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Fellowship Health Resources Chester County (FHRCC) Receives Crucial Funding From Phoenixville Community Health and Scattergood Foundations

The Phoenixville Community Health Foundation and Scattergood Foundation have each awarded \$42,300 to Fellowship Health Resources, Inc. in support of its service to individuals living in the communities of Phoenixville and surrounding Chester County, Pennsylvania. The combined total of \$84,600 will be targeted towards funding housing and a Crisis Intervention Worker position, in response to the needs of the individuals in the community living with mental health concerns.

The Fellowship's Single Clinical Home program, Fellowship Health Resources Chester County (FHRCC), located on West Bridge Street in Phoenixville, PA, serves twelve towns, with a total population of 130,000. Key components of FHRCC are its Outpatient Services, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Day Program, and a CTT (Community Treatment Team).

The grants from the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation and Scattergood Foundation will enable FHRCC to hire a full-time crisis intervention worker to provide outreach counseling and case management services to the area's uninsured consumers in psychiatric distress. "We also intend to work proactively with our clients to secure appropriate health insurance coverage," states Roger Eppheimer, FHRCC Regional Director. "This enhanced level of involvement will help to circumvent hospitalizations and housing crises," notes FHRCC Housing Coordinator Mariann Horan.

The housing element of these respective awards, referred to as "Over the Hump Funds," is targeted towards assisting clients in the maintenance of safe and affordable housing, along with the procurement of essential behavioral health services needed to restore individual well-being. Clients in jeopardy of losing their housing due to their mental health status will be assisted with monthly rental payments and/or security deposits. Louis Beccaria, President & CEO of the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation states, "Our Foundation has a lot of faith in the important work that Fellowship Health Resources is doing to better the lives of those who deal with mental health issues. The ability to respond immediately when people are in a crisis situation and need mental health services is critical to building a mental health service delivery network in the greater Phoenixville community. Likewise, helping mental health patients with "over the hump" funds to assist them in their quest for decent housing is also of prime importance to building a local mental health response system that is effective and works. We are very proud to partner with Fellowship Health Resources."