

THE DEGEN FOUNDATION

December 2023 Grants

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Fort Smith, AR (January 25, 2024) – The Degen Foundation is pleased to announce the December 2023 Grant Awards in our area. The Degen Foundation awards grants to other nonprofit organizations that provide health services and promote health and education to the needs of the uninsured and the underserved population in the seven county area that we serve. Grants totaling \$44,320.00 were awarded in January to the following organizations.

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

www.thedegenfoundation.org

The Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (ACHE) was awarded a grant for \$16,520.00 to purchase specialized equipment for patient evaluation/examination – including ultrasound technology and digital diagnostic tools to enhance education and training of students. The students of ARCOM will be able to provide community outreach to the area in addition to increasing technology integration.

Pictured L to R: Allan Marshall, Executive Director of Advancement at ACHE; Dr. Shannon Jimenez, Dean of the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (ARCOM); Thomas H. Webb, Jr., Executive Director of The Degen Foundation

www.achehealth.edu

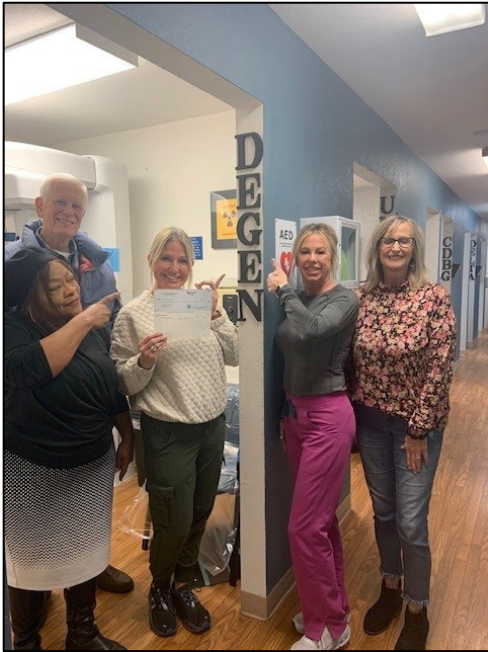
ANNOUNCEMENT:

We have a new “annual” grant cycle. Applications will now be taken between October 1 and March 31 with awards being made in July.



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The Community Dental Clinic, a program of the Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, received a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to purchase two new dental chairs to replace two chairs over 25 years old. The Clinic’s volunteer dentists see up to 20 patients a session which can last three to four hours at a time. Operative chairs are critical to the care of those with extreme dental needs.

L – R: Tom Webb, Degen Executive Director, grins as the staff and clinic manager, Lisa Woodard (3rd from left), are pretty happy to receive the check.

The Community Services Clearinghouse received a grant for \$7,800.00 to fund their “Fresh Food to Fight Cancer” project. This money will provide six (6) months’ worth (\$300.00 weekly!) of fresh fruit and vegetables for clients of The Donald Reynolds Cancer Support House undergoing cancer treatment.

Often cancer patients deal with financial, emotional, and physical hardships and having access to fresh food is essential for their wellbeing.

L - R: Tami Kuhns, CSC Executive Director, and Tom Webb, Degen Foundation Executive Director

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