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HEALTHVISION MIDWEST RECEIVES \$125,000 GRANT FROM ASTRAZENECA FOUNDATION TO IMPROVE CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH AND ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY IN HAMMOND, EAST CHICAGO AND GARY.

Hammond, IN, Oct. 25, 2022 – HealthVisions Midwest has been selected as one of six nonprofit organizations to receive a \$125,000 grant from the [AstraZeneca Foundation](#) to address cardiovascular disease, a leading cause of death in the nation. The grant will provide continued support, for the third consecutive year of the *Healthy Eating Active Living Reduce Stress Test Your Numbers (H.E.A.R.T.) Program* to help improve heart health outcomes at the community level.

This grant was provided through the AstraZeneca Foundation’s [Connections for Cardiovascular Health \(CCH\)SM Next Generation](#) program, which aims to improve heart health in the US, particularly among historically excluded and disenfranchised populations, through tailored approaches that best meet the needs of local communities.

“Over the last two years, we have empowered people to lead healthier lives by providing them with the tools and resources to improve their overall healthcare outcomes,” explained Natali Alvarez, Community Health Worker. “We are thankful for this AstraZeneca Foundation *CCH Next Generation* grant which will allow us to continue our work breaking down issues of access and other barriers to care and reach even more people in Hammond, East Chicago and Gary.”

As a Grant Awardee, HealthVisions Midwest will continue to participate in the Foundation’s innovative peer-to-peer Mentorship Program, collaborating with other Grant Awardees and discussing best practices to inform the *H.E.A.R.T. Program*’s work moving forward.

“The AstraZeneca Foundation is proud of the incredible impact our *CCH Next Generation* Grant Awardees have made, especially in the midst of a global pandemic,” said Christie Bloomquist, President, AstraZeneca Foundation and Vice President, US Corporate & Government Affairs, AstraZeneca. “Their programs have changed many people’s lives, connecting participants with access to screenings, care and resources and helping to reduce risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Because of their work and commitment, more communities are on the path to closing outcome gaps and advancing health equity in the US.”

The \$125,000 AstraZeneca Foundation grant will support efforts to expand the reach of the *H.E.A.R.T. Program* which works to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease among individuals in Hammond, East Chicago and Gary through a comprehensive wellness program of healthy eating, physical activity, disease self-management skills, medical services and personalized care planning.

About HealthVisions Midwest Inc.

HealthVisions Midwest is a faith-based organization that works to advocate for the underserved, develop and facilitate partnerships, and address systemic community health disparities. As part of the healing mission of Jesus we do this with dignity and respect. Our vision is to empower

and support people to live healthier lives. For more information, please call 219-844-2698 or visit www.hvusa.org.

About AstraZeneca Foundation

The AstraZeneca (HealthCare) Foundation works to advance health equity and foster community wellbeing in the US through strategic grant-giving and capacity building support for nonprofit organizations. The Foundation also provides financial support for AstraZeneca employees affected by federally declared disasters in the US. Established in 1993 as a nonprofit charitable organization, the Foundation is a separate legal entity from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals with distinct legal restrictions. For more information and updates, follow AstraZeneca US on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), subscribe to the Foundation on [YouTube](#) and visit www.AstraZeneca-US.com/Foundation.