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## **Advia Foundation Helps Community with \$25,000**

**Parchment, MI** – Funding college scholarships for bereaved high school students, providing free smoke alarms plus installation assistance for families in need, and purchasing groceries to help stock school food pantries are all examples of how the Advia Foundation helped its communities last year. In 2020, the Advia Foundation awarded a total of \$25,000 in Advancing Lives Grants to non-profit organizations in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

“With the devastating effects of COVID-19 on the communities we serve, it was more important than ever for the Advia Foundation to be able to answer the call for help from local non-profit organizations,” said Nancy Loftis, Advia Foundation President. “Supporting these key projects with Advancing Lives Grants allowed us the opportunity to help a wide range of community members.”

Advancing Lives Grant recipients and projects were as follows:

- American Red Cross in Michigan for their Home Fire Campaign. Smoke alarms and other resources were made available to families for free to prevent fire-related accidents.
- One Million Monarchs, Inc. of Illinois for their scholarships for bereaved high school students struggling with the loss of a parent or sibling.
- Dementia Friendly Community Initiative of Walworth County, Wisconsin for community training to recognize and assist community members living with dementia.
- Catholic Charities, Inc. Diocese of Madison for their Rock County, Wisconsin Community Connections program which provides adults with developmental disabilities daily community integration and meaningful activities.
- Communities In Schools of Michigan to purchase groceries for school food pantries and supplement weekend food packs for students in the Battle Creek School District.
- Parchment Schools of Michigan for their new initiative for district staff training related to social-emotional learning and positive behavior interventions.

**Non-profit organizations and individuals driving change in our communities can apply for Advancing Lives Grants online at [adviacu.org/foundation](http://adviacu.org/foundation).**

The Advia Foundation is also currently accepting applications for its annual Youth Scholarship Program which awards \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Applications are accepted online through March 12, 2021.

“We will continue to stay connected to the needs of our communities, and we look forward to reviewing Advancing Lives Grant applications throughout 2021,” said Loftis.

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