

Quantum Invests in Palm Beach County's Future Health

The Health Foundation has awarded \$200,000 to the local T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society to assist students from underrepresented groups to pursue their healthcare career dreams.



A volunteer dentist from the TLJMS offers dental care to a young patient.



A volunteer physician examines a patient.



A team of medical professionals from TLJMS volunteer their time at Foundcare clinic which assists the underserved residents of Palm Beach County.

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida: The board of trustees of Quantum Foundation, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Donna Mulholland, have recently approved eight new grants to Palm Beach County-based nonprofits totaling over \$750,000. The private West Palm Beach-based foundation funds projects that help improve the county's health in fresh and innovative ways.

T. LEROY JEFFERSON SOCIETY (TLJMS)

TLJMS is an organization of volunteer healthcare professionals who work together to improve health, wellness, access to quality care, and academic and career opportunities for underserved populations in Palm Beach County. The Society's members donate their time offering community services, education, and support to others. They also host health fairs, career days, and symposiums, showcasing scholastic and career opportunities for young people, but it is their mentoring program that most appealed to Quantum Foundation.

"As a healthcare foundation, we know there's a growing need for healthcare providers in Palm Beach County," said Eric M. Kelly president of Quantum Foundation. "We have an intentional strategy to try and develop home-grown talents, especially those who have been underrepresented in healthcare, and support them so that they stay and work to care for their neighborhoods and communities. Partnering with T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society helps us encourage and inspire the young people to work towards their career dreams."

TLJMS provides support and encouragement as well as real life experiences for young people who may dream of healthcare careers but believe they are out of reach. TLJMS hosts an annual Community

Health Fair every August, to provide healthcare to County residents who are uninsured, underinsured, or vulnerable to disease due to limited access to healthcare. They also help young people explore and pursue healthcare careers through their annual career symposium. The organization is only able to do this vital work of healthcare community building because of the support of their volunteer members, funders, and supporters.

Dr. Osiyemi, TLJMS Board President noted: "This grant comes at an important time for us. It puts us in a position to have a much broader impact on the community we serve."

SUPPORT = SUCCESS FOR SCHOLARS:

Quantum Foundation also recently awarded \$200,000 via the George Snow Scholarship Fund to 21 young people from Palm Beach County to assist them with their healthcare career paths. TLJMS will provide support and career advice to those young people as they work towards their goals.

To learn more about the T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society, visit www.tljmedicalsociety.org

The organization is always looking for volunteers from the healthcare professions to give some time to support young people in Palm Beach County.

BACKGROUND:



Quantum Foundation is a private grantmaking organization that funds approved charities and certain government agencies in Palm Beach County, Florida. Quantum Foundation's mission is to fund initiatives that improve the health of Palm Beach County. The foundation has assets of approximately \$140 million and since its inception in 1997 has awarded over \$125 million to hundreds of nonprofit grantees in Palm Beach County. Every dollar the foundation grants stays in the County to benefit local communities. www.quantumfnd.org