

## 2017 Grant Recipients

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A total of over \$47,000 in grants were awarded by Operation Our Town for the 2017 grant cycle to the following prevention programs:

**Altoona Area School District ELECT Program: ELECT Program Workshops & Groups**

Will fund nutritious meals and snacks for pregnant and parenting teens and their children at programming events and out of school visits.

**Altoona Area School District Foundation: Project SOAR (Study, Overcome, Achieve, Reward)**

Will fund supplies and program materials for students that have been identified to receive financial assistance to pursue a post-secondary education, given that they meet program guidelines and participate fully in the program.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Blair County: One-to-One Youth Mentoring**

Evidence-based one-to-one youth mentoring program offered to children of Blair County between the ages of 6 and 18, who are paired with a trained adult mentor to do a variety of activities, to confide in as a friend, and to serve as a role model.

**Blair County Juvenile Drug Court Program**

Will fund the purchase of incentives that will provide meaningful activities for youth, which will build participants' self-worth, community connection, and continued sobriety.

**Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission: Themed Community Special Events Series**

Will provide supplies for six themed special events in the community throughout the year: Splash Hop at Prospect Pool, Max's Maxcot Mania, Pirate & Princess Party, Movie in the Parks, Community Easter Egg Hunt, and Carnival of Games.

**Child Advocates of Blair County: Choices Summer Program**

Will fund the purchase of supplies for a summer program for teen girls at Evergreen Manors.

**Evolution Expressions: Kids Arts for Healing Group**

Will fund art supplies for trauma-focused physical and artistic activities for at-risk youth ages 8 to 18 in need of specialized support.

**Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation: After School & Summer Program**

After-school and summer programs provided for children ages 5 through 12 in a daily structured setting held within the low-income housing developments of Evergreen Manors, Fairview Hills, and Logan Hills.

**Hollidaysburg Area School District: Student Voluntary Drug Testing**

Funding to help expand the voluntary drug testing program, increase participation, and to help cover the costs of the drug testing in both the Junior and Senior High Schools.

**Hollidaysburg Area YMCA: Family Y-Nite**

Offers their facilities to kids and their families one Saturday per month from October through June and provides swimming, arts and crafts, games, music, food, and local entertainment.

**The Door Student Services: The Palmer Technology Center**

Will replace outdated computers in The Palmer Technology Center that serve at-risk teenagers year-round through their after-school program.

**The ROCK: Kids Community Program**

Program for children in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade held at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue United Methodist Church, which includes a recreational period, classroom time directed at healthy living & moral decision making, arts & crafts, and a home-cooked meal.

**United Way of Blair County: Family Resource Center – Parents as Teachers Program and Make Parenting a Pleasure Parenting Class**

Funding to provide program supplies for Parents as Teachers educational family home visits and group events, and educational materials for the Make Parenting a Pleasure curriculum.