

THE DEGEN FOUNDATION

2023 July Grants

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Fort Smith, AR (August 2, 2023) – The Degen Foundation is pleased to announce the July 2023 Grant Awardees that are making a difference in our area, especially to the clients that utilize their services. After the sale of Sparks Hospital in 2009, The Degen Foundation was reorganized and now awards grants to other nonprofit organizations that provide health services and promotes health and education to the needs of the uninsured and the underserved population in the seven county area that we serve. Grants totaling \$38,500.00 were awarded in July to the following organizations.

Please visit The Degen Foundation website for more information on grants:

www.thedegenfoundation.org

The Monarch 61 Project was awarded a grant for \$10,000.00 to help fund the materials and resources needed for their R.I.S.E. (Resilience, Identity, Strength, Empowerment) program - designed to restore power to survivors of trauma and abuse through meditation, mindfulness, trauma-informed yoga classes and self-defense. Located in Van Buren, Arkansas – the “project” is a creative hub of community, art, and wellness for ANY woman. This is an amazing new nonprofit organization that The Degen Foundation is honored to support.

L to R: Haley Roop, Grant Writer, Nicole Walton (seated), Executive Director, Mishelle Davis, Board Member, and Jeannette Pham, Development Director.

www.monarch61.com



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Heather Sanders, Executive Director of the Fort smith Community Rescue Mission, is happy to sign the letter of agreement for a \$3,500.00 grant to purchase AED and first aid equipment for the residents at the facility. Funding will include CPR training to at least 10 residents.

Their goal is to provide emergency care for residents and basic medical needs and supplies. The Degen Foundation is proud to support this organization.

www.fscrm.org

Methodist Village Senior Living was awarded a grant for \$25,000.00 to fund the creation of a Sensory Sanctuary for residents with Alzheimer’s or dementia to engage their senses – vision, touch, smell, hearing and taste. Some of the equipment that will be purchased includes: a light table, Gell Floor Tiles, Interactive Aroma Panel, Rainfall Panels, Tactile Panels, Shimmering Light Curtains, Bubble Tube and Filling Pump. We cannot wait to see this sanctuary in action.

Katee Jones, Business Development Director and Melissa Curry, President and CEO are happy to receive the check and sign the letter of agreement.

<https://methodistvillage.com>

