

Stand Together Foundation awards a quarter million dollars to programs supporting economic stability and self-sufficiency

The Stand Together Foundation, awarded \$255,023 in new funding for economic stability and self-sufficiency programs to five nonprofit organizations in its second year. The funding is primarily directed toward housing stability, education and workforce development and includes two three-year grants.

New grants awarded by the Stand Together Foundation:

CASA of Brown County – Court Appointed Special Advocate Program

A CASA volunteer is a consistent adult presence in the life of a child who is the victim of abuse or neglect. This program recruits, trains and supports citizen volunteers who serve as advocates on behalf of abused and neglected children under the legal protection of the court system in Brown County until the child is thriving in a safe, nurturing and permanent home.

Curative Connections – Work-Based Recovery Program

This transitional employment program in collaboration with Brown County Drug, Heroin and Mental Health Specialty Courts and ProSolutions. will coach program participants as they develop employment skills and grow in their ability to overcome obstacles and is the critical link between the courts, employer and participants.

House of Hope Green Bay – Housing Stability Program

The expansion of supportive services to families on the waitlist for emergency shelter through a Housing Resource Advocate who will assist homeless youth and families in finding and maintaining suitable, safe, and affordable housing. Families will then be offered the same client-driven and trauma-informed services as those in emergency shelter, including case management and rental and utility assistance.

Literacy Green Bay – Children First Family Literacy

This two-generation approach addresses two primary factors contributing to family poverty: the lack of a GED for adults and the delays children have in school without early literacy exposure. The program assists parents in acquiring a GED while providing their children with early literacy education.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Educational Foundation – Pathways to Success

This 26-month project is designed to provide 32 low-income individuals with the opportunity to concurrently remediate/earn their HSED/GED and post-secondary credential for high-demand careers in welding or residential electricity with starting wages of \$18 or more an hour.

Previous grants awarded by the Stand Together Foundation:

Bay Area Workforce Development Board – Transitions to Success Collaboration

This collaboration coordinates and aligns multiple service agencies and resources to assist foster and at-risk youth and young adults in achieving self-sufficiency and independence. The program aims to engage and connect young adults to support systems and resources, while creating comprehensive, individualized strategies addressing barriers to education, employment, and self-sufficiency.

Community Benefit Tree – Green Bay Resource Center

Community Benefit Tree helps families navigating a financially crippling medical crisis raise money and offers a support system for everyone involved. A Green Bay resource center will allow the organization to create more awareness of programs, meet directly with clients closer to their homes, and help more families remain financially stable through a medical crisis.

Ecumenical Partnership for Housing – Prevention Initiative

Through a program to work with local landlords to prevent homelessness, a case manager will guide families through budgeting, financial literacy, employment and employability, and help them address other barriers to self-sufficiency. The program will provide temporary support such as back rent, car repairs, or child care based on each family's situation.

Forward Service Corporation in Green Bay - Transportation Alliance for New Solutions (TRANS) Construction Training Program

The job training program provides low-income women, minorities, and formerly incarcerated individuals with the soft and technical skills needed to attain well-paying jobs in the construction industry. The program provides ongoing follow-up services to assist graduates on their career pathways.

Golden House – Safe Home for Victims Program

The program achieves long-term housing stability for victims of domestic abuse by identifying and removing barriers through advocacy, partnership development with community partners and flexible financial assistance.

UW-Extension Brown County – Rent Smart Program

Rent Smart is designed to help individuals who have little to no rental experience, had difficulty obtaining rental housing, or are perceived to be high-risk tenants. Classes focus on helping individuals gain and enhance knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience, reducing the risk of homelessness.

About Stand Together Foundation

The Stand Together Foundation is part of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation's family of funds. Grants are made to support measurable strategies to move people from the brink of poverty to a place of economic stability and self-sufficiency.

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