



## **The Partnership for Mental Health Awards Nearly \$600,000 in Grants**

*Applications for the last round of funding are due November 15*

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – September 14, 2021 Eleven nonprofit organizations in Northeast Florida received a total of nearly \$600,000 to increase access to mental health services and strengthen the system that provides mental and behavioral health care for all citizens of Northeast Florida in the latest round of grantmaking from The Partnership for Mental Health.

The Partnership for Mental Health, an initiative of the Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida and Baptist Health, was established with initial gifts totaling \$2.2 million in 2018. Designed as a short-term, spend out fund, the fund has invested \$2.3 million in nearly 50 grants since its inception. The latest grants were awarded to:

- **Beyond 90** -- \$100,000 to expand therapeutic services to refugees
- **Steve Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone** -- \$77,000 to expand mental health supports for women veterans
- **Gratitude America** -- \$25,000 to hold a veteran support retreat in St. Augustine
- **Girl Scouts of Gateway Council** -- \$75,000 – to develop a peer advocate program for girls in scouting
- **MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation** -- \$50,000 – a two-year grant to provide services of a licensed mental health counselor to youth
- **Pace Center for Girls** \$20,000 – to support training for professional staff
- **Pastoral Counseling Services** -- \$15,000 to support counseling services for uninsured adults
- **Rethreaded** -- \$6,000 to provide Trust Based Relational Intervention training to survivors of human trafficking
- **River Region Human Services** -- \$100,000 a two-year grant to provide expanded mental health services for African American and Hispanic clients
- **Seamark Ranch** -- \$85,000 to support staffing, training, reference materials and equine therapy supplies
- **Starting Point Behavioral Health** -- \$45,820 to support expenses related to staff certification in Teen Mental Health First Aid training

Grant applications for The Partnership for Mental Health’s last round of funding are being accepted now, with an application deadline of November 15, 2021. There is approximately \$100,000 remaining in The Partnership for Mental Health Fund, and priority for this final round of grants will be given to small and mid-sized organizations. Eligible requests will be for grants of \$10,000 or less.

“We’re very proud to have made grants to a broad range of organizations providing mental health services across Northeast Florida,” said Delores Barr Weaver, whose vision for this project launched The Partnership for Mental Health four years ago. “In this final round, we are seeking to fund smaller, grassroots efforts which reach out to underserved communities.”



The application for funding for The Partnership for Mental Health is available [here](#). The deadline to apply is November 15, 2021.

**About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Created in 1964, the Foundation has assets of \$550 million and has made approximately \$600 million in grants since inception.

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