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### SC BlueCross Foundation Funds \$7.7 Million in Grants to Health Programs Across State in 2011

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## South Carolina

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COLUMBIA, SC - January 13, 2012 - The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation approved \$6.7 million in grants in the latter half of 2011, bringing its total support for S.C. health initiatives to \$7.7 million for the year.

Since the Foundation was established in 2003, it has allocated more than \$37.8 million to address issues such as childhood health, community health, mental health, obesity, diabetes, nursing and health research, and the increasing need for free medical clinics.

Funding goes to nonprofit groups throughout the state that apply for grants. Each must demonstrate alignment with the foundation's mission to improve health care and access to health care through projects and services that directly benefit the state's most vulnerable populations.

The latest recipients are:

- The Association for the Blind, Berkeley; Charleston and Dorchester counties; for in-school vision screening for 4- and 5-year-olds from low-income families
- Charleston Promise Neighborhoods; Charleston County; for health clinics based at four schools serving children from neighborhoods where the median income

is \$20,500

- Children in Crisis Inc.; Dorchester County; for program serving victims of child abuse
- Clover Area Assistance Center; York County; for free medical clinic
- Communities in Schools; Charleston County; for expansion of teen pregnancy prevention program to five North Charleston schools
- Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina; Charleston County; for in-house medical clinic serving high-risk, low-income pregnant girls and young women
- Foothills Family Resources; Greenville County; for mental and physical health of populations in special-emphasis neighborhoods in northern Greenville County where 30 percent of the residents live at or below the federal poverty level
- Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg Inc.; Spartanburg County; for free dental treatment for uninsured Spartanburg County children ages 4-18
- Kershaw County School District; Kershaw County; to implement the Organ Wise Guys program, an evidenced-based nutrition and healthy living program, in 11 elementary schools
- S.C. Free Clinic Association; statewide; to centralize and implement an integrated, multifaceted support system for member clinics including a statewide certification program
- Sistercare; Lexington and Richland counties; for free counseling and referral services to uninsured and underinsured battered women with mental health disorders residing in three emergency shelters
- S.C. Office of Rural Health; statewide; for The Benefit Bank™ of South Carolina, which has 400 sites in the state and plans to add 200 more
- Tricounty Family Ministries; Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley counties; for support and expansion of Healing Hands Ministries serving low-income populations through a health advocacy and prescription clinic

"Sixty percent of children in the Lowcountry enter school without having had an eye exam. In Spartanburg County, one out of every five children needs urgent dental care. Western York County has low-income, uninsured residents with no public transportation to the hospital and no access to urgent care locally. If current trends in childhood weight continue, one out of every three South Carolina children born in 2000 will develop type 2 diabetes due to poor diet and lack of activity. These are just a few examples of the needs in our state. We hope our grants will strengthen programs that are making a difference," said Foundation Executive Director Harvey L. Galloway.

### **About BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation**

*Headquartered in Columbia, S.C., the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation ([www.bcbsscfoundation.org](http://www.bcbsscfoundation.org)) is a independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Its mission is to promote the health of South Carolinians and to expand access to health care in South Carolina for the economically disadvantaged by supporting integrated research, education and community service.*

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