

2023

IMPACT REPORT

LISTENING



LEARNING

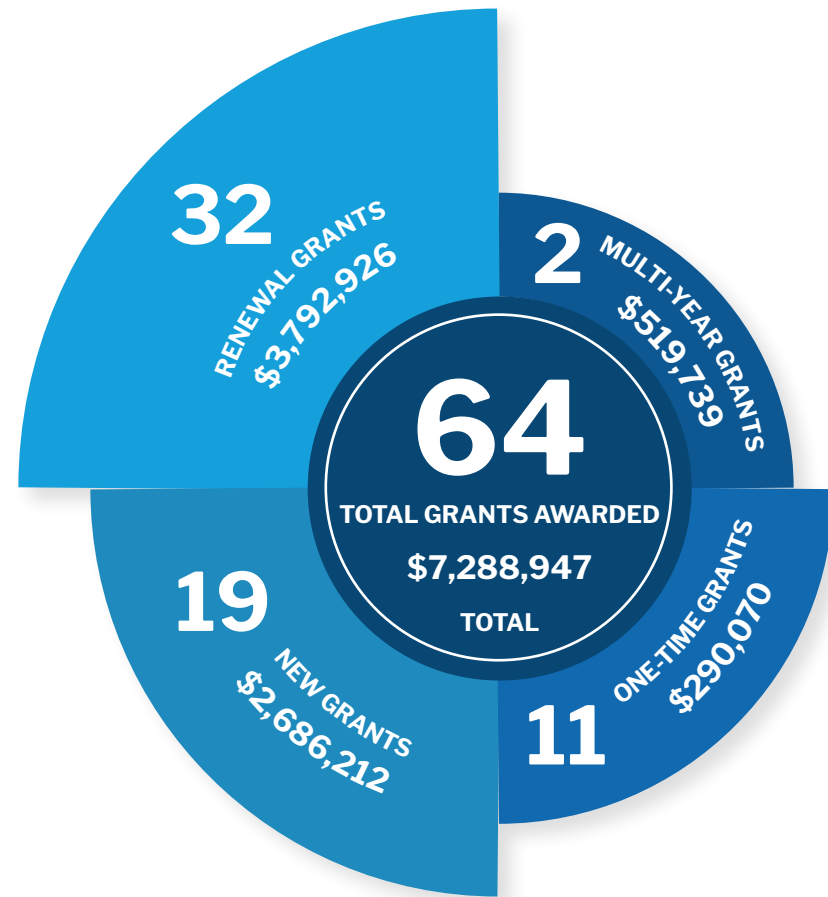


LEADING



**The Healthcare
Foundation of NJ**
founded by the Jewish community

2023 GIVING BY THE NUMBERS



2023 GRANTS AWARDED BY FOCUS AREA



Dear Community Partners,

Since its inception, The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey has always been committed to understanding the needs of our stakeholders—our valuable community partners—in a continual effort to be responsive and address the demand for quality healthcare. But listening is not enough. We are also dedicated to taking the lessons we learn and turning them into action—with positive results.

2023 was a year in which HFNJ engaged deeply in active listening to better understand the needs of our partners and thus institute substantial changes to our operations. In the second quarter of 2023, we took a partial pause in our regular grantmaking. We set aside time to embark on a listening tour and to reflect inwardly on how to adapt best to meet changing community needs, especially as we move beyond the depths of the pandemic.

In the second half of 2023, we moved from *active listening* to *action*—putting into place new application forms and processes to make it easier to apply for grants and to demonstrate the impact of the good work so many of you are doing. We reaffirmed our commitment to the principle of health equity and, after months of internal discussion and reflection, issued statements on health equity and anti-discrimination that reflect the Foundation’s long-standing and enduring mission and commitment to quality healthcare for all.

Listening to the community brought to the forefront one area which remained our focus throughout 2023: the deepening crisis in behavioral health (a term that encompasses mental health and substance use disorders), particularly among children and adolescents. Long an area that HFNJ has supported, it rose to the forefront of our grantmaking. We ended the year by issuing a request for proposals (RFP) to strengthen the behavioral health services for adolescents in the Jewish community of Greater MetroWest New Jersey. This RFP was a response not just to the long-simmering youth mental health crisis, but also to a specific and horrific trigger—the Hamas attacks against Israel on October 7th and the tremendous rise in antisemitism that we are currently experiencing.

Our Foundation originated from the sale of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, which was founded in 1901 at a time when Jewish people were discriminated against and not allowed to work in other hospitals. Those outside of the Jewish community may not be aware of just how deeply our local area has been affected by the seemingly far-away events of October 7th and the ensuing conflict: from area Jewish day schools that welcomed in refugees from the conflict (including children who lost family members) to students dealing with an outpouring of anti-Israel and antisemitic sentiments in their peer groups. We hope that our initiative will help build strong, cross-sector collaborations that will strengthen the community’s ability to provide support for the mental health of young people and their families.

