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About Our Logo



Mother Cabrini HEALTH FOUNDATION

The purple in our logo represents Mother Cabrini's love of violets.

As a young girl in Italy, our Foundation's namesake constructed paper boats and filled each with violets, imagining each to be a missionary on a quest to embrace humanity with unconditional love, the same love of humanity that guides our grantmaking today.

The symbolic elements are based on Mother Cabrini's own drawings. They include the Sacred Heart, a star, a missionary's boat, and water representing the great seas she traveled, as well as New York's mighty Hudson River.

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Our Mission

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation provides grants to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of diverse communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services.

We seek to promote, sponsor, and support activities, programs, and initiatives that enhance access to affordable quality healthcare and healthcare-related services and address the unmet healthcare and healthcare-related needs of communities across New York State. This includes the social determinants of health, consistent with the ethical principles, tenets, and teachings of the Roman Catholic faith. Our Foundation will exist in perpetuity, helping generations of New Yorkers regardless of faith.

A Message from Our CEO

At the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, we have a bold mission.

We seek to honor the legacy of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini by advancing the health and wellbeing of underserved populations across New York State.

In this, our first impact report, I am proud to present an overview of the work we supported in 2021, as we expanded grantmaking that started in late 2019 and will continue for many years to come. In partnership with hundreds of programs, and through the efforts of the thousands of frontline workers, we are building a brighter future for millions of New Yorkers.

Early in 2021, we announced a round of more than 400 grants totaling \$115 million for programs serving vulnerable New Yorkers to help address health gaps across our State.



We fund programs and initiatives run by community-based organizations, food banks, healthcare providers, nursing homes, schools, federally qualified health centers, and others on the front lines providing crucial services to New Yorkers in need.

Groups such as:



Veterans



Youth and Young Adults



Older Adults



Immigrants and Migrant Workers



Persons with Special Needs



Low-Income Individuals and Families



Young Women, Pregnant Women, and New Moms



Formerly Incarcerated Individuals

This report tells the story about how each of these groups benefitted from the many organizations that demonstrated resilience, creativity, and flexibility over the past year.

Our grants supported a wide range of urgent health needs and social determinants of health across New York State. Grantees also addressed chronic healthcare disparities that have only been heightened since the onset of the pandemic in New York.

Addressing unmet needs, we rolled out our Foundation’s first statewide strategic program, a three-year effort to improve dental health access and outcomes in some of New York’s most underserved communities. Recognizing that good oral health is the gateway to good overall health, we provided \$5 million in grants to address the lack of access to dental care by purchasing mobile dental vans statewide and subsidizing the expansion of mobile van services.



Addressing the pandemic, we announced a round of emergency funding in the spring of 2021: \$20 million in funding to support 25 nonprofit organizations addressing healthcare and health-related needs as a direct result of COVID-19. This included support for vaccine rollout, the purchase of personal protective equipment for healthcare and social service workers, and emergency food and financial assistance to individuals and families in need across the State.

These efforts built on the grantmaking we began in late 2019, when we committed \$150 million to programs and initiatives planned for 2020. Following that, we then committed an additional \$50 million in COVID-19 emergency grants in the immediate aftermath of the pandemic in March 2020.



While this report is a look back on the impact of past grants, our work continues today. Late in 2021, we awarded grants for 2022 programs, and we expanded our three-year strategic efforts to include a focus on increasing availability and access to quality healthcare, and funding programs to provide young children with necessary health and education resources to succeed in underserved communities.

In our three years of operation, we have awarded grants totaling nearly \$470 million.

I thank our Board of Directors, Bishop Members, and Foundation staff for their tireless efforts during these startup years of our Foundation, and I applaud the work of all the grantees we have supported.



As we look to the future, we know we must rise to the challenge of supporting health equity and improved access to critical health services for all New Yorkers.

