

**William H. Hannon Foundation Continues Longstanding Support of Two Westchester Institutions:
AMCS & YMCA**

October 2017/Santa Monica, CA – The William H. Hannon Foundation has continued its longstanding support of two important institutions in the Westchester community: Airport Marina Counseling Service (AMCS) and the Westchester Family YMCA. The Foundation’s founder, the late William Hannon, helped build homes in Westchester following World War II and was an initial funder of both AMCS and the YMCA. Each organization has received a \$20,000 grant from the Foundation.

“My late uncle believed that organizations like AMCS and the YMCA were critical to advancing the physical and mental health of Westchester residents. Today, their services have expanded beyond just Westchester. They are helping people throughout the area. My uncle would be proud to see how AMCS and the YMCA have grown and become critical service agencies for both Westchester and adjacent communities,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation and a member of its Board of Directors since the Foundation was established in 1983.

AMCS will use its \$20,000 grant to continue to fund the Hannon Immediate Intervention Program, which was first established in 2006. In the coming year, the program will offer a minimum of 750 sessions of group therapy options, rapid access to psychiatric services, the training of 12 therapists and rapid intakes and assessments for at least 50 clients.

“The Foundation’s continued partnership will sustain and continue enhanced critical mental health care services needed for low income populations. Our clients have no medical insurance and generally nowhere else to turn. We serve the neediest individuals and their families,” said Eden Garcia-Balis, LMFT, Executive Director of Airport Marina Counseling Service.

The Westchester Family YMCA will put its grant towards support for their Thriving Youth & Teens Initiative by providing funds for its Youth & Government and Model United Nations programs. The Youth & Government program serves over 120 local high school teens in a 6-month model legislation and court experience while the Model United Nations program engages local middle school teens to represent their self-selected countries when posed with an international crisis. The programs ensure that the teens voices are heard and valued.

“My thanks to the William H. Hannon Foundation for its generous support of our Thriving Youth & Teens Initiative. As a result of your gift, hundreds of our youth will be beneficiaries of a positive experience that they otherwise might not have,” said John Loussararian, Executive Director of the Westchester Family YMCA.