

Space Coast Health Foundation

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Founded in 2010, the Space Coast Health Foundation (SCHF) is a public charity working on collaborative projects aimed at meeting the health care needs of Brevard County, Florida residents. The foundation's efforts are largely focused on enhancing existing health and wellness programs and creating new programs, as needed, to benefit the target population. The specific community health needs to be addressed by SCHF's programming were determined through an assessment of information gathered from focus groups, one-on-one interviews, and quantitative research. SCHF's vision is to create a legacy of wellness for the community through the collaboration of individuals, organizations, and resources.

SCHF is currently working on its new three-year strategic plan. As the focus areas of access to health care, behavioral medicine, and oral health were further researched, the foundation learned that access in all three areas was a need. To improve health care in Brevard County, the foundation is further defining its work in these areas by specifically studying access through capacity building, transportation, and technology. SCHF's goal is to invest in capacity, limit transportation as a reason for not receiving health care, and identify technological solutions to improve access to health care.

SCHF's programs target Brevard County, an area that is often described as a bit of paradise mixed with adventure. The target area is home to 72 miles of beach along the Atlantic Ocean, with a population of approximately 500,000 residents.

Program Information: SCHF focuses its health and wellness programming in three areas: access to health care, behavioral medicine, and oral health.

► Financial Information:

Total Assets: \$46 million (FY 2015)

Amount Dedicated to Health-Related Grants: \$3,449,744 (FY 2015)

► Special Initiatives and/or Representative Health and Human Services Grants:

- **Project Access** – The focus of this multiyear program is to increase access to primary health care in Brevard County. This will be accomplished with support of the federally qualified health center in providing expanded services at established locations and additional services at new locations where primary health care access is limited (\$14 million over seven years).

- **Abnormal Uterine Bleeding Pilot Project** – In collaboration with safety net providers in Brevard County, the pilot project team for this initiative was able to identify hysterectomies and ablations as areas of specialty care that were not being offered to uninsured, low-income women. To address this issue, the collaborative created a clinical, financial, and behavioral protocol for providing these services to underserved women so that they could obtain relief, and experience an improved quality of life (\$200,000).
- **Program-Related Investment (PRI)** – The focus of the PRI initiative is to foster debt consolidation and increased capacity for a mental health and substance abuse counseling provider in Brevard County. The PRI provided by SCHF enabled the recipient organization to continue as a provider, rather than face a decline in or elimination of services (\$200,000).
- **Local Health and Wellness Initiatives** – Through its Local Health and Wellness Initiatives, SCHF provided capital, program, and general operating support to community-based organizations in Brevard County, funding a broad spectrum of health and wellness projects (\$250,000).

Most Pressing Health and Human Services Issues:

“Enhancing access to health care for Brevard County residents is a top priority for the five-year-old Space Coast Health Foundation. Many residents who do not have health insurance are unable to get the preventive care they need, so some small health problems wind up becoming bigger issues. The foundation is committed to working on this issue and helping our residents get the care they need.”

Johnette Gindling
Executive Director

