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Security Health Plan awards \$134,000 for community and child health programs

MARSHFIELD – Security Health Plan of Wisconsin, Inc., today announced 17 recipients of Healthy Communities Mini-Grants, an investment of \$134,000 in the members and communities it serves.

“Security Health Plan believes in the value of partnerships in improving the health and well-being of our communities and our neighbors,” said Chief Administrative Officer Steve Youso. “These mini-grants are another way Security Health Plan is investing responsibly in programs that address significant health issues facing us. These investments push these focuses beyond the walls of our doctors’ offices and healthcare facilities, and into the communities we serve.”

The mini-grants are being presented to non-profit organizations focusing on three health areas that need greater attention - children’s health, behavioral health and health literacy. To evaluate mini-grant applications Security Health Plan teamed with leaders already working on these health priorities, said Jason Shrader, community benefits and prevention program manager.

“We’re really excited about the programs that we are supporting,” Shrader said. “The Wisconsin Rapids Boys and Girls Club’s Triple Play program promotes eating smart, keeping fit and forming relationships that add up to health lifestyles. In Barron County there’s an effort to break through the stigma preventing people from getting help with mental health and addiction problems. In Marathon County we’ll help support a pilot program that promotes social/emotional screening for elementary-aged school children.”

Healthy Communities Mini-Grant recipients are:

- Boys and Girls Club of Wisconsin Rapids
- Barron County Health Department
- Burnett Medical Center
- Chippewa County Department of Public Health
- Clark County Health Department
- Columbus Catholic Schools – Marshfield
- Eau Claire City/County Health Department
- Iowa County Health Department
- Juneau County Health Department
- Literacy Network – Madison
- Marathon County Special Education Consortium

- NuGenesis, Inc. – Oconomowoc
- Oneida County Health Department
- Portage County Health and Human Services
- Scenic Rivers Area Health Education Center
- Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Together for Jackson County Kids

“These organizations are embarking on projects that will touch communities in a variety of ways.” said Youso. “I know that I speak for our Security Health Plan family when I say that we are looking forward to seeing the fruits of this partnership.”

About Security Health Plan

Security Health Plan is a health maintenance organization sponsored by Marshfield Clinic, now serving more than 200,000 residents in 40 counties of Wisconsin. Accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), Security Health Plan insures employees of large and small businesses, individuals and families, and administers self-funded employer health plans.