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## **HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION PRESENTS GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

*Foundation completes second grant cycle as it benefits local healthcare and wellness.*

Lee's Summit, Mo. (July 11, 2006) – The Greater Lee's Summit Healthcare Foundation is proud to announce the recipients from their second granting cycle. The three local not-for-profit organizations received their checks in January.

The first recipient is Summit Technology Academy. The group received a grant of \$49,500 and will use the funds to purchase equipment for a Pre-Professional Nursing Clinical Skills program. Through the grant the Academy will be able to provide five fully-equipped nursing stations including hospital beds, patient simulators and a variety of nursing supplies. Students will be able to fully experience nursing and related careers in a real-world setting and will be able to make informed career choices based on those experiences.

The second recipient is Hope House in Lee's Summit. Hope House, a shelter for the victims of domestic violence, will utilize their grant in the amount of \$25,000 to hire and train and advocate devoted to the healthcare needs of clients and their children. The advocate will be available to provide information about personal physical and mental health, resources for medications and supplies and special healthcare assistance for elderly and pregnant clients.

The final recipient is the Lee's Summit Senior Center. The Center received a two-year grant of \$5,000 each year to provide additional funding for a Center Coordinator. Enabling the Coordinator to work more hours will expand both hours of operation and programming that provides social and psychological support to the seniors in our area.

The Greater Lee's Summit Healthcare Foundation opens the 2006 grant cycle in September and will accept applications through October 31. Grant recipients are announced in January. Organizations can visit the Foundation website, [www.lshealthcare.org](http://www.lshealthcare.org), for more information.

The Greater Lee's Summit Healthcare Foundation also awards scholarships each spring to students pursuing degrees in healthcare including nursing, medical school or other healthcare careers. Applications are currently being accepted for the next school year and are available on the website along with requirements and timelines.

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