There is one common theme we continually heard during our listening tours throughout 2023: hope. Our many community partners in Newark and the surrounding area hold tremendous hope for the future. Newark itself is undergoing a revival, and organizations are emerging from the depths of the pandemic with renewed determination to tackle the challenges before them and to create opportunities for everyone to live a healthy life. We echo this sentiment and look forward to leading the way to brighter and more peaceful days ahead.

In good health,

Amy Schechner
Board Chair

Michael Schmidt
Executive Director / CEO



Grants in Action

Collectively, the organizations supported by HFNJ's funding are making a big difference in their communities. The following pages detail some of the highlights of their work throughout 2023.

Sadie Nash Leadership Project



Trinitas Regional Medical Center



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Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN 2023



KinderSmile

KinderSmile

provided dental care valued at nearly **\$3.8 million** to **2,778 underserved children** at no cost through the KinderSmile Oral Health Program.



Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation

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led Active Aging dance programming to improve the physical and mental health of older adults at Bethany Senior Center, Nellie Greer Senior Center, Boylan Senior Center, and Vince Lombardi Senior Center in Newark.

Jewish Family Service of Central NJ's

Coffee House Program provided **18 adults** living with dementia and their caregivers with compassionate care, recreational activities, and much-needed respite.

Greater Newark Conservancy

launched monthly farmers markets and pop-up food stands in the Upper Clinton Hill and Springfield/Belmont neighborhoods of Newark, **providing hundreds of clients with fresh and nutritious food.**



Greater Newark Conservancy

NJ Citizen Action

conducted **80 workshops** and **121 outreach events** to disseminate information about Medicaid redetermination, NJ Family Care, and Cover All Kids—resulting in nearly **6,200 people** keeping or receiving vital insurance coverage.



NJ Citizen Action

LifeTown/Friendship Circle

trained **45 teens** in safeTALK, which provides knowledge on how to spot the warning signs of mental health distress in peers and connect them to critical resources.



Helen Keller International

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provided vision screenings to students at two high schools and several community organizations in Newark—resulting in the distribution of **400 free prescription eyeglasses** to young people and adults.



Playworks

Playworks

coaches led fun and engaging fitness activities fostering inclusion during an aggregate **7,800 recess sessions** at Horton, Abington, Park, McKinley, First Avenue, Rafael Hernandez, Roberto Clemente, and Luis Muñoz public schools in Newark.

City Green

brought the Good Food Bucks program to the ShopRite in East Orange, allowing an estimated **519 SNAP households consisting of 1,038 individuals** to “double up” SNAP funds when purchasing healthy fruits and vegetables.



City Green

NJPAC's ArtsXChange Program

hosted arts performances strengthening social connectedness at 10 local community events that drew a total of **2,300 people**, providing a unique forum to build community as an antidote to stress, anxiety, and loneliness.

Main St. Counseling

provided a combined **2,284 counseling sessions** to **101 clients** through the addition of three new multilingual counselors. These sessions led to reduced anxiety, depression and overall enhanced the mental health of these clients.



NJPAC

University Hospital

staff completed a series of simulations and certification programs to become a “model trauma team”—improving their own skills and allowing the hospital to become a regional training hub for other trauma teams across New Jersey.

Listening to Community Partners to Enhance Their Grant Experience

During the second quarter of 2023, HFNJ took a partial pause in our regular grantmaking schedule. We reviewed only renewal proposals for existing projects, to devote more time to listening to the community and working together—trustees and professional staff—to strengthen and refresh our processes.

Newark Community Street Team



Bridges Outreach

Improving Our Processes

Based on the invaluable input from our partners, HFNJ revisited several of our grantmaking operations and enacted the following changes:

Out and About in the Community

- **Visits to grantees' offices.** Throughout the late winter and early spring of 2023, HFNJ staff and trustees held twelve site visits with grantee organizations to learn about their programs and hear directly what challenges they are facing on the ground.
- **Bus tour of Newark.** On June 13, 2023, over a dozen trustees and staff members of HFNJ embarked on a unique bus tour of Newark to connect with current HFNJ grantees and reconnect with the Foundation's roots. Along the way, we met with partners from Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Clinton Hill Community Action, Ironbound Community Corporation, and Trust for Public Land. The tour highlighted the theme of interconnectedness: connecting the past to present and strengthening the ties of Foundation trustees and staff to the community.

