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The Health Care Council of the Lehigh Valley released its Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) entitled “The Road to Health” in early 2016. The region-wide summary garnered input from area residents through focus groups in Lehigh and Northampton Counties and incorporated data from local, state, and national resources about disease, the environment, social factors, and individual behaviors. The Pool Trust provided funding for the CHNA and convened the agencies and partners who developed it. The Road to Health focused primarily on factors that impact health such as individual behaviors and habits, relationships, work, income, housing, education, and access to health care.

The issue of housing and the vital role that safe, clean, and affordable homes play in the health of children and families was one finding from the CHNA that rose to the top. In response, The Pool Trust organized the “Strengthening Community Development Efforts through Multi-Sector Partnerships – How Housing Impacts Us All” symposium to connect local community service agencies and to educate them on the relationship between housing and health for the most vulnerable populations. Its goal was to bring leaders of related fields out of their respective “silos” and encourage the agencies to work together to address this issue and find collective impact solutions.

Access to prenatal care for at-risk women was another issue that came out of the CHNA. Improving the health of pregnant women and young children in Center City Allentown through early intervention home visits is the goal of the Allentown Children’s Health Improvement Project. The Pool Trust provided a $1.91 million, 30-month grant that brings together Lehigh Valley Health Network’s (LVHN) Department of Community Health and Women and Children’s services along with the Children’s Hospital at Lehigh Valley Hospital and the Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley in a partnership. A staff of bilingual community health workers from the neighborhood surrounding the Neighborhood Improvement Zone operates out of PNLV’s Allentown Promise Neighborhood office in downtown Allentown.

The Trust funded a planning grant called “The Future for Nursing 2020 - Inspiring a Culture of Inquiry.” LVHN nursing leaders will explore structure and processes that promote experimentation and innovation within two focused domains: Evidenced-Based Practice and Research; and Professional Excellence. It builds on the successes of the LVHN nurse residency program and their achievements as a Magnet facility.

The Pool Trust awarded four grants in 2016 totaling $2,260,010. We will continue to focus on key health indicators from sources such as the CHNA. We know that these investments in the health of our community will continue to see returns in the years to come through a healthier population and an enhanced health care system.

Edward F. Meehan
Executive Director

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Background and History

The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust

The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust came into being upon the death of Leonard Parker Pool on December 27, 1975. Mr. Pool amassed a financial fortune as founder and long-time chief executive of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. He directed that the Trust be named as a memorial for his first wife, Dorothy Rider Pool, who died of cancer in 1967.

The mission of The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust is to serve as a resource that enables Lehigh Valley Hospital to be a superior regional hospital and improve the health of the citizens of the region it serves.

While the Trust welcomes all proposals supportive of its mission, areas of program support include:

- Community Engagement
- Primary Care / Community-Based Workforce Development
- Care System Redesign

The Trust operates as a public charitable trust. Led by a small and dedicated staff, the Trust, with the assistance of local, regional and national advisors, addresses the needs of the citizens of the Lehigh Valley and supports programs to meet those needs.

“During my lifetime I have had an intense interest concerning health care for my fellowman. This interest was first expressed as an active trustee of the Allentown Hospital Association and, more recently, as a founder, director, and president of the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center, Inc.

Because of this interest, upon my death, I wish to have the residue of my estate used for the continued provision of health care to the citizens of the Lehigh Valley and others served by the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center (now Lehigh Valley Health Network).

- Leonard Parker Pool
## Pool Trust Statement of Financial Position

### December 31, 2016

**ASSETS**
- Cash $38,469
- Investments, at fair value $80,900,820
- Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trust $807,000
- Prepaid expenses and other assets $74,695

**Total assets** $81,820,984

**LIABILITIES**
- Accrued expenses and other liabilities $40,499

**Total liabilities** $40,499

**NET ASSETS**
- Unrestricted -
- Temporarily restricted
  - Trust corpus $54,080,846
  - Trust income $27,383,239
  - Other $316,400

**Total net assets** $81,780,485

**Total assets** $81,820,984

The financial statements for the Trust for the year ended December 31, 2016 have been examined by the accounting firm of BBD, LLP. A detailed financial report, as examined by BBD, LLP, is available at the Trust office upon request.
LVHN Department of Pediatrics
Allentown Children’s Health Improvement Project (ACHIP): A Community Partnership
$1,913,010 over 30 months

Started in May 2016, the Allentown Children’s Health Improvement Project is an initiative led by a partnership between the Lehigh Valley Health Network Department of Community Health, the Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital, and the Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley’s Allentown Promise Neighborhood (APN).

