



The Rippel Foundation Announces Grant Awards to Nine Community Organizations

January 18, 2023 (Morristown, NJ) – The Rippel Foundation, a national nonprofit operating foundation dedicated to advancing equitable health and well-being for all, is pleased to announce grants to nine organizations that are committed to improving lives in the communities they serve—with a focus on maternal health or working conditions for health care workers. Nominated by the Rippel staff and Board of Trustees, each organization has received \$22,500 in unrestricted funds, recognizing that this type of funding allows community organizations to operate with flexibility in meeting community needs.

“Rippel is proud to be supporting place-based organizations both here in New Jersey, where we have strong roots, and also across the country that are working toward our north star goal of all people thriving together—with no exceptions. Each of the 2022 grant awardees are implementing important and innovative approaches that center equity and increase access to the vital conditions for health and well-being,” said Becky Payne, president and CEO of The Rippel Foundation. “As a nonprofit operating foundation entering its 70th year, Rippel is continuing its legacy of advancing transformative change, and we know that this work can only be done if we work together in community with others.”

Black Mothers in Power (BMIP): BMIP seeks to eradicate health disparities among Black birthing people and Black babies. Located in Delaware, BMIP envisions a state where all Black birthing people are informed about their birthing rights, have autonomy over their reproductive decisions, and are treated equitably in the health care system.

Foundation for Morristown Medical Center: Morristown Medical Center works to ensure and advance basic needs for health and safety for patients in their community, particularly through its Women’s Health Clinic. The clinic provides routine procedures as well as more advanced

care, including surgery to populations who would otherwise lack access to vital health care services. The grant from Rippel will support Morristown Medical Center's work in improving health and wellness among their patients, with a focus on maternal health and safety.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia (HMHBGA): HMHBGA is the only organization in Georgia that focuses on the full spectrum of maternal and infant health concerns, including prematurity and maternal mortality. Its work is rooted in equity, addressing disproportionate health outcomes in underserved communities and BIPOC individuals.

Homebridge, Inc.: Homebridge, Inc. works to make independent living possible through high quality home care. Its vision is to ensure that every person diagnosed with a complex health condition will have access to care in their community, and that every staff member of Homebridge has opportunities for advancement. The grant from Rippel will enhance Homebridge, Inc.'s efforts in supporting their dedicated health care workforce.

Jefferson Health, Latina Women's Clinic: Jefferson Latina Women's Clinic provides free and low-cost prenatal care to undocumented, uninsured, and underinsured women residing in Greater Philadelphia. The grant funds from Rippel will amplify the clinic's work in providing critical care and connection to community-based social support for a patient population in need, with an emphasis on improved maternal and child health.

Jewish Home Family: Jewish Home Family's mission is to make aging a vital and meaningful experience by understanding and meeting the unique needs of each individual served. It is also the site of Senior Haven, the only elder abuse shelter in the state of New Jersey. In addition to providing the best quality of life for elders, the organization also prioritizes creating and sustaining a positive work environment for its staff, to ensure that all caregivers and other staff feel valued and are offered ongoing opportunities to learn and seek professional growth throughout their employment.

Nourish New Jersey: Nourish New Jersey's mission is to create lasting solutions to the problems of hunger, homelessness, and poverty. It offers food, housing, and other services such as work readiness, medical, social, and educational services year-round and free-of-charge. The grant funding from Rippel will help Nourish New Jersey expand its services across the spectrum of vital conditions for health and well-being.

YWCA Kalamazoo: YWCA Kalamazoo’s mission to eliminate racism; empower women; and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all is embodied in its strategic focus areas of advocacy and systems change, caring for victims of abuse, promoting maternal and child health, and improving the lives of children. The grant funds from Rippel will support Cradle Kalamazoo—a collective impact model founded and led by YWCA, through which 20 organizations are working together to improve the health of pregnant and parenting families and to eliminate racial disparities in maternal-infant health outcomes.

Zufall Health: As one of the country’s leading Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Zufall Health’s mission is to provide access to quality, affordable, and culturally competent health care to people and communities who experience barriers to care. One of the first medical practices in New Jersey to focus on community health, Zufall will use the grant funding from Rippel to expand its efforts to provide pediatric care and vaccinations, as well as obstetric and gynecological care to underserved communities in New Jersey.

ABOUT THE RIPPEL FOUNDATION AND RETHINK HEALTH

Rippel is a nonprofit operating foundation dedicated to fostering equitable health and well-being for all. 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.