We remain committed to funding both direct care programs and programs that address social determinants of health, such as economic security, health literacy, availability and access to nutritious food, housing safety and stability, and transportation access and mobility.

The following pages showcase just a handful of examples of the impact of our grants. I am proud to report that all honor the legacy of Mother Cabrini.

- Msgr. Gregory Mustaciuolo
Chief Executive Officer



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Serving the Social Determinants of Health

“Social determinants of health” has become a frequently referenced term in our national healthcare conversation, though less often understood or reflected in public policy.

The concept refers to understanding a person’s health status as the product of a complex set of social factors. In other words: Healthcare isn’t just access to doctors. It is economic security, health literacy, availability and access to nutritious food, housing safety and stability, and transportation access and mobility.

At the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, we believe that such an approach to healthcare, one that emphasizes the influence of these diverse environmental conditions, is critical.

These Social Determinants Include:



Health Literacy



Transportation



Food



Housing



Social Support

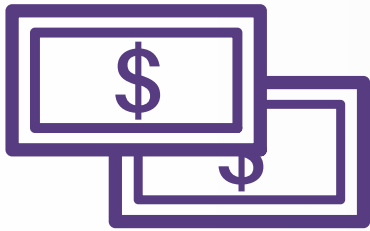


Clinical Care



Poverty

Addressing Social Determinants of Health: A Comprehensive Approach to Care



People with annual family incomes of <\$35K are 2–3x more likely to have a chronic disease or illness.



People with low health literacy are less likely to understand medical instructions and are more likely to take medicine incorrectly.



3.6M Americans miss or delay non-emergency medical care each year because of transportation problems.

The research is clear. Studies have shown that 80% of health outcomes can be attributed to social factors; a growing body of academic research strongly suggests the same. A myriad of social concerns such as access to food, a living wage, education, and a social support system shape our lives and define the scope of challenges faced by vulnerable communities.

Addressing health disparities in New York means targeting clinical care barriers, as well as investing in the social determinants of health.

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is committed to doing both by supporting health providers, as well as New York's extensive network of community-based human services organizations. We are committed to aligning our grantmaking priorities with the work of organizations addressing not only access to care, but the many health related needs of vulnerable populations across New York State.

The Issues Facing New Yorkers

Throughout 2021, our grantees have positively impacted the wellbeing of vulnerable New Yorkers and worked to eliminate the healthcare issues they faced. The following pages summarize those issues, please visit cabrinihealth.org/issues for more information on all these topics.

Food Insecurity in New York City

The elevated level of food insecurity in New York City is striking. Since the start of the pandemic, the number of New York City residents struggling with food insecurity increased 36% overall and a sobering 46% among children, according to Feeding America. Our grants to City Harvest and others helped respond to this crisis.



The Future of In-Home Care

In the last two years, COVID-19's devastating impact on nursing home residents led to a shift in how nursing homes, healthcare organizations, and municipalities approach long-term care for older New Yorkers. Even prior to the pandemic, nearly 90% of homeowners approaching retirement wanted to stay in their homes as they aged. Under a 2021 grant, the Home Care Association of New York State Education & Research, the Homecare Association of New York State, and the Iroquois Healthcare Association have developed a statewide collaborative. One successful pilot program, led through a partnership of Catholic Health Services and Catholic Home Care on Long Island, treated approximately 800 older COVID-19 patients at home with a team of primary care physicians and home health nurses who provided in-person and telehealth visits.

Education Justice in Rochester

Across New York State, nearly 30,000 currently incarcerated individuals lack the opportunity to pursue the higher education necessary for economic and professional growth. This shortfall contributes to a cycle of mass incarceration as recidivism rates in New York reach 40%, further limiting individual and regional economic growth and overall wellbeing. To make inroads here, we supported the Rochester Education Justice Initiative at the University of Rochester.



