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## Henry L. Hillman Foundation announces awardees of Healthy Aging Challenge

*Organizations will each receive \$500K for ideas to improve the lives of older adults in southwestern PA*

PITTSBURGH – At a time when health care workers have never been needed more, training and supporting community caregivers for older Pennsylvanians and providing the skilled care needed for those living with dementia emerged as prevailing themes of the four awardee proposals of the [Healthy Aging Challenge](#), announced this morning by the [Henry L. Hillman Foundation](#).

By 2030, southwestern Pennsylvania is expected to see a 40% increase in the number of people ages 65 and older<sup>1</sup>. Each awardee organization will receive \$500,000 from the foundation to implement its proposal to improve the lives of older adults in the region, with the funded work expected to bear early results over the next 12 months.

“As southwestern Pennsylvania’s population continues to decrease in size and grow older, it was imperative to the Henry L. Hillman Foundation to get ideas on the table to address the state of aging well in this region,” said David K. Roger, foundation president. “The four successful proposals of the Healthy Aging Challenge come from organizations and partnerships with extensive track records of caring for older populations and innovating to navigate around limited resources. We all get older, and the work that these organizations are doing now and in the future provides benefits to a wide cross section of the region’s population.”

The Henry L. Hillman Foundation launched the \$2 million Healthy Aging Challenge in January to encourage nonprofit organizations to submit ideas for transformational, equitable, and scalable opportunities to leverage the assets and value of the region’s aging population and support current and future caregiving. Partnerships with for-profit organizations, public health agencies, and educational institutions were encouraged, and all proposals had to include the participation of a member of the older adult community and/or a caregiver working in the field of elder care.

The four awardees and their proposals include:

- **Allegheny Health Network**, *AHN Aging Brain Care Program and Dementia Super Network*: building a program that wraps counseling and supports around dementia caregivers using an evidence-based model from Indiana University and experience from local experts.
- **Presbyterian SeniorCare Network**, *Collaborative Wellness Model for Low-Income Supportive Housing Residents*: demonstrating a care management framework for at-risk seniors in low-income supportive housing, integrating primary care and age-friendly

evidence-based practices with Presbyterian SeniorCare Network's current service coordination program.

- **University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Regional Dementia Caregiver Training and Employment Program:** increasing the skilled dementia caregiver workforces across all communities of Allegheny County.
- **Vintage, Inc. and Macedonia FACE, The Wise Neighbor Project: Promoting wellness through trusted engagement:** providing community-based, trusted and culturally responsive services that help elders improve the social determinants of their health and age in place.

The finalists were selected through a review process that included peer-to-peer evaluation among the 29 applicants and review by a panel of 27 local and national experts and industry leaders.

The self-identified project categories represented by the four awardees include integrating specialized training and dementia caregiver support in healthcare; age-friendly community development, including aging in place; skill-building and employment for professional caregivers; and improving social determinants of health using a racial equity lens. The projects are expected to serve people living in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, and Washington counties, with the potential to scale up to larger geographic areas in the future.

"We'd like to thank all the applicants for the time they took to craft their submissions and particularly the older adults and caregivers who were involved in every project team. Their guidance grounded each proposal, connecting it directly to the diverse needs of the aging community," said Lauri K. Fink, senior program officer for Henry L. Hillman Foundation. "We must also heartily thank the volunteers who participated in the application review process. Without their time and thoughtful consideration we wouldn't be able to share this exciting news today."

More information about the Healthy Aging Challenge and the Aging Well portfolio for the Henry L. Hillman Foundation can be found at [Healthyagingchallenge.org](https://www.healthylivingchallenge.org).

### About

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<sup>i</sup> Source: [Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging](https://www.southwesternpennsylvania.org).