

Information on grants made by the Windmill Foundation in the area of addiction:

1. Capital for a new detox medical center to handle the increase in youth and young adults addicted to heroin at Caron Foundation www.caron.org, one of the few residential and extended care programs in the state for adolescents, they also treat adults of course. They also provide scholarships for extended care and are considered one of the state's centers of excellence. They are located in Wernersville PA.
2. Be Part of the Conversation for Community Outreach programs and general operating expenses. They are located in Malvern Pa. Their mission is to "address substance use, misuse and its impact on individuals and their families by building a culture of awareness and support." (www.conversation.zone).
3. At a local university we are supporting their "mental health" first aid" training and augmenting the University's Alcohol and Other Drugs program.

This year we anticipate funding the Bridgeway School. It is one of the very few recovery high schools in the state (the bridgewayschool.org). Many young people find it difficult to return back to the environments where they were using and the recovery high school offers a supportive model for teenagers. Our grant will go towards tuition assistance in the form of scholarship. CADE Kids is another organization we plan on supporting, that "delivers evidence-based prevention program at elementary and middle schools in the Philadelphia area. Also we anticipate funding Prevention Point in the Kensington section of Philadelphia towards their winter initiative point of refuge.

4. In addition to funding, we have convened and also met with like-minded funders who are trying to help with the opiate crisis. Windmill Foundation and Glenmede hosted a program for Philanthropy Network's interested funders on adolescents and the opiate crisis. We had a panel of speakers, organized by Caron Foundation, who are working in the field. We did this because we are seeking, like yourselves, to collaborate and work with other funders in this important area.

4. Met with the City of Philadelphia office of homeless services to learn more about the homelessness crisis in Philadelphia particularly as it pertains to the opiate crisis in Kensington and the Air Bridge crisis that has contributed to the problem in Philadelphia, particularly to hear about the Gurney Street area. We met with Elizabeth Hersh, Director of the Office of Homeless Services.

5. We have met with Bill Stauffer with Pro-A (PA recovery organizations alliance) to hear his perspective and about the work he is doing in Pa.

6. Windmill's funding interest in the area of addiction is primarily for treatment (scholarships for residential, extended care not covered by insurance) and prevention programs. We enjoyed hearing about how other funders are making a difference in their communities. We focus our giving in the area of Bucks, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

7. I think another area of need and support is for family support. The crisis is taking a toll on the entire family of the individual who is struggling. I agree that more needs to be done in destigmatizing the disease as I believe that addiction sometimes is at the root of some of the other things we are trying to assist with -- poverty, homelessness, etc.

8. While there is a lot of discussion regarding methadone treatment centers, as you all know, adolescents are also dealing with the problem, as well as their families and we see a need for more treatment centers for adolescents. Also, I understand that assisting with copays for vivitrol is another need out there.

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