COVID-19's Impact on New York Food Systems

Our Foundation is making an effort to redefine local food systems and increase low-income residents' access to healthy food. Our grants in these areas help address the pandemic's severe impact on New York's most vulnerable communities by increasing access to nutritious food and creating more opportunities for health equity.

Lead Poisoning in Syracuse

While public health officials have made progress in protecting children from lead poisoning and the irreversible neurological damage it can cause, the City of Syracuse is still experiencing a public health crisis. The City's aging housing market causes high rates of lead poisoning in children due to increased chipping lead paint. Funds granted to the Central New York Community Foundation helped replace windows and doors in impacted homes.



Telehealth

From closing hospitals to staff shortages to longer travel distances for emergency care, New Yorkers living in rural regions face significant challenges accessing healthcare. Those living in these “healthcare deserts” have the greatest need for increased telehealth services, especially during the aftermath of the pandemic. In 2021, we committed to deploy telehealth equipment to rural healthcare organizations.

Mapping Key Determinants of Immigrants’ Health

A Center for Migration Studies report, funded by our Foundation, maps the determinants of immigrant health in Brooklyn and Queens. In doing so, the report seeks to enable healthcare providers, government agencies, and nonprofit immigrant-serving entities, including faith-based entities, to identify gaps in their services and help meet the needs of diverse immigrant communities at risk.



Serving Immigrants and Migrant Workers

\$12 million in grants toward general services for immigrants and migrant workers

We support programs that serve immigrants and migrant workers in New York State who face challenges related to cultural and language barriers as well as poor living conditions, while enhancing access to healthcare and to legal services that navigate healthcare, housing, and immigration status issues.

This includes a grant to the Immigrant Justice Corps in New York City to support access to legal counsel for low-income immigrants in complex matters, including deportation defense, asylum, and affirmative petitions for domestic violence and trafficking victims.



Spotlight:

Immigrant Justice Corps



Uplifting Immigrant New Yorkers Through Quality Counsel

To support and uplift immigrant New Yorkers, the majority of whom work essential jobs and contribute to the local economy, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation granted \$300,000 to Immigrant Justice Corps for its Access to Counsel for Low Income Immigrants program.



Immigrant Justice Corps Justice Fellows represent immigrants in complex matters, including deportation defense; asylum; and affirmative petitions for crime, domestic violence, and trafficking victims. Since 2014, IJC Fellows have served more than 84,000 immigrants and their families with a success rate of 90%. Available data demonstrates that quality legal counsel reduces the risk of deportation and raises success rates from 13% to 74%.

Since March 2020, immigrants facing deportation have made up the majority of the State's essential workforce, showing up in person every day to support their families. More than ever, immigrant and migrant New Yorkers warrant the right to free, high quality legal representation.

To ensure that no New Yorker gets left behind on the road to recovery, we must raise awareness and effect change for New York's resilient immigrant population.



Spotlight:

Restore NYC

Making Freedom a Reality for Survivors of Trafficking in NYC

As a survivor-centered organization, Restore NYC provides invaluable services to create a path to healing and independence through housing and economic empowerment services.

Realizing the impact of innovative housing and economic empowerment solutions, the Foundation provided a grant of \$175,000 to Restore NYC, a nonprofit organization making freedom real for survivors of trafficking in the United States by providing safe transitional housing, case management, clinical counseling, and economic empowerment services.

The grant enabled Restore NYC to expand its counseling and housing programs for survivors of trafficking. Survivors received clinical services where staff would provide trauma sensitive, evidence based assistance, including: acceptance and commitment therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, mindfulness-based stress reduction, eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapy, expressive arts, and animal assisted therapy.



Serving Veterans

\$2 million in grants toward support services for veterans

Life after the military can present many challenges to veterans and their family members.

We are committed to serving the brave men and women of New York State who fought for our country by bringing needed care to military families and supporting a successful transition to civilian life.

