until 2004. Her service to our community and advocacy for those living with mental illness left a profound impression on our community. Martha passed away on February 20, 2021.

John Tanner, like his wife Martha, served many years as a member of the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board. John was an accomplished researcher including Master's and doctoral degrees and worked at the Idaho National Laboratory as a nuclear criticality safety analyst. John was an advocate for better treatment of people with mental illness. John held leadership roles in the Idaho chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (N.A.M.I.) John passed away on August 11, 2023.

This grant is founded in memory of Martha and John Tanner with the desire to keep their names and commitment to service alive within our Region.

Beginning July 2021 and continuing as long as the R7BHB exists and funding is available, \$1000.00 per year will be allocated to the Martha Tanner Memorial Grant. The grant award period will open on July 1 of each year and close on August 31. Applications will be reviewed at the September R7BHB meeting and the award will be granted in October of each year. The grant can be given as a single award or broken into smaller amounts and distributed among grant applicants.

The grant will focus on the following areas:

- **Crisis intervention training and resources**
- **Resources to assist in mental illness treatment and recovery**

Applicants must show in their grant request how they will apply the grant consistent with at least one of these focus areas. Applicants may only submit one grant request each year.

A press release notifying the community of the opening of the grant period will be posted by the R7BHB each year.

Successful applicants will report back to the R7BHB in person or in writing of how the funding helped them to accomplish their efforts outlined in their grant request.

Please fully complete the grant request form and submit it to Mallory Johnson, via email, within the specified timeframe:

Email: mjohnson@eiph.idaho.gov

Questions: Please email or call (208-533-3221) Mallory Johnson.

Martha and John Tanner Memorial Grant

REQUESTOR NAME:					
Geoffrey Loomis					
ORGANIZATION		TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (501(c)(3), government, other-explain):			
Rexburg Free Clinic		501(c)(3)			
ORGANIZATION ADDRESS		CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
60 West Main Street		Rexburg	Madison	Idaho	83440
EMAIL ADDRESS			REQUESTOR'S PHONE NUMBER		
internsrexburgclinic@gmail.com			801-310-9360		
DATE OF REQUEST			AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED (not to exceed \$1000.00)		
October 28, 2024			\$1,000.00		
PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST, EVENT, OR ACTIVITY (how you plan to use the money), INCLUDING PURPOSE AND DESIRED OUTCOMES:					
<p>We are writing to request funding of \$1,000 to purchase a hemoglobin assessment analyzer and lab station for Rexburg Free Clinic, a non-profit medical clinic dedicated to providing free comprehensive mental illness treatment to the underserved population living in our community. Our mission is to strengthen individuals and families in our community by promoting health and wellness through providing free, high-quality medical services.</p> <p>The primary goal of this funding will allow us to better provide resources to assist in the treatment of mental illness. Specifically, this funding will allow us to acquire a hemoglobin assessment analyzer, which will significantly improve our ability to monitor our patients' mental illness conditions and medication. Management of low iron and other anemias is essential to provide accurate and appropriate treatment for mental illness, as anemia can often mimic depression. Having an on-site analyzer will allow for quick and accurate information leading to improved diagnostics and patient outcomes.</p> <p>The funds will be allocated as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Purchase of the hemoglobin assessment analyzer: We will purchase a hemoglobin analyzer that meets the needs of our patient population.					

2. Purchase of one hemoglobin test set: This will be used for training purposes for our nurse practitioner and registered nurse who will be performing the testing on-site.

3. Purchase of lab worktable: We will purchase a stainless-steel lab worktable to provide a safe workstation for this and future testing necessary to monitor patients taking mental health medication. Additionally, this table will also serve to store future medication management lab equipment as we are able to obtain them.

With the implementation of an on-site hemoglobin assessment analyzer to monitor mental illness conditions, we expect to see the following outcomes:

1. Enhanced patient monitoring: Regular hemoglobin assessment will enable our providers to improve medication effectiveness and proper diagnostics of mental illness conditions.

2. Improved individual treatment plans: On-site hemoglobin assessment will improve individual treatment plans leading to recovery for individuals with mental illness.

3. Quicker treatment and recovery times: By quickly identifying and addressing issues related to hemoglobin levels, we will be able to reduce side effects and enhance treatment of mental illness conditions.

We believe the acquisition of a hemoglobin analyzer is essential to advancing our mission to provide free, high-quality comprehensive mental illness treatment and recovery for underserved populations. We appreciate your consideration of our request for funding and look forward to the opportunity to enhance our clinic's impact on the community.

TO BE FILLED OUT BY R7BHB

Approved: Yes No - Reason: _____

R7BHB Representative: _____ Date: _____

EIPH Representative: _____ Date: _____