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## Sen. Smith Applauds Missouri Foundation for Health's Grants to 4<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis, is proud to announce that seven different community organizations in the 4<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District will share in more than \$600,000 is grants from the Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH). The MFH is the largest, non-governmental funder of community health activities in the state.

"Caring for the people of our district is one of my highest obligations and priorities as a state senator," said Sen. Smith. "I am glad that an organization as fine as the Missouri Foundation for Health has stepped up to the plate to help us to those ends."

The grants range from about \$50,000 to \$100,000 each and are given in two categories: 1. Basic Support grants — paying ongoing costs (salaries, equipment, etc.) for organizations as diverse as the East Central Missouri Area Health Education Center, which trains students in medical and dental programs, to the St. Louis Peregrine Society, a community organization caring for cancer patients; and 2. Grants for Assessment and Planning — targeting St. Louis Connect Care's self management of chronic disease program.

The following St. Louis organizations received these awards:

## **Basic Support Grants:**

Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma	\$100,000
East Central Missouri Area Health Education Center	\$100,000
New Beginnings C-STAR, Inc.	\$100,000
St. Louis Peregrine Society, Inc.	\$100,000

American Liver Foundation, Missouri Chapter	\$100,000
House of Pais, Inc.	\$ 53,562

## **Grants for Assessment and Planning:**

St. Louis Connect Care

\$ 52,597

Coalition Assessment of Self Management of Chronic Diseases: Assess approximately 300 ConnectCare clients currently being treated for one or more of the three target chronic diseases.

"The services these organizations provide are an invaluable part of our community," said Sen. Smith. "I thank the Missouri Foundation for Health for its generous gift to those who need it most."

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