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Trident United Way Invests \$25,000 in Eight Agencies through Community Engagement Grants

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Trident United Way extended funding offers totaling \$25,000 to eight local nonprofits whose missions align with the building blocks of a solid foundation: education, financial stability and health. These grants will support activities that will take place in the next 12 months, ranging from an expo designed to educate attendees on the opportunities for adaptive sports and recreation to a seminar for people with visual impairments to help them live more independent lives.

“Our Community Engagement Grants are a terrific complement to our myriad investment channels supporting the nonprofit sector throughout the region,” Trident United Way President & CEO Chloe Tonney said. “We are delighted to provide this support, made possible by our donors, to enhance the impact of other service organizations working in our community.”

The Community Engagement Grants are just one of several grant pools that are administered by Trident United Way. (see *graphic*) These smaller grants are designed specifically to support one-time or episodic activities to promote community engagement. Trident United Way awarded nearly \$120,000 in community engagement grants through the 2016-19 grant cycle and plans to invest \$150,000 in the 2019-2022 investment cycle.

“Adaptive Expeditions is grateful for the funding from Trident United Way that will aid us in hosting the 2020 Adaptive Outdoor Recreation and Sports Expo,” Adaptive Expeditions Executive Director Joe Moore said.

“Individuals with physical and sensory disabilities will have an opportunity to learn from experts about wheelchair basketball, pickleball, adaptive CrossFit, archery, boccia, wheelchair tennis and handcycling. Participants, families and friends will have the unique opportunity to engage socially, develop community and establish peer networks during physical activity and healthy competition.”

July 2019 Community Engagement Grant Recipients:

Adaptive Expeditions, *Adaptive Outdoor Recreation & Sports Expo*

Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, *Vision Loss Self-Management Seminar*

Cathedral Journey, *Community Health Fair*

Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services, *Volunteer Appreciation and Recruitment Event*

Dorchester Children’s Advocacy Center, *5th annual Multi-Disciplinary Team Conference*

Lowcountry Food Bank, *Agency Education and Capacity Building Conference*

My Sister’s House, *Walk a Mile: Domestic Violence Awareness Event*

Pattison’s Academy, *Breakfast at Pattison’s Series*

Adaptive Expeditions and Cathedral Journey are receiving TUW funding for the first time, while the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired is receiving its first community engagement grant. ABVI has previously received other forms of Trident United Way grant funding.

The Community Engagement Grant application process is open to any 501(c)(3) nonprofit that operates in the Tri-County region. The application period for the second round of Community Engagement Grants will be available on Trident United Way’s website in August 2019. Visit www.tuw.org/funding for more information.

Trident United Way is a catalyst for measurable community transformation through collective impact in education, financial stability and health.