This includes a grant to Veterans One-stop Center of WNY in Buffalo to expand its Case Management Program to meet the growing demand for services, supporting veterans as they transition from military to civilian life. The program assists with basic needs such as requesting discharge papers and critical needs, including financial support and housing.

Spotlight:

Veterans One-stop Center

Improving the Wellbeing of Buffalo Veterans Through Personalized Support

To improve the wellbeing of all veterans, service members, and families living in the Buffalo region, Veterans One-stop Center (VOC) expanded its Case Management Program with the support of an \$80,000 grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

VOC's Case Management Program, focused on servicing low-income veterans and families most in need of critical services, provided over 13,000 veterans with one-on-one support to connect with appropriate on site services and navigate complex systems and paperwork.

Since the height of the pandemic, VOC has increased staff capacity by 15% and helped an additional 450 veterans, increasing VOC's capacity to 1,200 veterans per year. VOC's Case Management Program—enabling more veterans to get the support they need to transition back into civilian life—has proven to be critical in helping Buffalo get back on its feet and transition to the new normal.



Veterans One-stop Center of WNY
WE. EMPOWER. VETERANS.



Spotlight:

SyracuseServes

Dedicated to Advocacy, Research, and Support for Military Veterans and Their Families

Syracuse University’s D’aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), higher education’s first interdisciplinary academic institute dedicated to advocacy, research, and support for military veterans and their families, was awarded a \$500,000 grant by the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

The grant helped support SyracuseServes, the first new network launched from the University’s National Veterans Resource Center and the latest community to become part of the IVMF’s national initiative to facilitate community-based care-coordination known as AmericaServes. Working alongside local communities, AmericaServes seeks to improve access to care and navigation of resources for service members, veterans, and their families. In addition, the grant enabled IVMF to collaborate with Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs to map veteran services in communities across New York State.

SyracuseServes

Serving Persons with Special Needs

\$10 million toward housing
and general services for
persons with special needs

We support programs that address physical, emotional, cognitive, behavioral, or other impairments that restrict an individual's ability to function effectively in any aspect of life.

This includes a grant to St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Queens to support its Telehealth Program, which helps children with special needs transition from hospital to home.



Spotlight:

St. Mary's Hospital for Children

Supporting Telehealth Services for Low-Income Children with Special Needs

St. Mary's has provided life saving services to low-income children with special medical needs. Like so many hospitals during the pandemic, St. Mary's has had to adjust to a new virtual reality by transitioning all non-essential in-person visits to telehealth services for the health and safety of its patients and staff.

We were inspired by the ingenuity of the St. Mary's team as they continued patient care throughout even the most uncertain months of the pandemic. For 2021, the Foundation granted \$75,000 to St. Mary's to support telehealth services for nearly 750 low-income families so they can care for their children with medically complex and life limiting conditions at home.

Among the program's beneficiaries is two and a half year old Christine Pathak who, until recently, had spent her entire life hospitalized. Thanks to the remarkable care of the St. Mary's team, Christine is now expected to live a long, full life. And, with the telehealth services now available to St. Mary's patients, she had a smooth transition from hospital to home.





Spotlight: NYC Ballet

Providing Artistic Programming to Children and Those with Special Needs

Although artistic forms of expression like art and dance have been proven critical for social-emotional development, many New York City public school students and people with cognitive and physical disabilities lack access to art curriculums or opportunities to engage with such programming. Over the last two years, due to COVID-19, it has become even more difficult for those in need to access the opportunities for development that arts education can provide.

To increase access to dance programs for public school students, as well as customized workshops for persons with physical and cognitive disabilities, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation provided a grant of \$500,000 to New York City Ballet.

Serving Youth and Young Adults

\$19 million toward programs
serving youth and young
adults over 12 years old

We support youth and young adults who struggle with transitioning to adulthood.

This includes a grant to the Mental Health Association of New York State in Albany to renew support for its Family Education Project, which provides guidance and resources to equip families and schools to address youth mental health services.



