



Mid Shore Pro Bono

## QLARANT FOUNDATION 2020 GRANT AWARDS



Bay Hundred Community Volunteers



Empty Bowls



Ulman Foundation

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## Agenda

### *A Virtual Celebration for the 2020-21 Qlarant Foundation Grantees*

9:30 am to 9:40 am	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b>—Molly Burgoyne-Brian, MD Chair, Qlarant Foundation Board of Directors</p> <p><b>About Qlarant Foundation</b>—Ronald G. Forsythe, Jr., PhD Chief Executive Officer, Qlarant</p> <p><b>About Qlarant</b>—Pat Boos Director of Marketing, Qlarant</p>
9:40 am to 9:50 am	<b>Grantee Introduction Video</b>
9:50 am to 10:10 am	<p><b>Grantee Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bay Hundred Volunteers</li> <li>• Breast Care for Washington, DC</li> <li>• Calvary Women's Services</li> <li>• Camp Attaway</li> <li>• Deep Roots</li> <li>• Eastern Shore Wellness Solutions</li> <li>• Girls in the Game</li> <li>• Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health</li> <li>• Helping Up Mission</li> <li>• Mid-Shore Pro Bono</li> <li>• Miriam's Kitchen</li> <li>• Shepherd's Clinic</li> <li>• Talbot County Empty Bowls</li> <li>• Ulman Foundation</li> <li>• University Legal Services</li> <li>• University Medical System Foundation—Breathmobile</li> </ul>
10:10 am to 10:20 am	<b>Answers to the Thought Question of the Day</b>
10:20 am to 10:25 am	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b>—Dominic Szwaja, PA, Vice Chair, Qlarant Foundation Board of Directors</p>
10:25 am to 10:30 am	<b>Questions and Comments</b>



### University of Maryland Medical System Foundation \$40,000



University of Maryland Children's Hospital Breathmobile Program received the annual Goldgeier award. The mission of the Breathmobile Program is to provide free asthma specialty care services to underserved Baltimore City children, with the goal of controlling their chronic, incurable medical condition and enabling them to stay in school and lead full, productive lives. The program results in improved asthma outcomes, including decreased hospitalizations, decreased emergency department visits, decreased missed school days and improvement in asthma control.

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**University Legal Services**  
**\$25,000**

The University Legal Services’ Jail and Prison Advocacy Project (JPAP) promotes access to community-based health care and mental health care by District of Columbia residents with mental illness who are incarcerated in DC and in Federal Bureau of Prison facilities throughout the country. JPAP provides transition services prior to and following release, which are critical to ensure individuals’ access to physical and mental health care and facilitates reestablishment of their community ties upon release. JPAP helps people reconnect with their former providers or identify new ones and advocates for more intensive mental health services if needed.

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In this environment of social distancing, we are so pleased to meet you “virtually” to get acquainted with you and share information about your programs. Today we celebrate our 16 grantees’ programs supporting healthcare-related quality improvement efforts throughout Maryland and Washington, DC.

Funding decisions for the 2020-2021 grants—ranging from \$5,000 to \$40,000 per grant—were determined by the project’s potential to impact improved access to quality healthcare and human services. This year, Qlarant Foundation reviewed 77 applicants that proposed a wide range of projects including uninsured and underinsured patients, under-served communities and at-risk populations.

“The grant applications proposed support a wide-range of health and health-related social issues that the Qlarant Foundation has not previously encountered. I am especially pleased with these organizations’ efforts to continue to serve their clients in the current coronavirus environment. Their efforts speak volumes about their flexibility and commitment to providing healthcare and improving the lives of at-risk clients.”

*Dr. Molly Burgoyne-Brian, Chair, Qlarant Foundation Board of Directors*

“These organizations are so creative in their ability to identify and meet the needs of a population that often goes unnoticed. We are pleased to be able to be partners with organizations that do so much to improve the health status of so many underserved and vulnerable people in their communities.”

*Dr. Catherine Smoot-Haselnus, Chair, Qlarant Board of Directors*

“The selection of grantees is the most difficult task for the Qlarant Foundation Board of Directors. All of the applicants offer outstanding programs for very deserving people. We are pleased to fund their initiatives that are so instrumental in improving the health status of their community.”

*Ronald G. Forsythe, Jr., PhD, Qlarant Foundation, Chief Executive Officer*

***Since 2006, the Qlarant Foundation has awarded over \$5.6 million to 80 different organizations in Maryland and Washington, DC.***

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### Bay Hundred Community Volunteers \$15,000

Bay Hundred Community Volunteers has been providing home repair services for the residents of Talbot County for over 20 years. They specialize in building wheelchair ramps to eliminate barriers to obtaining medical care for residents with functional disabilities and to reduce isolation and loneliness. The organization is modernizing its program to build modular aluminum ramps. These ramps are light, easy to assemble and can be re-used. Volunteers can construct more ramps and can respond more quickly to requests.



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## QLARANT FOUNDATION 2020 PREVIOUSLY FUNDED GRANT AWARDEE



### Shepherd's Clinic \$15,000

Shepherd's Clinic provides comprehensive health care and wellness services for underserved adults in Baltimore who cannot afford commercial insurance, yet do not qualify for government assistance. Qlarant Foundation continues its support of the Behavioral Health Program, which was expanded to include primary care for opioid treatment. The program assesses patients' mental health needs and provides psychotherapy and psychiatry services, treatment, case management resources and psychoeducation sessions.



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Miriam's Kitchen  
\$25,000

Miriam's Kitchens' mission is to end chronic homelessness in the District of Columbia by honoring guests' dignity, encouraging a sense of belonging, and bringing about lasting change. The Social Services Program improves access to behavioral and physical health services for a high-risk population of older adults who are homeless and disabled by serious mental illness, chronic medical problems, and substance use disorders. As part of the program, Miriam's Kitchen invites their guests to the dining room for a meal, where doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, social workers, and lawyers are on hand to help them. In addition, the organization provides them a wide range of essential services from clean clothes and toiletries to mail pickup and voice mail.

