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Lee Initiatives allocates grants

48 organizations to share \$725G

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An extra \$10,000 will allow Fellowship of Christian Athletes to provide even more essentials for the abused and neglected boys in the Home Run Camp baseball program near Windber.

Grants awarded Thursday bring Lee Initiatives' eight-year total to \$3,227,544.

"A lot of these kids show up with a pair of jeans for five days, with nothing to change into for five days," Matt Lushko, area director, said after accepting one of the Lee Initiatives Health and Wellness Grants awarded Thursday.

"We realized very early on that we have to go buy these kids some shorts, and maybe a T-shirt — some really basic needs," Lushko said.

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Emily Reckner and Edie Scaletta of Church of the Brethren Home talk with Executive Director Anita Faas of Lee Initiatives after Thursday's grant award program. The home received a \$7,300 grant for a lift system to help residents into the therapeutic tub.

awarded, totaling \$725,000, Lee Initiatives Executive Director Anita Faas said. Those numbers represent the highest total amount and the most recipients in the grant program's eight-year history.

"It is a great pleasure to fund the projects as well as we can," Lee board Chairman Robert Barrett said.

Grant recipients were selected

requests were fully funded, while others received less than the requested amount.

"We got two-thirds down the list and we ran out of money, so we had to go back and make some adjustments," Barrett said.

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■ List of organizations receiv-

People Supporting People, \$1,624
 Alzheimer Foundation, \$15,000
 Beginnings, \$18,000
 Berlin Area Ambulance, \$25,000
 Bottle Works, \$6,500
 Boy Scouts, \$5,000
 Cambria County Child Development and Greater Johnstown School District, \$7,500
 Camp People Always Respond to Compassion (PARC), \$15,000
 Catholic Charities, \$20,000
 Changing Expectations Ministries Johnstown, \$20,000
 Church of the Brethren Home, \$7,300
 Communities in Schools, \$25,000

Free Medical Clinic, \$30,000
 Girl Scouts, \$5,000
 Goodwill Industries, \$15,000
 Home Nursing Agency (two grants), \$25,000
 Jackson Township Senior Center, \$3,900
 Johnstown Backpack Program, \$25,000
 Johnstown Career and Technology Center, \$19,574
 Johnstown United Methodist Parish, \$10,000
 Laurel View Village, \$40,000
 Learning Lamp, \$10,000
 Middle Taylor Township Volunteer Fire Company, \$7,690
 Memorial Medical Center Com-

Portage Ambulance, \$25,000
 St. Francis University, \$10,000
 St. Vincent de Paul Food for Families, \$25,000
 Salvation Army, \$25,000
 Somerset Mobile Food Bank, \$30,000
 Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, \$5,000
 Special Olympics, \$15,000
 Victim Services, \$19,512
 West Hills Fire Department, \$10,000
 Westmont Family Counseling Ministries, \$15,000
 Women's Help Center, \$15,211
 YMCA, \$40,000
 YWCA, \$5,000

GRANTS

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"If you receive less than you asked for, it's because your neighbor has got some (needs) that we would not have been able to fund."

Grants range from \$1,400 to help First Lutheran Church buy an automated external defibrillator to \$40,000 each for Johnstown YMCA and Laurel View Village.

The YMCA's grant will go toward its expansion project, and Laurel View's will help

launch Miles of Smiles, a mobile dental care program for nursing homes and personal care homes.

Johnstown Free Medical Clinic and Somerset Mobile Food Bank received \$30,000 boosts for their basic programs.

Berlin Area, Conemaugh Valley Regional, Cresson and Portage ambulance services will be able to upgrade cardiac monitoring equipment with \$25,000 grants.

Johnstown Salvation Army dental clinic, St. Vincent de Paul Food for Families, Communities in Schools and Johnstown Backpack Program also received \$25,000 grants.

First Book Johnstown's grant

of \$2,000 was not as large as many, but it will help the 7-year-old organization bring books into the hands of more at-risk children, Executive Director Donna Gambol said.

"There is lots of research that shows a child's readiness to read totally defines their success in school and later in life," Gambol said.

Grants awarded Thursday at the Holiday Inn - Johnstown Downtown bring Lee Initiatives' eight-year total to \$3,227,544 in health and wellness grants.

Funds come from the legacy of Lee Hospital and are the earnings on investment of the \$10 million settlement in a lawsuit following Conemaugh Health System's acquisition of UPMC Lee Regional.

By continuing to build the endowment, the investment has grown to about \$15 million, Faas noted.

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Friday Night
Seafood Buffet

\$28⁹⁵

Friday 4pm-9pm

SEAFOOD BUFFET Includes
 Steamed Crab Legs, Clams,
 Steamed Shrimp, Mussels & Scallops!

REGULAR BUFFET \$12⁹⁵

Salad Bar and Homemade Soups

Variety of Fresh Vegetables and Dressings, Broccoli Salad, Coleslaw, Pasta Salad, Tuna Salad, Pickled Beets and Eggs, Cucumber Salad, Fruit, Cottage Cheese, Applesauce

Buffet

Carved Roast Beef, Tavern Ham, and Turkey Breast, Baked Chicken, Fried and Baked Fish, Fried Shrimp, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Beef and Chicken Gravy,



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