Spotlight:

MHANY'S Family Educations Project

Addressing Mental Health Equity in New York

The Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. (MHANY'S) has been improving the lives of individuals, families, and communities by ensuring that all have access to mental health services.

To aid their efforts, the Foundation granted MHANY'S \$216,561 to support the MHANY'S Family Education Project to provide guidance and resources to educate families and schools, equipping them to address mental health issues. Specifically, the grant helped expand the organization's Family Education Project by developing mental health related content, as well as by offering capacity building programming that gives families and school communities the tools to effectively deal with student mental health concerns.

The expanded MHANY'S Family Education Project helped nearly 3,700 New Yorkers increase their mental health literacy through free monthly webinars, regional mental health learning communities, a family source section on the MHANY'S website, and a resource center that responds to requests for information.



Spotlight:

Children's Hope India

From Poverty to Prosperity: Every Child Counts

In response to the learning and social losses that have accrued from school closings and quarantine lifestyles, Children's Hope India (CHI) launched a remote learning initiative to improve health outcomes for low-income, underserved children across Long Island.

We awarded CHI's Every Child's Health Counts: A Remote Learning Initiative with a grant to support launching this work with 2,500 students.

The digital wellness curriculum provides students with direct access to peers to help combat isolation and loneliness, as well as to social-emotional learning to equip students with the tools and skills needed to meet new mental health stressors, and physical education, such as dance, yoga, and martial arts.

Students also have access to educational programming about food, nutrition, and healthy eating habits. As a volunteer driven organization, CHI distributed tablets to students in the community to extend access and participation.



Serving Older Adults

\$15 million toward programming, nursing, and caregiving services for older adults

Aging comes with many challenges, such as diminished physical ability, age discrimination, and loss of independence. We are committed to helping older adults meet these challenges, which are often exacerbated by a lack of appropriate financial resources.





Spotlight:

Mercy Care for the Adirondacks

Empowering the Older Adult Community

In the Tri-Lakes community, Mercy Care for the Adirondacks (Mercy Care) has been leading the effort to support the growing older adult population to successfully age in place and empower communities to become more age friendly.

To aid their efforts, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation granted \$356,100 for Mercy Care to relieve older adult isolation and serve as a catalyst and facilitator of systemic change to empower older adults to successfully age in place. The grant enabled the establishment of four new age friendly communities with a goal to benefit an additional 400 older adults in the North Country region of New York State, many of whom are economically disadvantaged.

Further, Mercy Care will develop curriculum and recruit and train volunteers to provide friendship, companionship and spiritual care, including transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, connection to community-based service organizations, and access to faith communities.



Spotlight: Alice Hyde Medical Center

Tailoring to the Needs of Rural Communities Across Northern New York

Alice Hyde Medical Center (Alice Hyde) launched a new readmissions prevention initiative with the help of a \$100,000 grant from the Foundation. Since its founding in 1913, Alice Hyde has offered community-focused healthcare services, tailoring to the needs of rural communities across northern New York.

The new initiative will provide enhanced access to education and counseling, resources to manage health, food/meal delivery, and case management services, with a goal of reducing readmission rates at the hospital. Alice Hyde is also providing additional support for patients who suffer from some common chronic conditions and is expanding the scope of the program on a quarterly basis, as additional needs in the community are identified.

The grant will support Alice Hyde in its mission to reach nearly 350 underserved individuals from its surrounding rural community and aim to reduce readmission rates of congestive heart failure, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, and diabetes patients by 10%.



Serving Formerly Incarcerated Individuals

\$2 million toward opportunities
for formerly incarcerated
individuals

Formerly incarcerated individuals face numerous interconnected challenges upon release, and we support programs that lead to successful community reintegration. Lack of financial resources or a social network can make this process even more challenging.



Spotlight:

Trinity Church Wall Street

Supporting Housing and Reentry for Women and Families

Trinity's New York City programs includes a food program, community space, and subsidized apartments for older adults and individuals with special needs.

