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Mother Cabrini Health Foundation Awards Grant to Care For the Homeless

New York City non-profit awarded grant funds to expand oral health services for homeless New Yorkers.

New York, N.Y. - Care For the Homeless (CFH) recently received a generous grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. Grant funds will enable CFH to expand oral health services to multiple sites that do not currently offer them.

Specifically, CFH plans to enhance its existing dental program of primary and preventive dental services at two fixed sites in the Bronx via tele-dentistry technology. The introduction of tele-dentistry technology will make oral health care more convenient and accessible, eliminating the transportation barrier that affects the majority of homeless individuals.

In addition, the purchase of portable dental equipment will further expand access to five more sites; four of which are located in the Bronx. Two of the sites are residences for homeless families, two are for adult men and another is a shelter/assessment site for adult women.

The portable dental services have the potential to serve an estimated 375 patients that have not been able to afford dental care or have had limited-to-no access to oral health services.

All of these services address a significant need that has only grown within the low-income and homeless population.

The Community Needs Assessment Report from 2018 illustrates the overwhelming need for primary care and oral health service access in the Bronx specifically. The Medicaid population in the Bronx (where four of the five sites are located) has the lowest percentage of Medicaid

recipients with documented oral health care. Children (ages 2-20) in the Bronx also had the lowest percentage rate compared to all boroughs of one visit to a dentist in 2018.

Funds from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation will help bring this service to the communities that need it the most.

“People experiencing homelessness in New York City deserve the same high-quality dental services that you or I have access to,” says CFH President & CEO, George Nashak. “That’s the promise CFH makes to every patient. This new grant will help us expand our program, reach more people and continue to keep our promise.”

“We applaud the work of Care For the Homeless,” said Msgr. Gregory Mustaciuolo, CEO of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. “Good oral healthcare is the gateway to good overall health. Ensuring that underserved populations have access to these services is one way of advancing the legacy of our namesake, who devoted her life to serving the most vulnerable.”

Care For the Homeless is grateful to have the support of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation for this project. The Foundation also provided vital funding in 2020 from their COVID-19 Emergency Grants, to help CFH cover the cost of prescriptions for patients that are uninsured. Their generosity will have a measurable impact on both the oral and general health of homeless New Yorkers.

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About Care For the Homeless: Care For the Homeless (CFH) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit committed to providing individuals experiencing homelessness with high quality medical, mental, and behavioral health care services. In addition, CFH actively advocates for policies to prevent and end homelessness. CFH currently operates Susan’s Place and the 52nd Street Women’s Center, transitional shelters for mentally ill and medically frail women as well as multiple health care delivery sites across four New York City boroughs. For more information, visit www.careforthehomeless.org.