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Christiana Care Health System Announces Harrington Value Institute Community Partnership Fund

(NEWARK, Del. – Nov. 21) The Harrington Value Institute Community Partnership Fund at [Christiana Care Health System](http://christianacare.org) is taking applications for projects that advance scholarship and improvements in health by addressing social determinants of health.

Established in 2015, the fund supports research and program development in population health to address community needs, such as eliminating barriers to health care for the disadvantaged or underserved and reducing disparities in health.

Applications are encouraged from community-based organizations that partner with Christiana Care employees or physicians. Project proposals should seek to create programs that improve the health of the population and communities of New Castle County in Delaware.

“Doctors and nurses are experts at providing medical care, but patients and their families are the experts in their own lives,” said Edmondo Robinson, M.D., MBA, FACP, Christiana Care’s chief transformation officer, who chairs the advisory group for the fund. “That is why it takes a partnership to be truly successful. Through this fund, we hope to strengthen our strategic partnerships with our neighbors and gain a stronger understanding of how they can achieve optimal health.”

Average project total costs are expected to be \$100,000 for one year and each program is eligible for continuation for up to one year based on progress.

The fund is overseen by Christiana Care’s Value Institute, which leads the way in conducting real-world research on today’s most pressing health care issues. The Value Institute’s mission is to develop, deliver and evaluate innovative practice and policy solutions that improve the experience, efficiency and effectiveness of health care for patients and providers alike.

Projects selected for the Harrington Value Institute Community Partnership Fund in 2016 included:

- **Healthy Latina Families: Improving Access and Care** – a program that strategically embeds specially-trained Hispanic, Spanish-speaking health advocates and resources known as promotoras throughout Latina communities to provide health outreach and education.

- Supporting The Delaware Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (DMOST) Implementation and Education, and Research – the DMOST form facilitates end-of-life conversations, documents decisions and translates into more person-centered care reflective of what individuals want — or don't want — and what is likely to be beneficial in the final phase of their life.
- Reading Assist Institute (RAI) Reading Intervention Reading Corps Program – a program that tutors students individually and works with teachers and their classes, bringing evidence-based, multisensory, structured language instruction for struggling readers.

The Harrington Fund was established in honor of the late Charles J. Harrington, who served as chair of the Board of Trustees and chair of the executive committee to the Medical Center of Delaware, now Christiana Care. Mr. Harrington's estate bequeathed \$13 million to Christiana Care.

The letter of intent submission deadline is Dec. 1, 2016 at 5 p.m. EST. The application deadline is March 15, 2017.

For more information, visit

<http://healthcare.christianacare.org/harringtoncommunitypartnershipfund>.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services, and through Christiana Care Quality Partners, Christiana Care works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds.

For more information about Christiana Care, visit www.christianacare.org/whoweare.

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