

2022 VCUMC Auxiliary Grant Recipients 7/13/2022

| | Department | Project Name | Description |
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| 1 | Acute OR TR Rehab Services | AOKS (Activity & Occupational Kits & Karts) | Mobile therapeutic intervention, leisure, and activity resource carts that increase caregiver and patient engagement in occupations during hospital admission with the goal of improved quality of care. |
| 2 | Arts in Healthcare | Therapeutic Artwork for Palliative Care at VCU Health | Palliative Care patients will select artwork to personalize their inpatient room. Arts in Healthcare will maintain a collection of fine art prints that patients can choose from during their stay and we will install the chosen art print in an interchangeable snap frame. |
| 3 | Arts in Healthcare | VCU Health Orchestra | The VCU Health Orchestra promotes and enhances relationships through rehearsals, performances and community outreach. For its fifth season, the orchestra plans to perform at Firehouse Theatre, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and Dogwood Dell. |
| 4 | Audiology | Camp Chat | 9th annual VCU audiology Camp CHAT (Children Hearing and Talking). This is a one-week summer camp for pediatric VCUHS Audiology patients who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing. |
| 5 | Center for Human-Animal Interaction | Dogs on Call | Dogs on Call provides therapy dog visits to patients, family, and team members at VCU Health free of charge in order to improve the health and well being of all who meet the dogs, and to contribute to a climate of positivity throughout VCU Health facilities. |
| 6 | Child Life-Pediatric ED | Comfort Cart | An accessible cart for staff to provide items of comfort to enhance coping in our pediatric patients with psychiatric; developmental and /or sensory needs. |
| 7 | Children Services of Brook Road Dental Clinic | CSBR Dental Clinic Treasure Chest | Provides inexpensive toys and treasures to the children we see in the dental program at Children's Services at Brook Road. |

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| 8 | Children Services of Richmond at VCU - Ped Therapy Services | CARRY program | CARRY (Cheap, Active, Resources Ready for You) provides manipulatives and materials to patients and families in outpatient pediatric therapy to improve carryover of therapeutic goals. |
| 9 | CHOR Glen Allen Therapy CenterC | GO BABY GO: Early Power Mobility Project | The Go Baby Go Program adapts ride-on cars to create power mobility options for children less than 4 years old. |
| 10 | Clinical Nutrition Services | Eating for Better Health:Shared Recipes for cancer prevention and survivorship | Construct and distribute a recipe book with previously shared recipes through programming implemented by Massey Cancer Center Integrative Health dietitian. Recipes illustrated will incorporate health cooking techniques, plant-based nutrients and/or lean protein options. |
| 11 | Clinical Nutrition Services | Picking your plate to prevent cancer: educating patients on how to build a USDA my plate or AICR New American Plate for Healthy Eating | Food models/replicas will be used in programming and 1:1 nutrition counseling to educate patients at Massey Cancer Center on how to build an AICR New American Plate and/or USDA MyPlate to help prevent cancer, promote cancer survivorship, and prevent chronic disease. |
| 12 | Comprehensive Stroke Center | Retreat and Refresh Stroke Camp | Since 2017, VCU Health has partnered with Retreat & Refresh Stroke Camp (RRSC) to host four successful stroke camps in Virginia. Camp allows stroke survivors and their caregivers to participate in a respite experience focused on support and education. |
| 13 | Coordinated Care and Continuum Integration | Pediatric Outpatient Clothing Closet | The pediatric outpatient clothing closet will be a resource that will be available for pediatric clinic patients. There are many times when we have children in the clinic that experience accidents that will ruin their clothing. We also have children that are in crisis, and clothing is an immediate resource for the family. This project will help alleviate clothing as a barrier. |

