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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**THREE ARCHES FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$1.1 MILLION IN GRANTS TO  
16 NORTHEAST OHIO NONPROFITS**

***2019 Awards mark the inaugural grant cycle for the Foundation***

CLEVELAND, November 19, 2019: Three Arches Foundation, a community-focused grant making foundation, is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2019 grant awards recognizing sixteen organizations for their work in advancing the health and well-being of the people of Lakewood and surrounding communities.

“Throughout the strategic grant process, we were inspired as we listened and learned about the efforts of each organization to implement and maintain programs and services that reflect our priority area and geographic focus,” said Chas Geiger, board chair of the Foundation. “It’s a privilege to make these investments to support the advancement of solutions that address access to behavioral and physical health care for those who stand to benefit the most – our community.”

This also marks a milestone for the Foundation as the completion of this initial round of funding represents the culmination of its organizational transition and repurposed mission of supporting nonprofits that are removing barriers and improving access to care. As reflected through each grant awarded, the Foundation is committed to making a difference in the care of health across our community and honored to continue a long-standing legacy of philanthropic impact.

Highlights of 2019 grants approved by the Foundation’s board of directors include:

***Applewood Centers, Inc. (\$28,075)***

*Funding for the purchase of a van, including insurance and maintenance costs for one year, to transport youth from the Lakewood area to/from the campus-based After School Program (ASP).*

***Beck Center for the Arts (\$25,000)***

*Philanthropic investment to provide financial assistance that subsidizes the cost of creative arts therapies and adapted arts programming and services for groups, social services and individuals.*

***Bellefaire JCB (\$94,790)***

*To support proactive expansion of critical trauma-informed prevention and consultation services in Lakewood City Schools through Bellefaire’s School-Based Counseling (SBC) program.*

***Building Hope in the City (\$50,000 over two years)***

*Funding for project coordination and training of Refugee Ambassadors who provide community-based access and support to refugee and immigrant survivors of trauma.*

**Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center (\$55,000)**

To expand the work and outreach of the Justice System Advocate within the Lakewood municipal court to help victims of, or those at risk of domestic violence, child abuse or other violence.

**GiGi's Playhouse Cleveland (\$52,800)**

Funding for operating support to ensure that the life-changing therapeutic and educational programs, all of which are free of charge, continue to empower as many individuals and families impacted by Down syndrome as possible.

**Hospice of the Western Reserve (\$50,000)**

To support the in-home palliative care program for seniors living with advanced illness in Lakewood and surrounding communities.

**Lakewood Community Services Center & Murtis Taylor Human Services System (\$79,163)**

Funding to expand coordinated care services and onsite behavioral health treatment at Lakewood Community Services Center (LCSC) for residents of Lakewood through an established partnership with Murtis Taylor Human Services System.

**Neighborhood Family Practice (\$100,000)**

To improve access to care for residents of Cleveland's west side through funding support for the Patient Benefits Program that assists patients with access to healthcare services and medications regardless of their ability to pay.

**Old Brooklyn Community Development Corp (\$60,000)**

To support development of a comprehensive model of community engagement to help residents understand and positively influence their own health and provide input on the design process for a community space that increases access to behavioral care in Old Brooklyn.

**Recovery Resources (\$124,000 over two years)**

Funding for the continuation of a forensic liaison position embedded in Lakewood Municipal Court to address underlying problems that may contribute to criminal behavior, such as mental illness and/or addiction.

**St. Vincent Charity Medical Center (\$10,000)**

To provide a safe and reliable form of transportation to Rosary Hall for those seeking and receiving addiction treatment, with rides to and from the facility coordinated on their behalf.

**The Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation (\$25,000)**

Funding to expand music and arts enrichment programs and activity-based experiences for individuals affected by dementia and other brain health issues, including their care partners.

**The Centers for Families and Children (\$125,000)**

Funding to respond to the increased demand for syringe exchange services and medication assisted treatment for intravenous drug users and others with substance use disorders.

**The Cleveland Clinic Foundation (\$200,000 over two years)**

Funding for the continuation of the Mental Health Navigator position dedicated to filling a growing and critical need by helping K-12 students across the Lakewood City School district obtain access to mental health care, including mental health assessment, care coordination and caregiver support.

**The Gathering Place (\$82,172)**

To support the hiring of a full time licensed clinical mental health professional to facilitate and expand programs and services for west side individuals and families currently coping with the impact of cancer in their lives.

**About Three Arches Foundation (TAF)** – Three Arches Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity that invests in advancing the health and well-being of the people of Lakewood and surrounding communities through grant making. By connecting people, ideas and resources, the Three Arches Foundation fosters a collaborative approach towards investing in organizations whose work directly addresses the continuum of physical and behavioral health issues. For more information, visit [threearchesfoundation.org](http://threearchesfoundation.org).