- **Refreshed our applications.** A task force reviewed and drafted revisions to all application forms and simplified our logic model, which helps grantees present outcomes in a clear fashion to better encapsulate their program's successes. To streamline capital requests, for the first time, the Foundation has added a new grant application for this purpose.
- **Expanded the opportunity for one-time grants.** HFNJ updated and clarified the guidelines for smaller, one-time emergency grants—now called “Special One-time Grants”—and raised the maximum limit of the awards from \$25,000 to \$35,000.
- **Instituted new feedback process for reports.** Staff reviewed and made changes to the forms employed by grantees to report on the progress of their projects. Moreover, to add transparency, feedback, and collaboration into our reporting process, HFNJ has instituted the practice of actively sharing with grantees feedback on strengths of a project and areas for further growth and consideration.



To celebrate the Foundation's history and tell its story, in 2023 we created a short video with the Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest which draws together archival historical footage and images of HFNJ's roots.

Watch the video at <https://vimeo.com/829832000>

- **Created grantee/applicant toolkits.** To further assist grantees in successful awards, we developed a series of toolkits to guide current grantees and potential applicants through different aspects of HFNJ's application and reporting procedures. These toolkits may be found on our website.

Learning and Deepening Our Commitment to Health Equity

For more than a quarter-century since our founding, HFNJ has maintained a constant focus on supporting programs that address disparities and advance quality healthcare for all. And while the concept of health equity has been inherent in this work, our deeper understanding of health equity—the value that everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to attain their optimal health regardless of race, ethnicity, or other particular attributes—has spurred renewed focus on the subject.

FP YouthOutCry / The H.U.B.B.



KinderSmile Foundation



Putting Our Values into Words... and Action

In 2022 the Foundation formed a Health Equity Task Force consisting of staff and board members to increase our knowledge of health and racial equity. The Task Force was charged with considering how the Foundation's grantmaking approaches could better support communities of color and other disadvantaged populations in developing the resources and conditions essential to health and healthy living.

The Task Force started 2023 with educational sessions to better understand the fundamental connections between health equity and the social determinants of health. Members heard from other healthcare organizations and foundations committed to advancing racial equity. We began to identify equity-based decision-making tools that could enhance the impact of grants, and other approaches geared to reducing long-standing health injustices.

In 2023 HFNJ's board approved a statement outlining our renewed commitment to equity, and drafted an anti-hate statement which is now embedded in the Foundation's contracts and posted on its website. The statements commit HFNJ and its grantees to creating an environment that does not promote or tolerate hate of any kind, in principle and in practice.

From Our Health Equity Statement:

Our Continuing Pledge:

- **Investing in Knowledge:** We will deepen our understanding through ongoing training and education from experts in the field.
- **Community-Led Guidance:** We will seek input from community leaders who possess profound knowledge of these issues.
- **Equity-Centric Grantmaking:** We will identify new opportunities to integrate a health equity perspective into our grantmaking policies.
- **Collaborative Innovation:** We will forge new partnerships with organizations to fund innovative projects that can serve as models for others addressing inequities.

Read the full health equity and anti-hate statements at <https://hfnj.org/our-mission>



Leading the Way to Strengthening Behavioral Health

Throughout 2023, as we conversed with grantees working in different sectors about the challenges that were at the forefront of their minds, one answer emerged again and again.

We asked hospital leaders what challenges they are facing— they noted the influx of patients experiencing behavioral health crises and the lack of sufficient options for appropriate discharge planning for follow-up care.

We asked youth-serving organizations—and heard that they are dealing with young people presenting with increasingly complex challenging behaviors and ever-more-serious mental health disorders.

Ask religious leaders and educators—you will learn about teens, parents and families feeling powerless and needing someone to turn to for guidance and understanding.

Community organizations will share that they are dealing with a worsening behavioral health crisis with an increase in substance use disorders and related overdose deaths.

There are no easy answers to our society’s behavioral health crisis, which is multi-causal and multi-faceted. But we must start somewhere. The Healthcare Foundation of NJ responded in 2023 to try to understand the challenging situation and help our local nonprofits combat the crisis.

