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OVER $46,000 IN GRANTS AWARDED TO AREA AGENCIES FOR CHILDREN’S HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS IN 2021

(Greenville) – The Greenville Area Community Foundation (GACF) Board awarded grants from the Meijer Children’s Health Care Fund in October for a total of $46,935 to projects and programs that will provide disadvantaged Montcalm County children much needed health care services.

Awards were given to the following:

- **$29,935 to Spectrum Health Foundation for the United Lifestyles Child Passenger Safety Program** - Funds will provide access to safety seats and child passenger safety education for approximately 145 financially qualifying families in Montcalm County in its Maternal and Infant Health Program and a discounted car seat programs for other qualifying families in the community.

- **$6,000 to Montcalm Area Intermediate School District** – provide funding for the Montcalm County Great Start Collaborative Community Baby Shower where pregnant mothers and mothers of newborns in the Montcalm County area receive important safety and health information in the form of gifts for their babies.

- **$11,000 to Montcalm Area Intermediate School District** – funding to support continuing service for the 2020-21 fiscal year of the Montcalm County Great Start Collaborative Welcome Baby Program that supports families with children birth to age three with identified needs such as registered dieticians, lactation counselors, registered nurses, early childhood learning specialists and/or parent coach supports. Funding for two breast pumps for the program as well.

The Meijer Children’s Health Care Fund was developed in late 2005 as the result of a collaborative effort of community-minded people and organizations including The Meijer Foundation, Spectrum Health United & Kelsey Hospitals Foundation, the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, the Greenville Area Community Foundation, as well as, the Federal Government. The fund’s purpose is to provide healthcare services, including educational services, to economically-disadvantaged children living within the Montcalm County area through indigent care programs.

For information on grant eligibility, grant deadlines and ways to support the endowed funds that make these grants possible, visit [www.gacfmi.org](http://www.gacfmi.org).

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