

William H. Hannon Foundation Provides Over \$60,000 In Grants to Support Westchester Organizations

Santa Monica, CA (November 26, 2018): The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided over \$60,000 in grants to three Westchester organizations: Airport Marina Counseling Service (AMCS), Rotary Club of Westchester and the Westchester Family YMCA.

“My late uncle, our Foundation’s founder, William Hannon, considered Westchester his second home—from the days he attended then Loyola University to having his office in Westchester until his passing in 1999. Our Board of Directors carries on his support of those organizations that make Westchester a great place to live and work,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

AMCS received \$20,000 in funding for the Hannon Immediate Intervention Program that helps remove barriers to mental health care for people facing difficult times. Established in 1961, AMCS is open seven days a week and averages 50 calls a day from people inquiring about services. Its mission is to provide affordable, community based mental health services and to train mental health therapists. AMCS clients are among the community’s neediest residents, and all services are based on a sliding fee scale.

Rotary Club of Westchester received \$15,000 to undertake a “Home Makeover” project to improve the non-profit Westchester Townhouse on the campus of Emerson Elementary School. For more than 70 years, Westchester Townhouse has been a community hub for local schools, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, community meetings, performance groups and other youth organizations. The aging building is in need of much “TLC,” and the Rotary Club plans a makeover of the facility from February to March 2019. The Rotary’s “Home Makeover” projects began in 2006 and the William H. Hannon Foundation has been a supporter from the beginning.

The Westchester Family YMCA received \$38,500 to fund two programs: Youth & Government as well as the renovation of the Youth Enrichment Studio. The Foundation has been a longtime Youth & Government supporter, which provides teen leadership programs to 100 diverse teens representing 14 different middle and high schools in the area. The Youth Enrichment Studio will allow the YMCA to expand youth programs to include more dance, martial arts, gymnastics and sports.

“Together, AMCS, the Rotary Club and the YMCA are pillars of the Westchester community. They are without a doubt what makes the 90045 zip code a true hometown,” said Aikenhead.