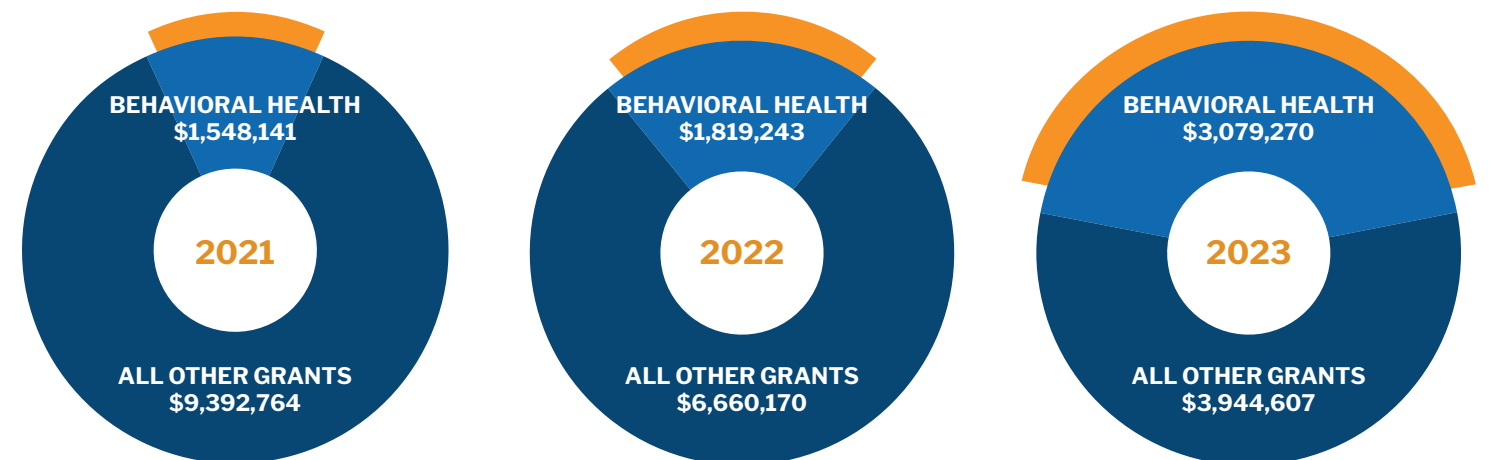
HFNJ Behavioral Health Task Force Roundtable



JCC of MetroWest

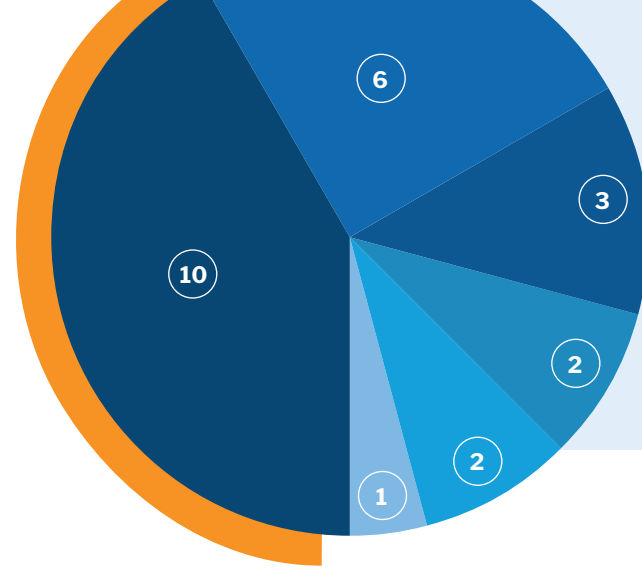
- Released a request for proposals (RFP) to build a coordinated community response.** In late 2023, HFNJ solicited proposals for grants of up to \$150,000 per year for up to three years that would build and strengthen supports for Jewish adolescents. Our leadership sought collaborative programs that would address the crisis in innovative ways, implementing best practices and services. The first grants will be awarded in April 2024.
- Expanded our commitment to grantmaking in behavioral health.** The charts below demonstrate how our behavioral health focus area has expanded to represent an ever-larger portion of the Foundation’s giving in the past few years—doubling in dollar amount from 2021-2023. Many of the dollars awarded by HFNJ have helped to catalyze matching public funding or unlock matches from other sources, which increases the impact and sustainability of our investments.
- Convened community voices.** HFNJ sponsored a series of surveys and multiple roundtable discussions to garner community input on what organizations are witnessing among the people they serve. Each roundtable/survey focused on representative groups from our local area—larger urban municipalities; suburban communities; and the Jewish population of Greater MetroWest New Jersey.
- Studied the issue.** Throughout the year, HFNJ’s Behavioral Health Task Force (consisting of HFNJ board members and staff) met regularly to deepen our learning on the issue and to identify existing resources and successful programs to inform the Foundation’s response.