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| 14 | Coordinated Care and Continuum Integration | Bridging the Gap | This project will help support families who have newborns. Families are often in crisis and cannot purchase essential infant items such as formula. Many families unexpectedly face hardships at discharge and within the first couple of weeks after discharge. This program will serve as a safety net for families during the discharge process. |
| 15 | Coordinated Care and Post Acute Services | Caring Clothes Closet | Caring Clothes will be located in the Care Coordination offices and will provide basic clothing for adults being discharged from VCU Health Systems. |
| 16 | Coronary ICU | Improvement of care for the LT heart failure patient population in the coronary ICU | The Coronary Intensive Care Unit would like to use this grant to provide additional resources to support long term heart failure patients awaiting heart transplant and encourage engagement in the plan of care through increase mobility resources and diversionary activity. |
| 17 | Emergency Department | Sparrow Project | Since 2014, the Sparrow Project provides VCU Emergency patients, with complex needs and limited resources, the necessary clothing and hygiene items to facilitate their discharge. |
| 18 | Heart Failure Transitions | Heart Failure Navigator Readmissions Fund | Our team aims to prevent heart failure readmissions, promote better health outcomes, thus reducing costs to VCU Health. Research shows that patient education on HF self-care strategies to use at home are crucial. |
| 19 | Internal Medicine-Pulmonary | Right Heart Matters | Provide home scales for our pulmonary arterial hypertension patients who are in need. |
| 20 | Massey Cancer Center | Head Coverings for Cancer Patients | Head covering options for our oncology patients who have experienced hair loss as a side effect of cancer treatments. Our mission is to restore and maintain the quality of life for all cancer patients. |

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| 21 | Medicine Speciality Unit | Patient Comfort Items | Items to help patients be comfortable while they stay with us and to aid in their ability to cope with the hospital stay. Many of the items we stock include sensory equipment based on Snoezelen therapy recommendations, reading glasses, hair accessories, deodorant, blankets, hats, electric razors, night lights, headphones, ear plugs, hair brushes, radios to play music, activity books and reading materials, hygiene kits, crayons, colored pencils, and notebooks to name a few. |
| 22 | Medicine | Security Care Unit/Security Care Clinic Comfort Cart | By providing patients with the items in the SCU Care Committee Comfort Cart, we may bring comfort, provide high quality holistic care, increase patient satisfaction, and decrease moral distress. |
| 23 | MRICU | Medical Respiratory Intensive Care Unit Watson Room | Watson room is a safe, healing space for staff to retreat and find balance. Helps combat clinician burnout and turnover, increase patient and staff satisfaction, and increase patient and staff safety. |
| 24 | NICU with Maternal Fetal Medicine | Heartbeat Recordings for families with high risk of fetal demise | Offer the family a recording of the baby's heartbeat and put it in a teddy bear for them to have as a keepsake. |
| 25 | Obstetrics and Gynecology | Perinatal Loss Resources | Memory boxes, supportive books and reading materials help Obstetric patients and their families who suffer perinatal loss from a variety of circumstances. |
| 26 | Obstetrics and Gynecology | Supporting VCU OB MOTIVATE Families' Journeys Towards Recovery from the Disease of Addiction | Provide lockboxes for safe medication storage (harm reduction) and develop a recovery-milestone system to reward patients with mementos of their time in treatment (person-centered approach). |
| 27 | Occupational and Recreational Therapy | Game Rooms for VTCC Inpatient | Provide 2 game stations - one in Unit A and Unit B so each side can have a safe and appropriate game room. |
| 28 | Oncology | Mindfulness Meditation for Massey Cancer Center Patients | Provide 24/7 access for patients seeking benefits from the practice of mindfulness meditation by using mindfulness resources located on Massey Cancer Center's Integrative Health website. |

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| 29 | Orthopedic Surgery | Diabetic/Neuropathic Footwear Program | Custom made shoes have been shown to reduce secondary ulceration of the feet. This program is to provide footwear to patients who have had ulcerations and are unable to afford proper footwear. |
| 30 | OT/PT | Adult Psychiatry Clothing Closet | Providing clothing, undergarments, sock and shoes to patients in our care and have no access to such items. |
| 31 | OT/PT | Psychiatry Nature Murals | Nature murals in shared psychiatric day rooms in order to improve patient environment, reduce patient aggression, and improve the quality of patient's care during their inpatient psychiatry admission. |
| 32 | OT/PT | Comprehensive Development Care for NICU Patients | Provide a developmental kit for each patient room in the NICU to include positioning devices, nursing stool, crib, mobile, noise machine, activity gym, bouncy seat, boppy pillow, breast feeding pillow, books, rattles, as well as educational material for parents and staff. |
| 33 | Otolaryngology/Aud | Hearing Aid/Earmold | Provide hearing aid receivers, replacement parts and custom earmolds for patients who do not have the financial means to cover these costs. |
| 34 | Outpatient OT/PT | Lymphedema Compression Closet | "Compression Closet" for patients with lymphedema, who are not able to afford much needed compression garments for their, often time debilitating and painful lymphedema symptoms. |
| 35 | Patient Care Services | Healthcare Employee Wellness Initiative (HEWI) | Free unique learning opportunities for healthcare workers to explore multiple aspects of the healing arts such as creative writing, painting, pottery, improvisational comedy and gentle yoga to help combat feelings of burnout and stress. |
| 36 | Pediatric/Adolescent Medicine | Library of Resources for Transgender and Gender Non-conforming Youth | Library of resources to help our transgender patients thrive. This library would include books for youth of varying ages and their family members and gender-affirming garments that medical providers can use as examples to show families. |

