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HCCF issues grant for backpack storage



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded Mental Health Partners of Hancock County a grant from the Humanitarian Endowment Fund, a component fund of HCCF. A member of the Spirit of Community fund family, this fund supports physical and mental health, rehabilitative services, and crisis intervention. It also promotes housing and shelter services, services supporting the elderly, youth, families, and people with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, minorities, and other special groups in Hancock County.

The grant for \$713.25 will purchase shelving for supplies for Navigation Backpacks (previously Backpacks of Hope), now a program of Mental Health Partners. The purpose of this program is to distribute backpacks filled with personal care items to those in need.

The mission of Mental Health Partners is to collaborate with community partners to promote mental wellness and fight addiction. Mental Health Partners helps residents with counseling, suicide prevention training and support group. They also serve as a liaison in Mental Health Court in Hancock County Courts and helps area residents in need by assisting them with completing assistance applications.

HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization's mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor's favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted more than \$13 million since its inception in 1992.

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