AMOUNTS AWARDED BY FOCUS AREA



Behavioral Health Grants Awarded in 2023

Within the focus area of Behavioral Health, HFNJ further grouped the grants into the sub-categories shown on the chart to the right:



NUMBER OF GRANTS

- 10 PEDIATRIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- 6 MENTAL HEALTH
- 3 SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- 2 TRAUMA
- 2 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- 1 AWARENESS/OUTREACH

Casa for Children of Essex County

Trauma-Informed Advocacy for Youth in Foster Care
\$35,000

Center for Family Services

Baby's Best Start
\$150,000

Essex County Family Justice Center

Expanding Trauma-Informed Mental Healthcare for Greater Newark's Most Marginalized Victims of Domestic Violence
\$118,232

Family Connections Pride+

Counseling and Supports for LGBTQIA+ Youth, Their Parents and School Communities
\$154,190

Family Service League

Promoting Mental Health Through Quality Counseling
\$77,696

FP YouthOutCry Foundation/The HUBB

Renewal of The HUBB HELP Trauma Recovery Center for Youth and Families
\$105,000

Golda Och Academy

Refuat Hanefesh: Post Pandemic Expansion of Mental Health Services at Golda Och Academy—Year 2
\$164,534

Imagine A Center for Coping with Loss

Building a Culture of Compassion and Empathy for Grief in Newark Schools
\$125,000

Institute of Music for Children

Mental Health Advocates
\$10,000

Integrity House

Creative Arts Initiative
\$85,000

JCC of Central New Jersey

Holistic Disability Support
\$94,950



LifeTown



Main St. Counseling Center



New Jersey Institute of Technology

Jewish Family Service of MetroWest

Sustaining Rachel Coalition's Legal Services
\$46,998

Kean University Foundation

Raising Families: Recharging Mental Health and Child Development Post-Pandemic
\$123,804

LifeTown

UMatter @ LifeTown
\$75,000

Main St. Counseling Center

Meeting Community Demand
\$250,000

Make the Road States

Addressing Mental Health Challenges Among Low-income Immigrant Communities in NJ
\$100,000

New Community Corporation

Bringing Hope to Individuals and Families
\$157,600

New Jersey Institute of Technology

A Campus Wellness Program at NJIT
\$80,000

New Jersey Y Camps

Refuat HaNefesh: Healing the Soul
\$110,000

Newark Community Street Team

NCST'S Trauma Recovery Center: Expanding and Maintaining the Healing of Newark's Vulnerable Trauma-Impacted Community
\$408,756

NJPAC

The Art of Well-being: Leveraging the Arts for a Healthier Newark
\$100,000

Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Network

Vulnerable Youth, Young Adults, and their Families: Increased Support for Coordinated and Integrated Behavioral Healthcare
\$300,000

Prevention Links

The Recovery Ecosystem: Integration of healthcare and recovery support services
\$124,149

Youth Development Clinic of Newark

School-Based Mental Health for Underserved Schools
\$93,361



Family Connections

Driving Lasting Impact Through Innovation and Best Practice Models

Recognizing that it will take bold actions to address the health challenges of the future, The Healthcare Foundation of NJ seeks innovative models of care that have the potential to drive larger systemic changes. Below are a few examples of projects we funded in 2023 that we hope will strengthen healthcare access and quality and build scalable programmatic infrastructure for long-term impact.

South Ward Wellness Center



Kean University
Raising Families Lab

Kean University Pioneers a New Classroom-Based Model for Supporting the Family Unit

Many children born just before or during the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic saw their early development severely affected—with those from underserved communities bearing the brunt of the negative effects.

In response, **Kean University** received a \$123,804 grant from HFNJ to launch the Raising Families Lab—a multi-disciplinary project to support families in need. Through the innovative project, Kean will provide both parent support groups to address mental health, as well as developmental training groups, focused on improving the development of children born pre- and mid-pandemic.

To staff the lab, Kean recruited a team of six clinicians and 21 students spanning four academic departments (Occupational Therapy, School of Communication Disorders and Deafness, School of Physical Therapy, and Psychology). These dedicated clinicians provide intensive training on parent-child attachment, appropriate discipline strategies, and building parental confidence for 3 hours each week, over 12 weeks, to cohorts of families in a specially designed, home-like space.

Twenty-eight families participated in the first two cohorts in fall of 2023. The biggest gains measured among the children have been in social and emotional development, followed by improvements in speech and communications, where many had considerable delays. Additional new cohorts are now enrolled. The Raising Children Lab will continue to track its impact, with the hope of creating and refining a scalable, parent-and-child model for supporting the full family unit.

Building a New Space for Wellness in Newark's South Ward

HFNJ's largest grant award of 2023 was a \$500,000 grant to the South Ward Promise Neighborhood to help fund the construction of the South Ward Wellness Center.

Newark's South Ward is home to an estimated 45,000 residents and has long been lacking in many of the services people need to stay healthy. The high-poverty neighborhood does not have enough primary care physicians to serve the population, and community needs assessments have found that transportation to medical appointments is a consistent barrier to preventive and primary care. Beyond the lack of physicians' offices, the area is lacking fitness and recreational opportunities that help people maintain good health.

