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Leadership Spotlight:



Read about how grants from Anne Arundel Women Giving Together put them on the front lines of suicide prevention.

By the time actor Robin Williams' recent death ignited yet another national debate about mental health, Anne Arundel Women Giving Together (AAWGT, Annapolis, Maryland) had authorized two back-to-back grants for a local group on the front lines of suicide prevention.

A \$13,000 grant was awarded to [Anne Arundel County Youth Suicide Awareness Action Team](#) to help fund an extensive community education and awareness campaign, an educational website www.achoiceolive.org, and a cutting edge mobile phone app called "Just in Case." Still in beta testing but soon to be released, the app will deliver timely information on suicide prevention as well as an array of local resources available with just a touch of a fingertip. The app

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With county officials estimating a suicide rate as high as 4 percent, nearly double the 2.3 percent national rate, AAWGT members voted in 2013 to award a grant focused on building awareness and resources related to youth suicide. This spring they voted to award a second grant of \$14,000 to the Youth Suicide Awareness Action Team to expand its work.

AAWGT members have been particularly impressed with the team's collaborative approach. "The term collective philanthropy is what giving circles are all about," says AAWGT President Karen Smith. "We were especially impressed with this Grantee's ability to leverage other community networks to multiply the impact of their efforts. They themselves reflect the power of collaboration and how you can broaden your impact by joining with others in the community."

Member Updates

WCGN is proud to announce the

Women's Impact Fund of Charlotte, NC

will host the fifth

2015 Leadership Forum

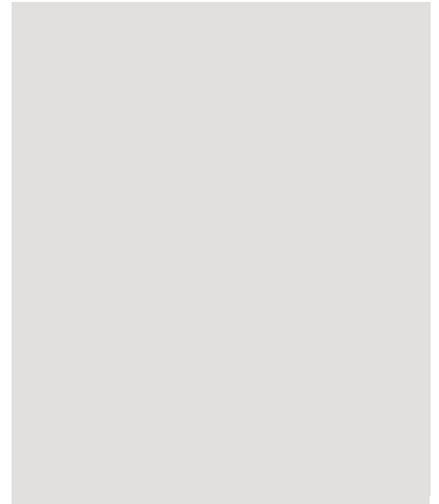


More details coming this fall!

offers users a list of statements to select from, such as "I can't cope," or "I'm worried about a friend," or "I might hurt myself" and appropriate information pops up on the screen.

Mental health surfaced as a high priority issue for AAWGT 18 months ago based on the results of a member survey AAWGT conducts annually.

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