

# Magellan Cares Foundation gives grant awards to non-profits addressing suicide prevention in Cambria and Fayette counties

[Magellan Cares Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) organization committed to focusing on efforts to improve access to quality healthcare and related social supports, recently presented \$1,500 grant awards to the Fayette County Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Cambria County Suicide Prevention Task Force. These awards were presented during a community event in Fayette County on November 6 that included discussion amongst key stakeholders and college students regarding suicide prevention. The event was held at the Penn State University – Fayette campus in Lemont Furnace in conjunction with the Fayette and Cambria County Suicide Prevention Task Forces and Magellan Healthcare, and included a special showing of the documentary, “Suicide – The Ripple Effect.”

With suicide statistics continuing to grow at epidemic proportions, the local suicide prevention task forces joined together with Magellan to create this community outreach event to increase awareness about suicide prevention resources available and to further educate youth and key stakeholders on how best to find help for themselves, their friends and/or their families. The event included a discussion opportunity around the showing of a documentary that chronicles the life of Kevin Hines. At 19, Kevin Hines attempted to take his own life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. Since then Kevin has been on a mission to use his story to help others stay alive, and to find recovery through hope and healing. The audience for the event, in addition to the organizers, included individuals from Fayette County Behavioral Health, Fayette County Crisis, Fayette County Veterans Affairs, Fayette County Emergency Management Association, community providers and local college students.

The Fayette County Hazardous Materials Response Team, located in Uniontown, was the first recipient of the Magellan Care Foundation grant. They will use the funds towards securing a speaker to provide a training on mental health, suicide and secondary trauma when providing response to a crisis/critical incident. The training attendees will include individuals from the critical incidence response team, first responders, EMS, police officers, fire police, 911 operators and county jail correctional officers. The grant is managed by a local nonprofit organization, Fayette County Community Action Agency.

The second awardee of the Magellan Cares Foundation grant, Cambria County Suicide Prevention Task Force in Johnstown, will use the funds towards the development of a Suicide Support Group in Cambria County and additional school programming on suicide prevention.

For more information about local suicide task forces across Pennsylvania, go to the Prevent Suicide PA website [here](#).