

MOBILE HEALTHCARE PROGRAM RECEIVES RECOGNITION, CASH GRANT

The Street Medicine Program at The Night Ministry was awarded the VNA Foundation Anne M. Davis Mobile Health Award for delivering much-needed care to people living on the streets of Chicago.

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The Night Ministry received the 2019 Anne M. Davis Mobile Health Award and a \$10,000 gift from the VNA Foundation for its outstanding work bringing free health care, supportive services and survival resources directly to Chicago's homeless population through its innovative Street Medicine Program. The Anne M. Davis Mobile Health Award, named in honor of a longstanding VNA volunteer and board member, recognizes a Foundation grantee that uses mobile health services in a particularly innovative, effective and impactful way.

Street Medicine team members travel the streets of Chicago, addressing the immediate health care needs of their clients while building supportive relationships and linking them to further care and resources such as housing. The free health care provided by The Night Ministry is the only medical attention most Street Medicine clients receive. Last year, the Street Medicine Program made 3,436 outreach contacts, provided 312 health assessments, treated 197 health conditions that otherwise would have gone uncared for, and prevented 120 trips to the emergency room, saving the public health system \$111,000 in ER costs.

In addition to its Street Medicine Program, The Night Ministry brings health care into underserved neighborhoods through its Health Outreach Bus Program and provides housing for young people through five Youth Housing Programs.

For more information about The Night Ministry's Street Medicine Program, visit <https://www.thenightministry.org/blog/street-medicine-a-new-frontier>.

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About the VNA Foundation:

VNA Foundation was founded in 1890 as the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago, an organization that employed its own nurses and other health professionals to provide health care to the underprivileged. Among its founders was pioneering social activist and Nobel Prize winner Jane Addams. Since 1995, however, the VNA Foundation has not provided direct nursing services. Instead, VNA has operated exclusively as a grantmaking foundation, giving financial support to nonprofit organizations offering home- and community-based care to the medically underserved. In FY 2019, the VNA Foundation awarded 61 grants amounting to \$2.5 million. Recipients of the grants include a variety of agencies providing healthcare and health services to working poor families, people experiencing homelessness, and other disenfranchised populations. For more information on the VNA Foundation, please visit www.vnafoundation.net.