



The Hannon Immediate Intervention Program at Airport Marina Counseling Service

December, 2014: Santa Monica, Ca: The William H. Hannon Foundation has announced its continued support of the Hannon Immediate Intervention Program at Airport Marina Counseling Service (AMCS). The Foundation recently provided a \$20,000 contribution to the program, which was established in 2003. The goal of the program is to help restore a measure of emotional and practical equilibrium to AMCS clients and assist them in returning to their previous level of functioning. Founded as the Westchester Mental Health Clinic in 1962, today AMCS serves nearly 400 people, children and their families each week from their headquarters on La Tijera Blvd in Westchester.

“My late uncle believed in the good works of AMCS and that’s one of the reasons we helped establish the Immediate Intervention Program over a decade ago. Our Board of Directors is pleased that this critically important program—which helps people when they are at their weakest—bears the Hannon name,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

Under the program, people are given help to cope with significant and sometimes severe issues relating to job loss, relational problems, divorce, family issues, anxiety, panic disorder and bereavement and loss. During the 2013/2014 program year, AMCS cared for 49 clients in individual therapy and provided close to 800 hours of group therapy sessions under the Hannon Immediate Intervention Program. AMCS does not turn away people for inability to pay for services.

“The Hannon Immediate Intervention Program is a critical component of the services provided at AMCS and offers a lifeline to those in crisis, who, most often, have no place else to turn. Thanks to the generosity of the William H. Hannon Foundation over the past 11 years, many people in crisis have been helped to reclaim their lives and livelihoods. The Immediate Intervention Program has become an integral part of the therapeutic services offered at AMCS,” said Eden Garcia-Balis, LMFT, Executive Director of AMCS.