Enter the **South Ward Promise Neighborhood working with Saint James Health**. The two organizations have teamed up to build the South Ward Wellness Center—an expansive, 45,000 square foot building that will include a Federally Qualified Health Center, fitness center, social services, and community programs at one easily accessible location. The site will have dedicated space for maternal health care and programming.

The end goal is to create a community center to advance approaches to cultivate and sustain positive, healthy living in the community.



Year-Round Focus on Mental Health at NJ Y Summer Camps

Summer camps—traditionally spaces for light-hearted fun and memory-making in those glorious, sunny times between the school years—have increasingly been adding social workers and clinical staff to address the very serious mental health needs of campers. As the youth mental health crisis has deepened in recent years, **NJ Y Camps** realized that a year-round approach may be needed; after all, the issues that emerge in camp do not begin with the start of camp season, and do not go away as children return to school. HFNJ provided two grants (a \$93,750 award in 2022 and a \$110,000 grant in 2023) to help establish a model of year-round camper support.

With the funding, NJ Y Camps hired Heather Klein, MSW to the role of HFNJ Community Care Coordinator. She has spearheaded changes to the intake process for the special needs inclusion program to help ensure the correct placement for campers. And she provides staff training, mentoring, and resources that begin before campers arrive and continue past the close of camp.

NJ Y Camps has recognized the value of the position and will be making it a permanent position beyond HFNJ funding, providing a model that other camps can replicate as they think holistically about how to support children and their families. And it is garnering national attention—as evidenced by a front-page piece in *The New York Times* (read the piece at <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/06/health/summer-camp-mental-health.html>).

Integrity House’s Creative Solution to Addiction Recovery

The epidemic of drug overdoses continues to exact a terrible toll on our area. As one response, HFNJ awarded an \$85,000 grant to **Integrity House** in 2023 to support their Creative Arts Initiative.

To improve treatment and recovery outcomes for individuals struggling with addiction, Integrity House staff tested out a unique and promising substance use treatment creative arts approach. Over the summer of 2023, 52 Integrity House residents participated in 90-minute sessions twice each week in either guided bibliotherapy sessions (literary readings of relevant novels, speeches and short stories, followed by discussion), or creative arts, which encompassed creative writing workshops, photography and visual art-making such as painting and drawing. After 12 weeks of at least two sessions per week, 96% of clients remained in treatment and experienced enhanced mental health and other positive benefits.

Our grant will help significantly expand the program to serve up to 200 individuals in the coming year—helping many individuals find a measure of hope and joy amidst the difficult task of kicking an addiction.

NJHCQI Incubates Perinatal Healthcare Worker Training with National Impact

To say that the period before, during, and after giving birth can be stressful for women and their families is an understatement; yet many in healthcare who work with pregnant and birthing women receive little or no training on supporting the mental health of their clients.

To remedy this situation, HFNJ provided the **New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute (NJHCQI)** a \$109,623 grant in 2022 and a \$130,757 grant in 2023 for a project that provides mental health first aid for perinatal community health workers. The training equips these workers with the skills needed to identify symptoms of mental health disorders and provide early intervention.

This model being pioneered in our region is already having a national impact. A white paper drawn from lessons learned in this project, *Empowering Perinatal Community Health Workers with Mental Health First Aid*, was published throughout NJHCQI’s media and received attention in the press. A key part of the project included convening experts to create six maternity-specific training scenarios, which were approved by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing and were shared as a national model to other MHFA instructors in fall 2023.



Imagine a Center for Coping with Loss

Imagining a Culture that Better Supports Grieving Children

When children suffer the death of a close family member, not only are they at a loss for what comes next in their lives—the schools and communities around them are often at a loss for how to best support the children and their families through the grieving process.

To address this situation, HFNJ has provided two grants to **Imagine A Center for Coping with Loss** (\$75,000 in 2022 and \$125,000 in 2023) to launch an ambitious project to change the culture of grief at six public schools in Newark. Through these grants, Imagine is training teachers, school administrators, students, and parents to strengthen the communities’ abilities to help children deal with the loss of a close family member.

A powerful and unexpected outcome of the program is the ancillary impact some of these trainings have had. While children are the ultimate target, many of the teachers, administrators, and social workers found themselves re-living their own experiences of loss and grief—often losses that they were never able to fully address. As a result, some of the educators began attending Imagine’s *Night of Support* in Newark—a testament to the universality of grief as part of the human experience.

Supporting Our Community Partners through Multi-Year Grantmaking

In 2023, HFNJ began a pilot to award multi-year (two or three year) grants in addition to the Foundation's traditional practice of offering grants for a 12-month timespan, which then requires an application to renew funding.

