ILLINOIS SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS RECEIVE CVS CAREMARK FUNDING

CHICAGO – As a leader in child and adolescent health and a key supporter of school health centers, EverThrive Illinois is pleased to see CVS Caremark Charitable Trust, a private foundation created by CVS Caremark Corporation, supporting school health centers (SHCs) throughout the country. Nine School-Based Health Alliance grants were awarded as part of a $5 million commitment to increase access to health care in communities across the country.

Among the list of School-Based Health Alliance grantees are Erie Family Health Center and Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing in partnership with a health facility in Loyola University Health System, both in Chicago, IL. Erie’s grant will support a program focused on care coordination and patient-centered medical home recognition, and Loyola’s funding will support a mental health outreach and intervention program.

CVS Caremark’s commitment demonstrates the importance of the SHC model in reaching particularly vulnerable populations and interacting with young people where they are – at school. We know that SHCs are a crucial point of contact for supporting the health of Illinois’ youth. Along with our partners at the School-Based Health Alliance, we congratulate the grantees in Illinois and thank CVS Caremark for their commitment to improving access to health across the country.

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