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## **Greater Lee's Summit Health Care Foundation Announces Three Grants**

The Greater Lee's Summit Health Care Foundation is pleased to announce that grants were recently awarded to three not-for-profit organizations in the community.

The first grant is awarded to the Great Beginnings Early Education Center, part of the Lee's Summit R-VII School District, to support the Healthy Great Beginnings initiative. The goal of this project is to educate and promote healthful living for children from birth through pre-kindergarten. This will be accomplished through the development of resources and activities that can be used by the staff and participating families at Great Beginnings.



Pictured with Jeff Gaeth, Treasurer of the Greater Lee's Summit Health Care Foundation are Crissy Smitka and Tracy Halphin, Certified Parent Educators; Kerry Boehm, Director, Parents as Teachers; Cynthia Langensand, Principal, Great Beginnings; and Dawn Myers, Early Childhood Teacher. (Not pictured Diane Auchterlonie, Great Beginnings)

The second grant is awarded to Saint Luke's Hospital Foundation for use at Saint Luke's East to start a Medication Assistance Program. This program will provide a short-term supply of prescription medications to patients leaving the hospital who do not have the financial resources to pay for the drugs. In addition, a staff person will assist the patients in finding both long-term resources for the medications and a primary care provider.



Pictured with Patricia Beatty, Director of Quality & Risk Management, Saint Luke's East and Jeanne' Willerth, Chair, Greater Lee's Summit Health Care Foundation

Lee's Summit CARES is awarded the third grant for this year to assist in reconstructing the organization website. The website goal is to better serve families requesting information concerning substance abuse, violence towards others or themselves, and character and diversity development. The website will provide links to healthcare facilities and substance abuse treatment centers, as well as sites that specifically address youth substance abuse and violence.



Pictured with Jeff Gaeth, Treasurer and Jane Henley, Vice Chair, Greater Lee's Summit Health Care Foundation; Roby Little, Director, Lee's Summit CARES; Jeanne' Willerth, Foundation Chair

The Greater Lee's Summit Health Care Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the health and well being of the community. Over the past three years, the Foundation has provided over \$200,000 in grants to local non-profit organizations and almost \$30,000 in scholarships to college students for studies leading to health care professions. For additional information about the Foundation or to make a donation, please go to the website at [www.lshealthcare.org](http://www.lshealthcare.org) or call the Foundation at 816-812-2260.