

THE LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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2008 BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AWARD RECIPIENTS

2007 marked The Lake County Community Foundation's inaugural Basic Human Needs Award. This award is presented to organizations who take a unique approach to assisting others in meeting some of their most basic human needs. This year, the Foundation is proud to present two organizations, Community Resources for Education and Wellness (CREW) - the fiscal agent for Partners for an Enriched Community (\$40,000) - and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (\$49,000) with this special recognition. The Lake County Community Foundation celebrates the accomplishments and innovation of both of these organizations and is excited to play a role in helping CREW and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science turn their visions into realizations that will have a lasting impact on the communities they serve by meeting some of the most basic human needs of the citizens of Lake County.

Community Resources for Education and Wellness developed Partners for an Enriched Community (PEC) more than three years ago. Through networking and collaboration, PEC works to build relationships between front line workers of social service agencies, local governmental offices and churches to bring a more efficient, systematic approach to the assistance of residents in need. PEC envisions creating a one stop shop for Zion, Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor residents, a large percentage of whom live below the poverty level and 22% are Latino immigrants. Zion and Benton (which encompasses both Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor) Townships are three of the many areas in Lake County that have seen a dramatic increase in the Latino immigrant population and where poverty has risen precipitously in the last decade. This is a segment of Lake County that rarely receives attention from foundations and individual donors, but where a systemic approach to addressing poverty is desperately needed. The Basic Human Needs Award will provide funding for PEC to hire a consultant to help establish the next steps for community collaboration to ensure the success of this program and also reach out to those who need the services most. With one stop services, residents will be more likely to utilize a variety of resources and become self-sufficient with means for economic sustainability, enhanced well-being and quality of life. Collectively, these services will enable them to become assets to the community at-large.

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science was established in 1912 when a group of idealistic physicians and community leaders formed a not-for-profit school, then known as the Chicago Hospital College of Medicine. In 1980, the University moved from Chicago to its current location on Green Bay Road in North Chicago. The Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, the premiere school of podiatric medicine in the United States, joined the University in 2002. In 2004, the University was renamed Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, in honor of the late Dr. Rosalind Franklin. Currently, the University is partnering with HealthReach to provide free physicals and immunizations to school age children in Lake County. The Basic Human Needs Award will enable Rosalind Franklin University to develop "Outreach for HealthReach" - a mobile screening and referral clinic. Its purpose is to provide a mobile prevention program which includes culturally appropriate education, screening, referral and navigation services designed to improve access to healthcare for the underserved of Lake County in addition to funding the care for patients who need services at HealthReach. The goal of this program is to increase the number of underserved Lake County residents who receive information about health related matters and early detection of chronic disease.