2019 WISH Grant Recipients

Women Investing in Strategies for Health (WISH) is a giving circle that pools annual membership funds, learns about health needs in Larimer and Weld counties, and collectively decides how their pooled funds will be utilized to support local programs, projects, and services provided by UCHealth in northern Colorado.

In partnership with UCHealth Northern Colorado Foundation, WISH is proud to announce its 2019 grant recipients. A total distribution of $59,409.36 supports the following programs and services:

**Children’s Therapy Services – Technology Request:** Purchase supportive technology for speech and language intervention programs.

**Community Health Improvement – Car Seat Program:** Provide car seats for families that cannot afford to purchase them, and provide car seat safety education.

**Family Medicine Center – Fresh Food Pantry:** Provide approximately 10 weeks of food to the FMC Fresh Food Pantry, which provides healthy, fresh food at the clinic to the community in conjunction with the food bank.

**Family Medicine Center – Pain Clinic Yoga:** Provide yoga as a service to incorporate into a patient’s plan of care to increase their functional capacity and reduce the quantity of narcotic pain medications required to manage pain.

**Healthy Hearts – Healthy Hearts High School Booklet:** Provide updated materials to educate high school students about the dangers and consequences related to nicotine, including information about Juulers, vapers and electronic cigarettes.

**Healthy Hearts – Healthy Hearts Weekend Workshop:** Provide a half-day workshop to equip 80 families with heart knowledge to inspire heart-healthy choices and lifestyle.

**Hope Lives! – Hope Lives Weld County:** Supports the expansion of integrative, supportive care to women in treatment for breast cancer to include Weld County.

**Medical Support Services – Dementia-Friendly Communities of NoCo:** Purchase printed materials and support website to provide educational and supportive information to patients and their families facing dementia.

**NICU – Developmental Care Technology:** Purchase two iPads and supportive technology to provide educational visual aids to families with an infant in the NICU.

**NICU – MamaRoo Swing / Isolette Cover Request:** Purchase five MamaRoo Swings to provide comfort to NICU babies, specifically babies suffering from withdrawal. Purchase six Isolette Covers to reduce stimuli to NICU babies while in their isolettes.

**Oncology Service Line – Genetic Counseling Support:** Provide genetic counseling to patients who are uninsured/underinsured.
**Professional Development Department – 3D Printer Medical Simulation:** Purchase a 3D printer package to be used for customized and realistic training aids.

**Professional Development – Geriatric Education Emergency Medical Services:** Provide the GEMS course to Northern Colorado. GEMS is a nationally recognized training program for emergency care of older patients.

**PVH Emergency Dept. – Identification of Human Trafficking Victims in Health Care:** Provide a training program to emergency department staff in coordination with Free Our Girls on identification of potential human trafficking victims.

**PVH Women’s Care Unit – Antepartum Patient Social Activity Program:** Purchase activity supplies and programming to benefit women who are hospitalized on bed rest due to pregnancy-related complications.

**Resource Department – Employee Support Group:** Provide one year of monthly employee support group meetings to offer long-term support following an initial debriefing from a critical incident in a peer support setting.

**Trauma Services – Code Lavender:** Purchase lavender-inspired gift bags as an opportunity to provide peer-generated support to combat compassion fatigue to health care providers who have dealt with trauma.

**Women’s & Pediatric Care – 3Hopeful Hearts Counseling:** Provide counseling vouchers for bereaved parents and families.

WISH applications are available through UCHealth Northern Colorado Foundation each summer. If you’re interested in supporting UCHealth programs and services through WISH grants, you, too, can become a member. For more information: uchealthnocofoundation.org/wish.