



The Hispanic Alliance of Southeastern Connecticut Receives \$25,000 Grant from Tufts Health Plan Foundation *Tufts Health Plan Foundation Contributes \$1 Million to New England Non-Profits to Mark Tufts Health Plan's 40th Anniversary*

NEW LONDON, CT – September 26, 2019 – The **Hispanic Alliance of Southeastern Connecticut** has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation. The grant is part of \$1 million in funding the Tufts Health Plan Foundation is donating to area non-profits that are focused on health equity and the social determinants of health in honor of Tufts Health Plan's 40th anniversary and its longstanding tradition of giving back to the community. "We are proud for the recognition of our work and most grateful for the generosity bestowed upon us by the Tufts Health Foundation" said Alejandro Melendez-Cooper, President of the Hispanic Alliance.

The \$25,000 grants—10 in each of the states where Tufts Health Plan serves members—support a range of nonprofit organizations doing exemplary work to promote community health and wellness. Equity and access to health is a guiding priority and core value of the Hispanic Alliance. Grant funds will be used to supplement our health initiatives such as the planning of the new multi-year diabetes research and education program and the Hispanic Alliance's Mental Health Network's research and advocacy initiatives.

"We recognize that non-profit organizations are on the frontlines of service and play a crucial role in building stronger and healthier communities for all of us," said Tom Crosswell, president and CEO of Tufts Health Plan. "These angel grants are a way of saying 'thank you' to the Hispanic Alliance of Southeastern Connecticut and other organizations addressing the economic and social conditions that influence the health of our diverse communities and helping them to keep up the great work they do."

The Tufts Health Plan Foundation has given more than \$35 million to community organizations since 2008 and will give nearly \$5 million in community grants this year.

About the Hispanic Alliance of Southeastern Connecticut

Our mission is to advance Hispanic contributions to the Southeastern Connecticut community. Founded in May 2000, the Hispanic Alliance is a dynamic, innovative organization - bringing communities together through a broad range of initiatives such as providing higher education access and opportunity through a robust scholarship program; empowering through leadership training and economic support; health programs that promote access and equity; civic and economic engagement and arts and cultural experiences.



Founded in May 2000 the Hispanic Alliance of Southeastern Connecticut has achieved significant recognition as the region’s preeminent Latinx organization. It is a dynamic, innovative institution that works through a broad range of initiatives. We serve through programs that promote access, equity and opportunities for the region’s Latinx community. These include the flagship Hispanic Alliance Scholarship program, the Hispanic Alliance Health Council and Hispanic Alliance Mental Health Network, La Latina Network, Senior Care Resource and Civic and Economic engagement initiatives. For more information please visit our [website at www.hispanicalliance.net](http://www.hispanicalliance.net).

About Tufts Health Plan Foundation

Established in 2008, Tufts Health Plan Foundation supports the health and wellness of the diverse communities we serve. The Foundation has given more than \$35 million to Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island nonprofits that promote healthy living with an emphasis on older people. The Foundation began funding in New Hampshire in 2016 and in Connecticut in 2019. Tufts Health Plan Foundation funds programs that move communities toward implementing age-friendly policies and practices that are relevant, focus on older people, and include them in community solutions. Visit www.tuftshealthplanfoundation.org for grant program information and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Tufts Health Plan

Celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2019, Tufts Health Plan is nationally recognized for its commitment to providing innovative, high-quality health care coverage. Staying true to our mission of improving the health and wellness of the diverse communities we serve, we touch the lives of more than 1.16 million members in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Connecticut through employer-sponsored plans; Medicare; Medicaid and Marketplace plans, offering health insurance coverage across the life span regardless of age or circumstance. We are continually among the top health plans in the country based on quality and member satisfaction. Our Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO and Senior Care Options plans received a 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the highest rating possible.* Our commercial HMO/POS and Massachusetts PPO plans are rated 5 out of 5 – the highest rating possible – by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).**

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*Every year, Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-Star rating system. Star Ratings are calculated each year and may change from one year to the next. For more information on plan ratings, go to www.medicare.gov. Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO plans received 5 out of 5 stars for contract years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.



** NCQA's Private Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2019–2020; Tufts Health Plan's HMO/POS plan in Massachusetts and Rhode Island rated a 5 out of 5; Tufts Health Plan's PPO plan in Massachusetts rated a 5 out of 5. NCQA's Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2019-2020. This rating references Tufts Health Plan's Massachusetts Medicaid plan. Tufts Health Plan's Rhode Island Medicaid plan has not yet been rated.