To be eligible to submit a multi-year request, organizations must have a history of successful grant projects with The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey and prior approval from the Executive Director/CEO. Multi-year grants can be in any program area and must outline why a multi-year request will be helpful to achieve program outcomes. The two first multi-year awards which were given in 2023 are:

- **JCC of MetroWest** received \$294,739 over three years to launch a new program for seniors with moderate memory impairment. This three-year project will support the expansion of the existing Littman Memory Center program (which targets seniors with mild memory loss) to add programming for seniors experiencing higher levels of memory loss and dementia.
- **The North Ward Center** received \$225,000 over three years to support the project *Reintegrating Our Seniors*. Through this project, the Center will add staff and resources to aid the reintegration of community members dealing with self-isolation and the psychological effects of the pandemic, using the Casa Israel Adult Medical Day Program as the hub.



Littman Memory Center



The North Ward Center's Casa Israel program

GRANTS

Grants Awarded in 2023

HFNJ continues to invest across multiple focus areas to improve the health of our community. The following is a list of the all the grants awarded by HFNJ in 2023, except the Behavioral Health grants listed earlier.

Branch Brook Park Alliance



HOSPITAL

University Hospital Foundation

University Hospital
Mobile Breast Cancer
Screening Program
\$400,000

MEDICAL CARE

American Friends of Magen David Adom

Emergency Grant to
American Friends of
Magen David Adom
\$100,000

Best Buddies International

Best Buddies in New Jersey
School Friendship and
Inclusion Program
\$25,000

Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care

Medical Beds
Motor Replacements
\$22,370

Jewish Community Housing Corporation of Metropolitan New Jersey

JCHC Assisted Living
Program (ALP)—Year 2
\$103,950

JCC of MetroWest

Littman Memory Center
for Seniors with Moderate
Memory Impairment
\$294,739

Jewish Family Service of Central NJ

Adult Day Care
\$62,887

KinderSmile Foundation

Workforce Development
for KinderSmile Oral Health
Program (Greater Newark)
\$90,000

Millburn Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad

Stryker Power Pro 2
Patient Cot for New
2024 Ambulance
\$29,930

New Community Corporation

Senior Building AED Project
\$14,000

The North Ward Center

Reintegrating Our Seniors
\$225,000

Our House Foundation

Healthcare Capacity
Expansion for Adults with
Developmental Disabilities
\$115,626

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey

PPMNJ: Abortion Patient
Navigation Program—
Patient Navigator and
After-Care Support
\$107,000

Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central and Southern New Jersey

Abortion Patient
Navigation Program
\$259,500

Rutgers University Foundation

RSDM VETSmile Program
(and Patient Navigator for
VETSmile and Holocaust
Survivor Program)
\$250,000

South Ward Alliance

South Ward Wellness Center
\$500,000

Vision to Learn

Eye Exams and Prescription
Glasses for Title I
Schoolchildren in
Newark New Jersey
\$50,000

HEALTH WORKER TRAINING

Montclair Ambulance Unit

Protecting Our
First Responders
\$25,000

New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute

Mental Health Education
for Perinatal Community
Health Workers
\$130,757

Pathways to Trust

Time to Listen to Sickle Cell
Disease for Medical Students
\$8,000

Rutgers University Foundation

Building Sustainable
Low-Cost Task Trainers
with a 3D Printer
\$12,770

Seton Hall University

Expansion of the Seton Hall
University College of Nursing
Online Nurse Practitioner
Curriculum Using Innovations
in Simulation
\$85,476

YouthBuild Newark/Newark Opportunity Youth Network

Continued Support for
Preparing Opportunity Youth
for Postsecondary Success
in Allied Health
\$175,000



Jewish Family Service of Central NJ



Main St. Counseling



Montclair State University

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENTION

All Stars Project of New Jersey

Operation Conversation:
Cops and Kids
\$50,000

Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation

AileyDance For Active Aging Newark
\$50,000

Caucus Educational Corporation

Mental Health and Behavioral Health: Access, Equity, and Reducing the Stigma
\$100,000

Community Foundation of New Jersey

Discovering Wellness with Branch Brook Park Alliance
\$25,000

FOOD INSECURITY AND ACCESS

CBC Development Center
Climate-Controlled Canopy
\$25,000

Clinton Hill Community Action

Phase III: Cross-Walk—From Mutual Aid Grocery Store to Fresh Food Co-op
\$177,672

The Community Food Bank of New Jersey

November 2023 Holiday Food Distribution
\$35,000

Community Hope

Hunger Relief for Veterans and Individuals Recovering from Mental Illness
\$8,000

Greater Newark Conservancy

Improving Access to Healthy Foods Through Sustainable Farmers Markets and Food Stands in Newark—Year 2
\$50,000

