

# N.J. Horizon Foundation awards \$512G in grants

Staff Report

**NEWARK** — The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey announced today the awarding of \$512,250 in grants to 25 nonprofit organizations throughout the state. The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey supports charitable organizations that promote health and arts in New Jersey.

“The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey is proud to support nonprofit organizations that are making a positive difference in the lives of New Jersey residents every day,” said Robert A. Marino, chairman of the board of directors of The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey and chairman and CEO of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. “These grants fund a broad range of initiatives that improve personal health and enhance the cultural and arts experience in New Jersey’s communities.”

The \$512,250 in grants represents the second round of awards made by the Foundation this year.

The second round of awards includes the following grants:

» American Diabetes Association in Bridgewater, received a grant of \$40,000 to support its Latino Initiatives health campaign, Por Tu Familia, which aims to increase awareness about the impact of diabetes in the Latino community. The grant will fund the training of 20 Certified Diabetes Educators, nursing students and community health educators to serve as ADA ambassadors and conduct diabetes manage-

ment workshops for Latinos in Essex, Hudson and Union counties.

» Arts Guild New Jersey in Rahway, received a general operating support grant of \$10,000 to fund its fine arts exhibitions and studio art classes for adults and children.

» Arts Horizon in Englewood, received a grant of \$10,000 to support its

Creative Spirits Program. The program provides no cost, customized workshops in the visual, performing and literary arts to people ages 55 and older residing in Bergen, Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset and Union counties.

» Easter Seals New Jersey in East Brunswick, received a grant of \$20,000 to support Be Well! Obesity Prevention for People with Disabilities. The grant provides for health and wellness workshops taught by trained staff to help individuals with disabilities make modifiable lifestyle changes in the areas of nutrition and exercise.

» George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, received a grant of \$100,000 to support the Touring Theatre for “Austin the Unstoppable.” The grant funds a statewide school tour of the musical comedy about childhood obesity and Type 2 diabetes prevention through healthy lifestyles, reaching approximately 70 schools and 26,600 students, primarily in grades 4 through 8.

» Jewish Community Center of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren

Counties (JCCHW) in Bridgewater, received a grant of \$15,000 to support the implementation of “Discover: CATCH,” a child wellness program aimed at encouraging healthy habits. The grant serves nearly 400 children in JCCHW’s Childhood Center, “J” Crew Afterschool Program and Camp Ruach.

» Kids Corporation II in Newark, received a grant of \$10,000 to support the Kids Health Clinic. The grant provides for a pediatric nurse and health assistant to conduct asthma, obesity and medical screenings for 160 Newark schoolchildren. Case management services will be provided for the children and connect parents and caregivers to free and comprehensive follow-up treatment and services for the children.

» Monmouth Museum and Cultural Center in Lincroft, received a general operating support grant of \$10,000 to fund its exhibitions and programs.

» Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, received a grant of \$15,000 to support the participation of Union County’s Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy in The Adopt-A-School Project. The program provides the high school students underserved by the arts with a four-year, school curriculum-related arts education program. The students will also work with an artist-in residence and create an original piece that will be performed on the Paper Mill stage at the Spring 2014 ArtsFest.



» PEI Kids in Lawrenceville, received a grant of \$15,000 to support the depression component of the Crisis Intervention Program. The program provides depression screening and treatment for children ages 3 through 18 who are victims of sexual abuse, and provides education and support for family members and caregivers.

» Princeton Senior Resource Center in Princeton, received a grant of \$15,000 to support the Living Healthy for Older Adults Program. The program offers seniors, both at the Center and in local senior housing, services that include workshops on diabetes, obesity, heart disease and stroke; referrals and linkages to services; discussions with health care providers; health screenings; flu and pneumonia immunization clinics and fitness classes.

» Strand Ventures in Lakewood, received a general operating support grant of \$10,000 to fund programs that directly benefit senior citizens and those with special needs. The programs include luncheon and dinner theater productions, Strand School of the Arts theatrical fine arts classes, and the "Senior's Got Talent" production and the performance of Little Shop of Horrors.

» Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit, received a general operating support grant of \$10,000 to fund its arts education program and exhibits that serve individuals of all ages.

» Young Audiences New Jersey in Princeton, received a grant of \$15,000 to support the

Trenton Adopt-A-School Initiative: Family Arts & Creativity Program. The program will serve up to five Trenton schools, bringing together students, parents and professional teaching artists in hands-on art workshops that engage families to explore and learn together.

The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey promotes health, well-being, and quality of life across our state by supporting charitable organizations. For more information about the Foundation, visit [www.horizon-blue.com/foundation](http://www.horizon-blue.com/foundation).