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| 37 | Pediatric Allergy and Immunology | Clinic Patient Experience Improvement | Patient video and gaming systems in clinic to help pass the time and provide support and distraction to our pediatric patients during procedures. |
| 38 | Pediatric Endocrinology | Camp WannaCure 2023 | 14th year of providing a week long day camp for 30 children, ages 5-11 with Type 1 & 2 diabetes. Camp is open to our patients and the community at large. |
| 39 | Pediatric Endocrinology-Healthy Lifestyles Center | Healthy Lifestyles Center Resources for Enhanced Care | Comprehensive team approach for the treatment and prevention of obesity and weight-related medical conditions. Services to support patients and their families as well as meet the growing treatment demand. |
| 40 | Pediatric Emergency | Books for Pediatric Emergency Department patients | Purchase developmentally and culturally appropriate books to be given to patients in the Pediatric Emergency Department. |
| 41 | Pediatric Emergency | Thermometers for Ped ED | This project is to provide families with thermometers and instructions on how to accurately take their children's temperatures, assisting them to care for their sick child at and aid in their decision regarding whether or not their child needs to be seen by a medical professional. |
| 42 | Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition | Recipe Book: A guide to blending complete nutrition for children's gastrostomy tube feedings | Printing of recipe books to support families wanting to blend homemade tube feeding for their child needing partial or complete nutrition with a gastrostomy tube. |
| 43 | Pediatric ICU | Compassion Care Packages | Compassion care packages for members of the patient care team who cared for a patient who passed. Acknowledges the excellent care provided for a patient, moving from life to death. |
| 44 | Pediatrics, Neonatology | NICU Support Program | Develop an onsite parent support program for newborn intensive care unit (NICU) patients' caregivers. This program will involve a scheduled one-hour, twice weekly parent meet-up sessions facilitated by volunteer NICU healthcare team members. |

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| 45 | Pediatric Primary Care | Thermometers for Primary Care | Provide thermometers to patients and families in the pediatric primary care clinics in the Children's Pavilion (Pods G & H) who have either lost their home thermometer or have never had one. |
| 46 | Pediatric Pulmonary | Environmental Remediation and Education of Pediatric Asthma | Support patient education and to reduce adverse environmental exposures in the homes of our at risk patient families. |
| 47 | Pediatric Surgery | Gastrostomy Emergency Bag | Provide emergency gastrostomy replacement supplies along with feeding supplies that are organized and close by allows for ease of care and improved patient/family satisfaction. |
| 48 | Pediatric Trauma Program | Shine a Green Light | Safe Kids Virginia, a program of the Pediatric Trauma Program, will provide safety education and resource to children, families and staff with the goal of preventing unintentional injuries. |
| 49 | Pediatrics | Breast Pumps for Uninsured Mothers | Purchase double electric breast pumps for uninsured lactating women having difficulty with breastfeeding and who are at high risk for an inadequate breast milk supply. |
| 50 | Pediatrics | Lactation clinic insulated bags and ice packs | Purchase insulated bags and ice packs to send Pasteurized Donor Human Milk home with patients. |
| 51 | Pediatrics | Virtual Reality for Pediatric Inpatient Symptom Management | Multimodal virtual reality (VR) technology tools to aid pediatric patients' recovery, pain management, and coping. |
| 52 | Psychiatric, Adult Inpatient, BERRT | Items for Behavioral Health Emergencies | Provide therapeutic tools when responding to behavioral health emergencies throughout the hospital. Items include weighted blankets, fidget blankets, boxes, and adult toys which are helpful for patients with dementia. We also would like to supply simple craft and art activities for these patients. |

