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**Greater Rochester Health Foundation in Partnership with
Rochester Area Community Foundation Invests \$2.1 Million
to Expand Local Health Equity Resources**

(Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2025) — Greater Rochester Health Foundation and Rochester Area Community Foundation are proud to announce a funding partnership resulting in an additional \$440,035 awarded to non-profit organizations in the region, bringing the total investment in expanding health equity resources to \$2.1 million.

The Health Foundation's Responsive Grantmaking initiative, Call for Ideas, supports community-driven solutions that address the root causes of health inequities and reflects the principles of trust, equity, and community-led change. Rochester Area Community Foundation sees access to good healthcare as one of the essential supports people need from their communities. This funding partnership reflects the Community Foundation's commitment to leveraging complementary strengths to address critical community needs.

Together, the foundations have expanded the reach of available funding to support more organizations doing critical, on-the-ground work across the region. In all, 32 grassroots and non-profit organizations have been awarded grants across a nine-county area of service: Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates Counties.

During this time, when new threats to health equity emerged across the nonprofit sector, the Greater Rochester Health Foundation and Rochester Area Community Foundation recognized the importance of investing in mental health, basic human needs, and food security. Both foundations prioritized support for LGBTQIA+ individuals, immigrant and migrant communities, veterans, and people with disabilities—and that commitment will continue.

“We are grateful to Rochester Area Community Foundation for partnering with us in this effort,” said Matthew Kuhlenbeck, president and CEO of Greater Rochester Health Foundation. “Their investment reflects a shared commitment to health equity, helping to ensure that more community-rooted organizations across our region receive the support they need to continue their vital work.”

“These days, we are asking nonprofits to do more, to do it more efficiently, and to partner with one another to maximize every dollar. In philanthropy we are doing the same,” said Simeon Banister, president and CEO of Rochester Area Community Foundation. “This partnership leverages the combined expertise of the Community Foundation and the Health Foundation to deliver lasting impact for our community.”

Call for Ideas, part of the Health Foundation's Responsive Grantmaking, has awarded more than \$17 million since 2020. This approach emphasizes flexible funding, co-created solutions, and deep partnership with community-led organizations that are reimagining systems and services to create healthier, more just communities.

About Greater Rochester Health Foundation

Centered in equity, the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is on a mission to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive. The Health Foundation is a private, self-endowed nonprofit grantmaking organization committed to making a difference across communities in the Greater Rochester Region.

About Rochester Area Community Foundation

In partnership with generous philanthropists and community partners, Rochester Area Community Foundation works to improve the quality of life for people who live and work in the eight-county region through its leadership and strategic grantmaking. As a leading grantmaker, the Foundation is focused on two broad goals: creating an equitable community and strengthening our region's vitality. Since 1972, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$740 million in grants and scholarships.

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