# IN GRATITUDE

# THANK YOU DONORS FOR ALLOWING THE KMF BOARD THE ABILITY TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

#### NICOTEAM POSTER CONTEST \$3,000

For 11 years, in partnership with the DeVos Family Foundation, the Kent Medical Foundation has assisted in educating local middle school student son the importance of preventing the use of tobacco products. The CDV5 Foundation and Kent Medical Foundation are continuing the tradition through an annual Poster Contest to engage students in promoting healthy messages to their peers.

#### SENIOR SING A-LONG (SSAL) \$1,920

SSAL offers seniors regular access to family music, with a program Tuned In, which connects them to positive pieces of their past to stimulate greater interaction and enrichment in their daily lives. The music offers an escape back to reality for seniors who have been trapped inside their own minds by Alzheimer's or dementia. Funds from Kent Medical Foundation will enhance the program with 12 personal music players and individualized play lists utilizing the power of music to improve wellbeing and quality of life of institutionalized seniors in West Michigan.

#### REACH OUT AND READ AT CHERRY HEALTH SERVICE LOCATIONS \$10,000

Reach Out and Read is a nationally known, evidence-based program endorsed by the American Pediatric Association that promotes literacy as a standard part of pediatric primary care. The program also facilitates giving books to children at pediatric well-child visits, with a special focus on children in impoverished families. A grant from Kent Medical Foundation provides books (at various developmental levels) for families to increase literacy levels, vocabulary knowledge and improved communication in children.

## EQUINE ASSISTED DEVELOPMENT GREAT LAKES \$4,500

EADGL is a program founded to assist at-risk individuals who are recovering from Human Trafficking situations, PTSD or other social challenges. While working on recovery through local social service agencies or personally, clients will partner with a coach/therapist to learn tools and techniques to conquer the behavior that is preventing development and growth. This therapy is conducted with the assistance of rescued horses. Kent Medical Foundation has sponsored ten scholarships for these clients.

#### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN \$1,500

A donation toward the enhancement of the Family Room at the Ronald McDonald House will enhance resources for young family members. Funds were used for a collection of games specifically for young family members to encourage interaction with their peers and parents. Plans also include the creation of a dress-up area specifically around medical career outfits and equipment so children who are frequent visitors to the hospitals grow more comfortable with those environments and are encouraged to ask questions about what they are seeing and experiencing.



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#### TRIBUTES TO PHYSICIANS WHO VOLUNTEER

THE FOLLOWING PHYSICIANS WERE HONORED IN 2017 BY THE KENT MEDICAL FOUNDATION, FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER WORK WITH NON-PROFIT AGENCIES:

Michelle Condon, MD Renewed Hope Health Clinic

Kathleen Howard, MD *Fit Kids 360* 

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Thank You for Your Support

Members of Kent Medical Foundation Board of Trustees realize there is competition for your generosity, and we hope that you will continue to support KMF's mission. Thank you for your consideration.