



Hannon Immediate Intervention Program Marks Five Years of Helping People in Crisis at Airport Marina Counseling Service

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August 18, 2008—The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a \$25,000 grant to continue its support of the Hannon Immediate Intervention Program at the Airport Marina Counseling Service (AMCS) in Westchester. The program, initially underwritten by the Foundation in 2003, is designed to provide urgent attention to those struggling with crisis and life-changing events. The great majority of AMCS clients are the “working poor” who often lack private insurance and for whom the services of hospitals and mental health facilities are often unavailable.

“Over the last five years, The Hannon Immediate Intervention Program has become a key component of the services here at AMCS and it continues to make a real difference in the lives of the many clients we have served. We are grateful for the Foundation’s steadfast support of this important program,” said Kathleen O’Leary Lefferman, M.A, Executive Director of AMCS.

The overall goal of the Hannon Immediate Intervention Program and services is to relieve or resolve the symptoms and improve coping skills within a brief structured therapy program of between 8 to 12 weeks of intervention.

“Our Board has been very pleased with the success of the Intervention Program in meeting the needs of people who are not only in crisis but, without the program, would most likely not be able to find help,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation and a member of the AMCS Board of Governors.