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## The Rippel Foundation Announces Grant Awards to Nine Regional Community Organizations

February 9, 2022 (Morristown, NJ) - The Rippel Foundation, a national nonprofit operating foundation focused on health system transformation, is pleased to announce grants to nine organizations working to advance health and well-being in New Jersey and other local communities. Nominated by the Rippel Board and staff members, each organization has received \$25,000 in unrestricted funds, which will be used toward general operating and programmatic support.

“As an operating foundation, Rippel is particularly delighted to be able to provide support to organizations that are advancing equitable, sustainable approaches to health and well-being in their communities. These organizations embody the principles and culture of stewardship that Rippel is dedicated to promoting—creating the conditions that all people need to thrive by focusing on vital conditions like access to care, stable housing, food security, a healthy environment, employment, and educational opportunity,” said Laura Landy, president and CEO of The Rippel Foundation. “Rippel has a 70-year history and strong roots in New Jersey, and our work has had a transformative impact on communities throughout the nation. It is gratifying to know that these funds will contribute to the well-being of our neighbors here in our own backyard as well as residents in other deserving local communities.”

**All of Us or None (AoUoN-NNJ)** is a chapter of a national grassroots civil and human rights organization fighting for the rights of formerly and currently incarcerated people and their families throughout NJ. Led by those with a direct experience of incarceration, the organization works to address the many forms of disenfranchisement and collateral consequences that people face every day because of arrest or conviction. The Rippel grant will support development, publication, and no-cost distribution of a valuable resource manual that will assist with re-entry.

The **Citizens League** is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that empowers people to engage in civic life and public policy to make Minnesota a better place to live and work for everyone. Serving Minneapolis/St. Paul, the organization tackles a wide range of issues that affect health and well-being, including schools, taxes, transportation, health care, and water.

**Conexión Latina Newport (CLN)** supports the needs of the Hispanic/Latino community in the city of Newport, RI, by creating connections and partnerships with resources and advocacy, and creating pathways to increase access, belonging, and representation, with a particular focus on underserved immigrant populations. CLN offers English classes, immigration advocacy, health care navigation, community activities, health screenings, and social services support.

**CUMAC** fights hunger and its root causes through a holistic, trauma-informed approach that provide groceries, necessities, and numerous supportive programs to thousands of families and individuals in need across Passaic County. CUMAC emphasizes food justice, which means not only providing emergency food relief but striving to create a more just food system that empowers the community.

**Foundation for Morristown Medical Center – Women’s Health Clinic** has a mission that corresponds directly with the historical mission of The Rippel Foundation to promote women’s health care, as well as Rippel’s current goal of supporting basic needs to advance health and well-being. The clinic provides the highest level of obstetric, gynecological, and prenatal care, as well as health education and prenatal counseling, for underserved women regardless of their economic circumstances.

**Grow It Green Morristown** creates sustainable farms and gardens and educates communities on healthy eating and environmental stewardship, with the goal of making fresh, local food accessible to all. The organization serves adults and children in the greater Morristown area.

**Providence Center** is a grantee of Jefferson Health’s Philadelphia Center for Health Equity (P-CHE), a program partner of The Rippel Foundation. Providence Center offers education programming for children, youth, and adults. The Rippel grant funding will support their Youth Trauma Ambassador program in the Fairhill neighborhood of Philadelphia, which gives teens the language and training to overcome challenges of trauma-filled neighborhoods.

**University of Orange** is a free school of restoration urbanism in Orange, NJ, founded in 2008 and building on a 64-year history of progressive organizing in the city. The organization builds collective capacity for friends, neighbors, and partners to cultivate a just and equitable city, engaging residents to participate in decisions and take action to improve community health and well-being.

**Zufall Health Center** provides access to quality, affordable, and culturally competent health care to people and communities throughout Morris, Essex, and Somerset counties who experience barriers to care. One of the first medical practices in New Jersey to focus on improving population health, Zufall supports wellness through programs that advance good nutrition, health literacy, education, exercise, and health insurance enrollment.

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**About Rippel**

*The Rippel Foundation was established in 1953 to invest in initiatives addressing cancer, heart disease, the health of women and the elderly, and the maintenance of our nation’s hospitals. In 2007, the Foundation refocused its approach to these priorities, recognizing that a commitment to broader health system change is essential to achieve real, lasting impact. Today, Rippel is a national nonprofit operating foundation with one primary strategic purpose: to be a catalyst for an equitable future for health and well-being. Rippel believes that this goal is attainable if enough of us—individuals and organizations in all sectors—see ourselves and each other as interdependent stewards in a movement for well-being and equity.*

*Together with partners and co-investors, Rippel works with health care organizations, foundations, corporations, government institutions, and change agents throughout the United States to guide thinking and action that inspire innovative system transformation and to promote shared stewardship as a rising norm. Rippel’s flagship initiative, ReThink Health, continually explores how to achieve equitable system change in real-world settings. FORESIGHT, Rippel’s equity-focused futuring initiative, aims to envision a new future for health and well-being.*