Advia Foundation Awards $14,000 in

Advancing Lives Grants to Four Nonprofit Organizations

**PARCHMENT, Mich., Oct. 4, 2021 –** Advia Credit Union announced today that its Advia Foundation has awarded $14,000 in Advancing Lives Grants to four nonprofit organizations that are creating change, improving lives and driving progress within its membership area. Advia serves 180,000 members across Michigan, southeast Wisconsin and northeast Illinois.

“We’re proud to support nonprofits that are making a significant and lasting impact on several groups within our communities,” said Nancy Loftis, president of Advia Foundation. “We hope that the Advancing Lives Grants provide positive reinforcement as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to burden many of these organizations financially.”

The recipients and projects of the Advancing Lives Grants are:

* [Kalamazoo Youth Development Network](https://kydnet.org/) in Michigan received a grant to fund science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) kits for children in its summer programs, supporting an area of growth for Kalamazoo youth that can lead to future career interests.
* Michigan-based [Primary Focus with Provided Help Association](https://joingenerous.com/primary-focus-with-provided-help-association-dkjjd6e) received funding to provide technology that will support structural rehabilitative programs for female criminal offenders struggling to sustain employment and housing as they transition back into society.
* [Home of the Sparrow](https://www.hosparrow.org/) in Illinois, a homeless shelter with several programs, received a grant to provide shelter, support and programming to women so they can achieve self-sufficiency and re-enter their communities as contributing members to the economy.
* [TeenServe,](http://www.teenserve.org/) located in Plainwell, Michigan in 2021, received funding to purchase materials needed for free painting, wheelchair ramp installation, carpentry and basic home repairs for individuals who are financially or physically disabled in Allegan County.

Eligible nonprofit organizations and individuals driving change in their communities can apply for Advancing Lives Grants online at [www.adviacu.org/foundation](http://www.adviacu.org/foundation).

**About Advia Credit Union**

Advia Credit Union’s mission is to provide financial advantages to its members. With over $2 billion in assets, Advia seeks to provide quick and easy access to money and time-saving financial tools to over 180,000 members in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Advia’s team of over 500 professionals delivers excellent service and innovative products at 29 locations and via digital and mobile platforms. Advia is guided by its core values: driving progress, acting with integrity, building, and strengthening relationships, and keeping people at the core. Visit [adviacu.org](http://adviacu.org) to learn more about how Advia provides Real Advantages for Real People™.

**About Advia Foundation**

The Advia Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization with a mission to provide financial advantages within its communities by enhancing financial literacy, furthering education, and improving overall quality of life. Through Advancing Lives Grants for community organizations as well as individuals, Youth Scholarships, Teacher Scholarships, and community donations, the Advia Foundation continually supports its communities in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Visit adviacu.org/foundation to learn more.

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