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## Siemens Foundation Provides \$75K to Memphis Health Center in Tennessee to Support COVID-19 Recovery and Social Equity

- **Memphis Health Center, Inc., (MHC) is one of eight additional community health centers receiving financial support from the non-profit organization, raising the total to more than \$2M to 20 providers since April.**
- **Locations chosen to address the needs of the medically underserved, underrepresented and uninsured, advancing the Foundation's long-term commitment to social equity and justice.**

The [Siemens Foundation](#) today announced it is providing \$75,000 to the Memphis Health Center (MHC) in Memphis, Tenn., to help in the COVID-19 crisis recovery and address racial disparities in accessing quality, affordable healthcare. This community health center is one of eight receiving financial support from the non-profit organization established by Siemens USA. These grants complement the \$1.5 million in grants provided by the Siemens Foundation in April to 12 community health centers across the country.

MHC is a non-profit 501(c)3 federally qualified community health center that provides a comprehensive array of primary and preventive health and dental services to the uninsured/underinsured and medically underserved populations of Memphis, Shelby and Fayette counties. . In 2019, MHC provided medical services for 20,713 patients during 71,804 clinic visits. MHC operates five locations, which includes two homeless sites within its service area, and provides internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, podiatry, ophthalmology, pharmacy, laboratory, radiology, mammography, nephrology, student health services, HIV/AIDS ambulatory care, homeless medical care, social services, pharmacy, behavioral health/substance abuse and oral health services. MHC's mission to improve

community health and well-being for the citizens of Shelby and Fayette counties is achieved through an integrated program of comprehensive, culturally sensitive, quality health care services under a primary care delivery model emphasizing preventive care across the entire life cycle.

According to **Willeen W. Hastings Chief Executive Officer of MHC**, "In keeping with our mission, we are doing everything we can to help control and contain the impact of COVID-19. We are screening and testing as many people as possible to identify positive individuals and provide the appropriate care as needed for all people in need regardless of ability to pay. The funding from the Siemens Foundation will allow MHC to expand COVID-19 testing among people of color, particularly African Americans. The ability to test in underserved communities plays a pivotal role in mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

"COVID-19 has created an unprecedented crisis for our state, yet we have seen an unmatched response from the private sector to ensure Tennesseans have access to the care that they need. We thank the Siemens Foundation for their generous support of the Memphis Health Center as we all work together to ensure minority communities face no barriers during this pandemic," **said Tennessee Governor Bill Lee**.

"Thank you to the Siemens Foundation for its generous donation to Memphis Health Center. Sadly, minority communities have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus, and these funds will help to close the gap in access to quality care," **said Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)**.

The Siemens Foundation has made a commitment to support these critical healthcare providers so they can recover and rebuild from the repercussions of the pandemic. The grants reinforce the Foundation's continued resolve to promote diversity, equity and inclusion amid national efforts to address racism and promote racial justice.

"Six months into the pandemic, COVID-19 continues to disproportionately affect people of color, particularly Black people," said David Etwiler, CEO, Siemens Foundation. "Our commitment to eliminating health, education, and social justice disparities experienced by Black people is stronger than ever."

The community health centers were identified using equity criteria developed by the Siemens Foundation in consultation with the National Association of Community Health Centers and the Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers.

The centers will receive funds over the next few weeks and are free to allocate it where it is needed most.

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