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Coalfield Health Center awarded grant to expand pediatric, adult mental and behavioral health services in Logan County

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – The Pallottine Foundation of Huntington recently awarded *Coalfield Health Center* in Chapmanville a \$160,000 Core Priorities grant to expand its pediatric and adult mental and behavioral health services in Logan County.

Funding will enable Coalfield Health Center to offer comprehensive pediatric services that include individual and group therapy, play therapy, medication support, and case management, to children with autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, anxiety, depression, and other diagnoses. The grant will also support a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program for individuals struggling with substance use disorder to provide psychiatric care, medication assistance, mental health therapy, case management, and peer recovery support.

“Coalfield Health Center is honored to have been selected for grant funding from the Pallottine Foundation to expand our outpatient behavioral health program,” said Kristin Dial, Executive Director of Coalfield Health Center. “This grant will specifically allow Coalfield to effectively address a community need around access to pediatric psychiatry and wraparound services for young people in our region, including those struggling with substance abuse. Our goal is to create a healthier future for our youth, with early and comprehensive intervention made possible by the generosity of the Pallottine Foundation.”

Laura Boone, CEO of the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington, said mental and behavioral health programs like those at Coalfield Health Center are especially needed in rural communities like Logan County.

“The substance use disorder crisis is severely impacting the mental and behavioral health of families, particularly children, in Logan County,” Boone explained. “While the county ranks highest in the nation for its depression rate, there are few mental and behavioral health professionals who provide treatment and services in the area. The expansion of services at Coalfield Health Center will increase access to care and add highly qualified professionals who can provide treatment and connect people to other resources.”

Coalfield will implement these programs with additional support from Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and Logan Healthcare Foundation.

About the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington

The Pallottine Foundation of Huntington was established in 2018 with proceeds from the sale of St. Mary’s Medical Center, and continues the legacy established by the Pallottine Missionary Sisters of caring for the spiritual, emotional and physical health of those in the region. The Foundation focuses its efforts on food insecurity, mental and behavioral health, substance use disorder, tobacco cessation, capacity building, and health and wellness. For more information, visit www.pallottinehuntington.org.

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