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### Community Health Endowment Awards More Than \$1 Million in Grants

Grants awarded recently by the [Community Health Endowment](#) (CHE) will help fight childhood obesity, improve access to dental care, and expand our community's capacity to care for victims of child abuse and neglect and people with mental illness. The CHE Board of Trustees approved grants totaling \$549,406 for year one and \$1,025,261 over three years. All grants listed begin on July 1, 2018. New grants will:

- **Reduce childhood obesity through intergenerational community gardening involving Huntington Elementary fifth grade students, seniors from the Northeast Senior Center, and students from Nebraska Wesleyan.** (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, \$19,986 over two years)
- **Provide staffing to meet the increased need for medical evaluations of victims of child abuse and neglect.** (Child Advocacy Center, \$90,000 over three years)
- **Provide Early Head Start/Head Start children and families with nutrition education and coaching to improve family health behaviors and develop the program, Growing Great Beginnings, into a marketable curriculum.** (Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties, \$167,893 over two years)
- **Provide legal representation for Native American patients of the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Clinic and Ponca Health Services facing legal issues that may impact their health.** (Legal Aid of Nebraska, \$104,721 over three years)
- **Improve access to general and specialty dental care for people who are low income by constructing and equipping two additional dental operatories at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD).** (LLCHD, \$496,301 over three years)
- **Provide peer support and crisis aversion services in temporary residential or respite care to people with mental health and/or substance use issues.** (Mental Health Association of Nebraska, \$146,360 over one year)

CHE Trustees also funded two 'legacy' projects with more than \$1.5 million in honor of CHE's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Details about the legacy projects will be released separately later this summer.

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*The Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) is a municipal endowment dedicated to making Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation. To achieve this vision, CHE invests in health-related projects and programs and convenes the community around important health issues. Since its inception in 1998, CHE has returned more than \$30 million to the community.*