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Healthcare and Nursing Education Foundation (HNEF)

GREATER HOUSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Healthcare and Nursing Education Foundation (HNEF) is a private foundation that supports the Greater Houston area's healthcare resources by awarding scholarships to nursing students and by providing high-impact program grants in health and human services-related fields. HNEF continues a 100-year history of supporting the care of individuals and the unaddressed healthcare needs of the Greater Houston area. The current Foundation, which was created in 1994, is the direct successor to the original Houston Settlement Association founded in 1908 and the subsequent Visiting Nurse Association of Houston.

Since 2016, GHCF has provided foundation services and scholarship management for HNEF. The GHCF foundation services team oversees daily business operations as well as facilitates HNEF's quarterly board meetings, organizes grant committee meetings, and facilitates site visits. The HNEF grants program provides direct financial assistance to qualified organizations dedicated to improving healthcare in the greater Houston community. For 2020, HNEF's funding priority is mental health issues, with an emphasis on child and adolescent mental health issues through education, identification/screening, and treatment.

GHCF plays an active role in managing HNEF's scholarship program from administering the online scholarship application and awards process to facilitating scholarship candidate interviews. HNEF's scholarship program provides academic financial assistance to individuals who demonstrate the desire and ability to pursue a professional nursing career in the Greater Houston community and who have demonstrated financial need. During the time that HNEF and GHCF have partnered together to award outstanding nursing scholars, HNEF has awarded over 1 million dollars in scholarships to over 200 students.

HNEF president, Catherine Wile, shared the following:

"The staff at the GHCF is professional, bright, dedicated, and organized. Their guidance has helped our foundation operate according to best practices and with an increased level of accountability and efficiency. They work alongside us on our grant process and on our nursing scholarship program, and it is apparent that they share our enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment to our mission. In short, working with the GHCF has been a true pleasure."

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