Meeting Essential Needs with Dignity

MEND on the Move—Year 2
\$65,000

Table to Table

Food Equity for Newark's Most Vulnerable Populations
\$45,000

HOMELESSNESS

Bridges Outreach

A Holistic Approach to Ending Homelessness
\$100,000

Covenant House New Jersey

Physical Wellness Advisor for Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness
\$41,000

Jewish Family Service of Central NJ

Program to Prevent Homelessness for Union County Older Adults
\$70,000

SOCIAL SERVICES/ OTHER

Greater Life

Family Resource Center LifeLine to Health for Youth and Families of Newark, NJ
\$75,000

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark

Newark: West and Central Community Resource Hub
\$96,000

Ironbound Community Corporation

ICC Development Capacity Building
\$100,000



Clinton Hill Community Action



Opportunity Project



Greater Life

**THE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY, INC.
UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET**

	as of 12/31/23	as of 12/31/22
Assets		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 662,202	\$ 966,103
Securities and investments	\$ 195,736,791	\$ 185,536,766
Receivables for investments sold	\$ 1,543,606	\$ 2,591
Interest, dividends and other receivables	\$ 5,338	\$ 3,792
Prepaid expenses	\$ 246,638	\$ 410,710
Total Current Assets	\$ 198,194,575	\$ 186,919,962
Other assets	\$ 125,417	\$ —
Total Assets	<u>\$ 198,319,992</u>	<u>\$ 186,919,962</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 294,036	\$ 244,934
Grants payable, current portion	\$ 5,700,453	\$ 7,161,711
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 5,994,489	\$ 7,406,645
Other liabilities	\$ 125,417	\$ —
Deferred tax liability	\$ 772,157	\$ 644,684
Net Assets	\$ 191,427,929	\$ 178,868,633
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 198,319,992</u>	<u>\$ 186,919,962</u>



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ABOUT THE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION OF NJ

A Legacy of Caring

Since it was established in 1996, The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey has been dedicated to continuing Newark Beth Israel Medical Center's health and caring mission through philanthropy. Guided by the vision of HFNJ Founding Chairman, Lester Z. Lieberman, Chairman of "The Beth" from 1988 to 1996—and by a deep respect for the values and traditions of the Jewish people and their principles of tzedakah (charity and righteousness) and tikkun olam (repairing the world)—the Foundation seeks to eliminate inequities in healthcare and engage in partnerships that foster healthy, caring communities.

A Mission of Change

The mission of The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey is to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable, underserved populations in greater Newark and the Greater MetroWest Jewish community, NJ; elevate the quality of community healthcare; reduce disparities in access; and promote the infusion of compassion and humanism into our healthcare system.

The Foundation seeks to seed new initiatives, expand existing healthcare programs, and promote healthcare education and awareness to positively impact the wellness of its targeted communities.

Grant Guidelines

All proposals must be submitted online through the following link: <https://hfnj.org/applications-deadlines/>. To be considered for support, a proposal must be health related and address the health/wellness of vulnerable populations of greater Newark and the Greater MetroWest Jewish community. Grants are made only to private non-profit organizations that have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and that are not private foundations. The Foundation does not make grants to individuals or government agencies.

All applications are screened, researched, and evaluated by HFNJ staff to determine eligibility, conformity to grant guidelines and anti-hate statement, and relevance to the Foundation's mission and current priorities. If there is sufficient interest in a proposal, a conference will be initiated by a Foundation program officer and a grant presentation or site visit may be arranged. The Foundation's Board of Trustees makes the final decisions on funding requests through its Grant Evaluation Committee and Board approval process. Proposals are approved quarterly in March, June, September, and December. Special one-time requests are reviewed on a rolling basis. For application deadlines, detailed guidelines, and further instructions, please visit our website, www.hfnj.org.

REMEMBERING ELLEN WAGENBERG

April 25, 1948 – March 5, 2024

2023 marked the final full year of board service in the remarkable tenure of Ellen Wagenberg, who served on HFNJ's board of trustees since 2001. Sadly, Ellen passed away too soon on March 5, 2024.

Ellen was an active leader in many areas of the local philanthropic community, and one of her greatest passions was her involvement with The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey. In her 23 years on the board she filled many leadership positions, including serving as Treasurer for many years, serving as a long-term member of the Executive Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Search Committee for a new CEO/ED, a past Chair of the Budget Committee, a past Co-Chair of the Grants Evaluation Committee, and most recently, Co-Chair of the Behavioral Health Task Force. In whatever capacity she served, Ellen did it with grace, competency, attention to detail and poise.

The trustees and staff will always remember Ellen as a delight to work with and for being a "first class act." Her wonderful smile and laugh would light up any room and ease the tension in a difficult discussion.

May Ellen's memory be for a blessing.



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