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| 53 | Psychiatry and Neonatal Continuing Care Program | Improving care for our tiniest NICU Graduates: Using technology to address psychosocial needs | Use iPads to conduct psychosocial needs evaluations during the NCCP appointments, which our NICU psychologist and/or social worker can use to address concerns onsite. |
| 54 | Psychiatry and Neonatology | Baby steps:Visually tracking premature infant milestones and parent care involvement in the NICU | Create a visual tracking system that tracks parent involvement and infant progress, in order to promote parent engagement on the unit, reinforce parental role, and make the NICU environment feel more like home for families. |
| 55 | Psychiatry | Expanded Patient Library | Patient library will continue to provide free and appropriate therapeutic, educational, and recreational reading materials to all patients receiving inpatient psychiatric treatment on North 3 and North 4. |
| 56 | Rehab Services | Equipping Families for Safe and Healthy Feeding | Provide families of medically fragile infants with feeding difficulties with specialized bottle-feeding systems that improve feeding outcomes. |
| 57 | Senior Services-Elder Care Support Services | Eldercare Library | Provide on-the-go resources for employees navigating health changes and crises related to their older loved ones. |
| 58 | Speech-Language Pathology | Foster family supplies to support feeding and early language development in the foster child | Care packages will include developmentally appropriate books, feeding modalities (i.e. sippy cups, spoons, bottles), and toys to facilitate language development and promote positive feeding experiences for those in foster care. |
| 59 | Spiritual Care | Team Engagement and Appreciation (TEA) Cart | Evidenced-based interaction with the goal of offering care to care givers. This well being intervention provides team member the opportunity to be cared for, to have a listening ear, and a brief moment of respite during their shift. The goal is to address Moral Injury and encourage wellbeing. |

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| 60 | Spiritual Care | VCUH Bereavement Program | Provide bereavement booklets at the time of death; provide cards for the unit bereavement coordinators to send to families over the period of a year after death. Send holiday letter to over 1200 families with strategies for coping. |
| 61 | Surgery | GRACY (Get Real about choices and consequences for you) | Offers participants involved with impaired driving, alcohol, & substance misuse the unique opportunity to observe the patient care continuum through an interactive educational program addressing the choices and consequences of reckless behavior. |
| 62 | Surgery | A Matter of Balance | A Matter of Balance is an evidence-based, nationally recognized 8-week group program that teaches fall prevention strategies to older adults in the community. |
| 63 | Surgery | Project Empower | EMPOWER supports patients, employees, and students through emergency room crisis support, forensic accompaniment, advocacy across medical and legal needs, obtaining shelter, and social/emotional support. Empower also trains medical providers in appropriate screening and identification of survivors with trauma-informed response. |
| 64 | Surgery | Provide Backpacks for EMU patients | Provide comfort and mobility for pediatric patients by giving the patient a backpack to hold the EEG headbox during their admission to the Epilepsy Monitoring Unity. |
| 65 | Surgery | Provide Nilly Noggins for EMU Patients | Provide comfort for pediatric patients by giving the patient control of choosing a colorful cap that helps normalize the medical procedure of having to be connected to a long-term EEG. |
| 66 | Therapy Services | Ready, Set...Read! | Provide 1,680 children's book packets and parent education over twelve months to 3-7 year-old patients receiving therapy services at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU Outpatient Therapy Centers. |

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| 67 | Transitional Care Unit-CHOR | Family Fun Day | Residents parents/guardians and siblings can have a Thanksgiving meal with their children. Recreation therapy would provide games and decorations. |
| 68 | Trauma Program | Stop the Bleed Continuing Initiative | Augment continuing initiative of providing Stop the Bleed training, to internal responders and the public. |
| 69 | Trauma Program | Trauma Survivors Network | Developed in 2008 by the American Trauma Society in order to help trauma centers provide support and services to trauma patients and their families during their recovery from serious injury. |
| 70 | Women's and Childrens | Family Life Education | With the Parham Road Facility and new Prenatal Care sites, we are able to increase access to attend Family Life classes. This grant would facilitate the purchase additional simulation models that culturally represent the families who participate and facilitate interactive and engaging education. |