Trinity received one of our Foundation's initial special initiatives grants to support its Housing and Supportive Services for Women Exiting Rikers Island Program.

Our grant supports six organizations working on housing and reentry for women and families transitioning from Rikers Island.

A survey found that 8 out of 10 women on Rikers face housing instability, 10% are homeless at admission, and 40% have been diagnosed with serious mental health issues. The women at Rikers need gender responsive reentry services encompassing a trauma-informed care model and transitional housing to stabilize their lives.

With funding from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, Trinity sub-granted to the following organizations: A Little Piece of Light, Hour Children, Housing Plus Solutions, Providence House, Lifeway Network, and Ladies of Hope Ministries.

This work helped stabilize the lives of justice involved women and, in turn, reduced recidivism.

Serving Low-Income Families and Individuals

\$44 million toward general services for low-income individuals and families

Food insecurity, poverty, and housing are some of the significant concerns many families are facing direct impact from. We support many programs that help to alleviate the costs and circumstances families have faced throughout New York State.

This includes a grant to St. John's Bread & Life to help purchase a customized van to distribute food across Brooklyn and Queens.





Spotlight:

St. John's Bread & Life

Meeting Vulnerable New Yorkers

Where They Are to Ensure Access to Healthy Meals

To help meet the growing needs of outer borough families struggling with food insecurity during the pandemic and expand the capacity of their Brooklyn Emergency Food Hub and Mobile Marketplace, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation provided a \$750,000 grant to St. John's Bread & Life Program, a community-based organization that serves meals throughout Brooklyn and Queens to over 1,400 New Yorkers each day.

The Foundation's grant was used to increase Bread & Life's capacity through purchasing more food, hiring additional staff, and acquiring a van to distribute meals. By increasing both the number of meals available and the delivery capabilities of the mobile soup kitchen, the grant enabled Bread & Life to serve 40,000 at risk, low-income individuals up to 500,000 meals, typically more than 40,000 meals a month. These critical services provided by Bread & Life helped communities most impacted by COVID-19 gain access to nutritious, fresh, and life saving meals.





Spotlight:

Grassroots Gardens

Transforming Communities Through Gardens

In an effort to redefine local food systems and increase low-income residents' access to healthy food, Grassroots Gardens of Western New York (GGWNY) is developing more than 100 community gardens and growing 35,000 pounds of produce in Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

The regional nonprofit received a \$45,000 grant from the Foundation to continue its Community Garden Program which will increase access to fresh produce to nearly 2,000 low-income, food-insecure neighborhoods, as well as develop, plant, and maintain 113 community gardens, distribute produce from community gardens to food banks and pantries, host free gardening workshops, and provide food preservation workshops.

Historically, GGWNY and its volunteers cultivate community gardens and grow organic produce that is freely harvested and consumed by the communities where the gardens are located. These gardens are primarily in neighborhoods without access to such fresh food, such as large segments of Buffalo's East Side and many neighborhoods within the City of Niagara Falls.

Serving Young Children, Pregnant Women, and New Moms

\$10 million toward needs of young children, pregnant women, and new moms

Pregnant women, new moms, and their infants and toddlers can face a variety of challenges in New York households lacking appropriate financial and other resources.



Spotlight:

Explore & More: Children's Museum

Expanding Programming for Children with Autism

As the only hands-on interactive children's museum in Western New York, Explore & More – The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Children's Museum received \$71,472 from the Foundation to continue Au-Some Evenings: a free monthly program that includes activities like therapy dogs and art, has a caregiver program, includes virtual experiences, and hosts small groups in the museum for children with autism.

For a long time, research has shown that play is important for healthy physical, emotional, and intellectual development. That is why, since the height of the pandemic, Au-Some Evenings have provided instruction in different languages and reached 11,400 individuals in Western New York.