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The Child Advocacy Program was established to address the dramatic increase in requests for legal assistance for families with children impacted by the opioid crisis. The program provides "Kinship Care" to caregivers, such as grandparents, other relatives or neighbors who are seeking legal custody of a minor child whose parents are unable to care for them as a result of opioid addiction. Without legal custody, caregivers may be prevented from providing health care and education for the children. Legal custody is required to obtain mental health treatment, school enrollment, and permission to participate in school activities. Mid-Shore Pro Bono provides free direct legal representation for these caregivers.



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### Talbot County Empty Bowls \$5,000

Talbot County Empty Bowls is an independent, totally volunteer, grassroots organization with the twin mission to strive to eliminate hunger insecurity one bowl at a time and to raise awareness in the community of this serious and fundamental issue.

The organization hosts an annual event where, for \$20, 375 people receive soup, bread and a cookie. They take the “empty bowl” home to be remind them “of those for whom the next meal is not a given.” The bowls are donated by painters at KilnBorn Creations, the Academy of the Arts Studio, and high school students. Left-over bowls are sold at the Easton Farmers Market to raise funds and awareness and all proceeds are donated to food pantries.

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### Helping Up Mission \$25,000

Helping Up Mission provides hope to people experiencing homelessness, poverty or addiction by meeting their physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs. Qlarant Foundation continues to support Health Insurance Services and Oral Health Care for men and women who are experiencing substance use disorders, homelessness, and poverty, and are participating in long-term residential addiction recovery programs.

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maternal health and well-being of women in the community.



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Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health  
\$15,000

Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health is a safe haven dedicated to improving the maternal health and well-being of women in the community. The programs ensure that pregnant women and women of childbearing age gain the skills necessary for continued success and growth. Qlarant continues support for Project H.O.P.E. (Holistic Opportunities for Prevention and Education). Women in this project receive the benefits of high quality, evidence-based client care programs to close the gap in medical and behavioral health services throughout the Lower Eastern Shore.

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Ulman Foundation  
\$15,000

Ulman House is a free-of-charge residential program for adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer patients and their caregivers. The program reduces the financial burden of patients during their cancer treatment and allows them greater access to quality care at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, the University of Maryland Medical Center and the Maryland Proton Treatment Center.

Ulman's Patient Navigation program is also available to Ulman House residents. It specializes in the needs of the AYA patients and their special circumstances. These include fertility preservation, coping with a life interrupted in its prime and the additional age-group appropriate resources needed to support their cancer journey.



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## Breast Care for Washington, DC \$40,000

Breast Care for Washington, DC is committed to reducing breast cancer mortality by promoting access to screening, diagnostics, and treatment to all women regardless of their ability to pay. With Qlarant Foundation's support in 2019, the organization successfully launched the Mobile Mammography Program, expanding access to critical lifesaving mammography screening to significantly more women across the District and Maryland. The fixed site continues to bring high-quality screening and diagnostic services to a vulnerable population that has limited access to medical services. By ensuring that as many women as possible are able to access mammography screenings, Breast Care for Washington, DC seeks to detect cancers in the earliest stages possible, when it is highly treatable resulting in the best health outcomes possible.



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## Girls in the Game \$10,000

Girls in the Game promotes the health and wellness of girls of color in underserved communities in Baltimore City by providing education and fitness programming at no cost to participants. The curriculum addresses significant issues such as smart eating, body image, bullying, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, diversity, and goal setting.

In addition to the Baltimore After School Program, Girls in the Game has expanded its program to include Teen Squad, a city-wide leadership program for teen age girls. The organization also holds monthly Saturday Game Days to keep girls engaged on the weekends

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### Eastern Shore Wellness Solutions \$25,000

Eastern Shore Wellness Solutions is a community-based, health equity advocate created to influence change and advance racial equity for all marginalized and underserved populations on Maryland's Eastern Shore through awareness, education and outreach. Qlarant Foundation supports the Community Health Outreach Workers Program to improve health care delivery to the disadvantaged populations in Dorchester and Caroline counties. The program provides care coordination for English and Spanish speaking participants and their primary care providers. The focus of the program is on families impacted by chronic conditions, including diabetes, hypertension and asthma.

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### Calvary Women's Services \$20,000

Calvary Women's Services empowers homeless women in Washington, DC to transform their lives through housing, health, education and employment programs. Qlarant Foundation supports the expansion of the Holistic Health Program to serve more women at the new housing program, Reach Up. The program includes personalized case management, life skills and education opportunities, job training and placement services, health and wellness services, on-site therapy, and daily addiction recovery meetings.

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**Camp Attaway**  
**\$30,000**

Camp Attaway’s mission is to nurture the mind, body, and spirit of children who are at risk because of an inability to manage their emotions and behaviors. This therapeutic program serves children ages 7-13 with complex emotional and behavioral disorders, many of whom carry multiple diagnoses. These conditions include post traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, fetal alcohol, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism, and oppositional and intermittent explosive disorders. At Camp Attaway, children learn how to break out of their negative cycles and learn how to recognize and control their emotions and behaviors while enjoying sports, nature, art, rock climbing, and swimming.



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**Deep Roots**  
**\$20,000**

Deep Roots is doing everything possible to help permanently end homelessness in Cecil County. The “Surviving to Thriving” project provides a comprehensive employment program to all families who come to the shelter as well as extends full support services to families who have moved offsite and back into the community. These services include food, clothing, case management, community resource support, educational opportunities, as well as outings, school supplies, mentors, and tutors for the children.



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