

## Medtronic Awards \$1.1 Million in Twin Cities Health Access Grants

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*Medtronic Philanthropy Grants Support 22 Local Organizations Committed to Expanding Access to Healthcare for the Underserved*

**Minneapolis - July 8, 2015** - Medtronic Philanthropy has recently awarded \$1.1 million in Health Access Grants to 22 Minnesota-based nonprofit organizations, supporting each to expand healthcare services in underserved communities across the metropolitan area, with an emphasis on such chronic conditions as heart disease and diabetes.

Each organization listed below will receive \$50,000 over two years, in recognition of its ongoing commitment to improve access to quality healthcare in its community.

Organizations were nominated by a committee of Medtronic employees from the Twin Cities.

The awardee organizations are:

- American Diabetes Association, Inc. (Edina, MN)
- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation (St. Paul, MN)
- Apple Tree Dental (Coon Rapids, MN)
- Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis (Minneapolis, MN)
- Centro Tyrone Guzman (Minneapolis, MN)
- Community University Health Care Clinic (Minneapolis, MN)
- Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (Minneapolis, MN)
- Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery (Minneapolis, MN)
- Hennepin Health Foundation (Minneapolis, MN)
- Muslim American Society of Minnesota (Inver Grover Heights, MN)
- Native American Community Clinic (Minneapolis, MN)
- Open Cities Health Center, Inc. (St. Paul, MN)
- People's Center Health Services: Cedar Riverside Clinic (Minneapolis, MN)
- Pillsbury United Communities (Minneapolis, MN)
- Portico Healthnet (St. Paul, MN)
- Regions Hospital Foundation (St. Paul, MN)
- Southside Community Health Services (Minneapolis, MN)
- Special Olympics Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)
- St. Mary's Health Clinics (St. Paul, MN)
- Stairstep Foundation (Minneapolis, MN)
- Sub-Saharan Youth and Family Services in Minnesota (St. Paul, MN)
- YWCA of Minneapolis (Minneapolis, MN)

Across the Twin Cities, chronic conditions, including diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke and cancer, continue to disproportionately affect people in medically underserved communities, including those who cannot afford care, cannot travel to care because of distance or health, or have limited knowledge of their condition or how to navigate their local health care system.

Each Health Access Grant recipient serves a unique population or neighborhood, and will address barriers that cause health-related inequities within those communities. To see how these organizations are putting their grants into action, visit the [Health Access Grants World Map](#) and click on Minneapolis/St. Paul.

"At Medtronic, we are dedicated to improving lives by promoting the health of all worldwide, and this starts right here in the Twin Cities," said Jacob A. Gayle, vice president of Medtronic Philanthropy. "We believe that attaining health equity benefits both those in greatest need, as well as the community at-large. After all, everyone does better when *everyone* does better."

Medtronic Health Access Grants are awarded in 36 locations around the world where Medtronic employees are actively engaged in community service.

### **About Medtronic Philanthropy**

Medtronic Philanthropy focuses on expanding access to quality chronic disease care among underserved populations worldwide, in addition to supporting health initiatives in communities where Medtronic employees live and give.

### **About Medtronic**

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