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REACH FOUNDATION AWARDS \$1.1 MILLION TO HEALTH, ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

MERRIAM, KANSAS – The REACH Healthcare Foundation this week announced grants to 17 health care, advocacy organizations and rural health coalitions to support their general operations in 2015. The foundation approved \$1,075,000 in core operating grants to nonprofit organizations considered to be essential contributors to the region’s health care safety net system. The grants can be used for personnel, equipment, technology and other business expenses.

“Since this foundation’s start, we have maintained a strong commitment to supporting the general operations of nonprofit organizations that are highly focused on addressing health care access and health care quality in our bi-state service area,” said William Moore, Ph.D., Vice President of Programs and Evaluation. “These organizations have expanded health care services, tackled workforce shortages, and led efforts to educate policy makers on health policies that can benefit working families and their children.”

The following organizations received core operating grants for 2015. Core operating grants are awarded annually. Grant amounts vary based on the organization’s operating budget.

Cass County Community Health Foundation	\$55,000
Comprehensive Mental Health Services, Inc.	75,000
Duchesne Clinic	65,000
Health Care Coalition of Lafayette County	65,000
Health Partnership Clinic of Johnson County	65,000
Kansas Action for Children	65,000
Kansas City CARE Clinic	75,000
Silver City Health Center	65,000
Turner House Children’s Clinic	65,000
Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare	75,000
Communities Creating Opportunity	65,000
Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved	65,000
The Missouri Budget Project	55,000
Missouri Coalition for Oral Health	55,000
Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance	55,000
Oral Health Kansas, Inc.	55,000
Thrive Allen County, Inc.	55,000
Total Awards	\$1,075,000

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About REACH: The REACH Foundation focuses its grant making on improving access to quality, affordable health care for uninsured and medically underserved people. The foundation’s service area includes Allen, Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas; Cass, Jackson and Lafayette counties in Missouri, and Kansas City, Missouri. Learn more at www.reachhealth.org