

'A troubling gap' aided by grants

Congratulations to the Foundation for Community Health on its tenth anniversary supporting innovative programming that has improved the health and well-being of our neighbors. Greenwood's Counseling Referrals is grateful to the foundation for the many ways it has supported the community and for generous funding that has helped us ensure area residents access to high quality mental health and related care.

There has been a troubling gap between the need for mental health and substance abuse care and accessibility of appropriate services. Grants from the foundation have helped Greenwood's achieve its mission, ensuring access to mental health care. We have been able to improve access to mental health assessments and to provide specialized referrals and financial support to the most vulnerable residents of the Northwest Corner. With funding from the foundation, we have also built a learning collaborative of professionals and provided training opportunities for therapists.

The Foundation for Community Health's commitment to improving access to high-quality, affordable mental health care has been demonstrated in its consistent support of Greenwood's unique approach to addressing the obstacles many face when seeking help for mental health, substance abuse and other behavioral health problems.

We thank and applaud the foundation's staff and board of directors. Nancy Heaton, Executive Director and Gertrude O'Sullivan, Director of Communications and Special Programs, have led the foundation in supporting programs to benefit improved oral health care, transportation, access to mental health care and services for immigrants and children among others.

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