This grant supports the implementation of ACHIP over a 30-month period. The program’s primary goal is to improve the health of pregnant women and young children in Center City Allentown through ongoing home visits by Community Health Workers that focus on connections to resources and education. A secondary goal is testing an innovative approach to improving population health using community partnerships, family-centered assessments, targeted connections and interventions, and a focus on the child as the critical link to future health and wellbeing of populations.

The goals of ACHIP are being achieved using a proactive team-based approach with community health workers from and embedded into the community as the critical component. Their work is further supported by behavioral health services and nurse navigation. Community partnerships are also a critical component of this community-based approach, including partnerships with Community Services for Children, Sacred Heart Hospital, Lehigh Valley Children’s Centers, Nurse-Family Partnership, the Salvation Army, and the Allentown Health Bureau.

Community health workers participated in a 200-hour training program. The entire team and community collaborators were trained in an evidence-based parent education curriculum, and the ACHIP team established a downtown Allentown office within APN. Enrollment of families began in November 2016, with 80 families enrolled in the program in its first six months.
LVHN Patient Care Services and Division of Education

Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health II

$247,000 for 5 months

One of the major recommendations in the “Institute of Medicine’s Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health” report called for the implementation of nurse residency programs.

The first phase of this grant, awarded in 2013, was key in launching a nationally branded nurse residency program, known as the Vizient/American Association of Colleges of Nursing Nurse Residency Program™. The primary focus of the evidence-based program is to engage new registered nurses as critical thinkers and empower them as leaders. All newly licensed, baccalaureate-prepared LVHN nurses participate in the one-year program.

Core components include establishing a year-long relationship with a masters prepared, experienced RN who functions as facilitator / coach; interactive seminars on engaging topics related to becoming a professional nurse; and completion of an evidence-based practice project. The project immerses the new RN in the process and promotes the incorporation of research-based evidence into practice.

Beyond transition from advanced beginner to competent professional practice, the Nurse Residency Program provides nurses with a culture of support to promote retention, professional commitment, satisfaction, and development. Nurse Residency graduates have initiated practice changes, served in formal authority and preceptor roles, participated on shared government councils, and presented at local and national conferences.

Since the launch, 810 new RNs have graduated or are currently in the Nurse Residency Program. The program has been invaluable in the recruitment of well-qualified BSN graduates in a competitive healthcare environment.
LVHN Development Department
21st Annual Gala ‘All That Jazz at Nite Lites’
$50,000 for one year

All funds raised through Lehigh Valley Health Network’s annual black tie gala, Nite Lites, allows the region’s premier medical facility to fulfill its mission to heal, comfort, and care for the people of our community. The event’s proceeds enable it to plan for and invest in the future, ensuring that residents’ family, friends and neighbors will always be able to rely on LVHN as their partner for better health. The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust’s support of Nite Lites assists LVHN in finding new ways to enhance the quality and accessibility of care.

One project that The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust’s support of Nite Lites 2016 helped to fund is the Pediatric Oncology Infusion and Play area, which will be located in the Children’s Specialty Center at the Cedar Crest campus, uniting it with other pediatric sub-specialties in the Center. Since children often play during their infusion therapy, the new space will be located directly adjacent to a large play area that will encompass interactive video games and tables for arts and crafts, and will be designed with curtained bays and modest wall divisions.

LVHN Patient Care Services
Future of Nursing 2020 - Inspiring a Culture of Inquiry
$50,000 for one year

The Future for Nursing - Inspiring a Culture of Inquiry planning grant will explore structure and processes that promote experimentation and innovation within two focused domains: Evidenced-Based Practice and Research, and Professional Excellence. It will build on the successes of LHVN’s Nurse Residency Program and its achievements as a Magnet facility.

The Paul Bosanac Research and Publication Award

The Bosanac Award is supported by the Pool Trust to encourage and recognize residents at Lehigh Valley Health Network who engage in scientific investigation and research.

The award is dedicated to the memory of the late Paul Bosanac, MD, who was Chief of the Renal Section of Surgery at The Allentown Hospital-Lehigh Valley Hospital Center. Bosanac was also instrumental in establishing the Research and Publication Support Service at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center (now Lehigh Valley Health Network).

The 2016 Bosanac Award was presented to Alan Cherney, MD, an Emergency Medicine PGY4, as the principal author of the paper titled “Emergency Medicine Resident Self-Assessment of Clinical Teaching: Comparison with Medical Student and Physician Assistant Student Perception.”

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