With increased funding, 1,200 children are expected to participate in Au-Some Evenings. Further, the program initially provided home kits for 45 low-income children with intellectual disabilities and their caregivers, with plans to provide additional kits monthly.



Spotlight:

Bigs & Littles NYC

Helping New York City Youth Succeed in School and Life

To improve outcomes for vulnerable youth throughout New York City, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation granted \$500,000 to Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring (Bigs & Littles NYC) to expand and enhance their Family Strengthening Initiative, which provides holistic mentoring and wraparound services to youth and their caregivers.

Founded 120 years ago, Bigs & Littles NYC reaches under resourced New York City youth, ages 7 to 19, and their families. They received the support and tools to succeed, including comprehensive social and emotional support, crisis counseling, and referrals to community resources. The majority of families are single parent households and include children in foster care, first generation Americans, those impacted by the criminal justice system, and those with involvement in the NYC Administration for Children's Services.

Of the mentored youth served, 99% were promoted to the next grade, 100% graduated from high school, and all of the past year's seniors in the program are now attending college or post-secondary programming. All parents/guardians met or made progress towards at least one of their goals in the areas of professional growth, strengthened relationships, and healthier lifestyles.





Strategic Grant Spotlight: Care For the Homeless


Providing Oral Healthcare to Homeless New Yorkers

Those residing in New York City homeless shelters are most likely to be impacted and develop long term oral health problems, without a solution in reach.

To mitigate such impacts and provide direct access to care, one on-the-ground organization, Care For the Homeless (CFH), created remote adaptations to expand oral health access for homeless New Yorkers.

In support of this work, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation granted \$250,000 for CFH to expand its dental services to five shelter sites in the Bronx and Manhattan, while incorporating teledentistry to make oral healthcare more accessible and to increase patient engagement.

The grant will support staff salaries as well as support supplies, teledentistry equipment costs, and pharmacy and laboratory expenses for uninsured patients.



COVID-19 Emergency Grants

Throughout the pandemic, Coronavirus Emergency Support Grants were distributed across New York State to community-based emergency response funds, healthcare providers, hospitals, nursing homes and Catholic Charities affiliates serving all faiths, and other organizational efforts. In 2021, \$20 million in grants supported key initiatives addressing the impact of the pandemic on vulnerable populations:

- Support for vaccine rollout, including a grant to Saint Joseph's Medical Center in Yonkers to fund the development of an outreach campaign to low-income communities expressing vaccine hesitancy.
- A statewide effort led by the New York City based Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) to support community health centers in their efforts to expand access to vaccines by supplementing clinical staff and peer workers, resulting in more shots in arms.
- Purchasing personal protective equipment for healthcare and social service workers, including grants to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation in Albany and CHCANYS to purchase N95 and surgical masks for frontline medical workers.

- Supplying emergency food and financial assistance to individuals and families in need, including grants to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany to fund its Emergency Assistance Program which ensured that households affected by the pandemic remained housed, kept their utilities on, and had essential transportation; and to the Met Council on Jewish Poverty to purchase approximately 120,000 pounds of food for the continuation of its emergency food distribution program, and to the Council of Peoples Organization (COPO) to support a mobile food pantry serving immigrant communities in Brooklyn.

These emergency grants were in addition to nearly \$50 million in 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Support Grants, authorized in two rounds at the start of the pandemic.

The initial emergency grants in 2020 helped purchase PPE for healthcare and social service workers and supplied food to food banks and pantries. Grantees also offered unique solutions to address other critical needs that arose during the pandemic.

For example:

- Statewide, the Iroquois Healthcare Alliance in Saratoga County and the Mohawk Valley Health System in Central New York trained approximately 18,000 home care clinicians in COVID-19 testing.
- The Home Care Association in Albany expanded access to its Selfhelp Community Services' Virtual Senior Center, a web-based platform for older vulnerable adults to virtually engage with people in their community.





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