
	<h2>LiGHT Grant Application 2023</h2>	
	<p><b>2023 LiGHT Grant Cover Form and Guidelines</b></p>	

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Name of the program as it would appear on the grant award: Equipment for Matthew 25's Specialty Clinic - Gynecology

Describe who the grant award will serve and approximate number affected: The LiGHT Grant will serve approximately 220 women who are cared for in Matthew 25's gynecology clinic each year.

Dollar amount requested: \$3,148.16

Would the program be offered if only a *partial* grant from LiGHT is made? No, equipment will not be purchased.

Summary paragraph of the grant award requested: Matthew 25 is kindly requesting \$3,148.16 in grant funding  
 > May be utilized for part of the presentation.  
to purchase equipment to better accommodate the needs of our gynecology clinic. The equipment includes one examination table with a light fixture and stirrup attachments which will allow Matthew 25's medical providers to offer primary healthcare services, addressing reproductive health concerns. The request includes the delivery fee.

**Complete all requested items below:**

- 1) This Cover Form
- 2) Project Narrative, 1-5 pages typed, including:
  - What need in the Community will this program address? Give evidence to substantiate your request. (i.e., data, letters of recommendation, etc.)
  - What do you want to do?
  - What is your timeline?
  - What results do you expect?
  - If partnering with other organizations, please list.
  - Describe the program and tell how the funds from the grant will be used based on your budget
  - Signature page: To include endorsement of the project or program by the requesting agency's Board of Directors. This page must include a signature of the Board president.
- 3) Detailed budget

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## Project Narrative

Gynecological services are one of 25 medical specialties offered at Matthew 25 Health and Care. Financial support from the Wells County Foundation would significantly impact the women whom Matthew 25 serves. Approximately 56% of our patient population are women, ranging from young adults to seniors. Many of the families cared for by our medical providers are multigenerational and have adult children who could also benefit from our services. Most of these women are Latina and lack access to preventative care, specifically related to their reproductive health.

According to the National Institutes of Health, Latina women are much less likely to engage in cervical cancer screenings than women of other ethnicities. Matthew 25's goal is to eliminate barriers to care and provide all women with the treatment they need, despite their income level, socioeconomic status, and education level. Each woman that walks through Matthew 25's doors will be treated with the utmost respect and professionalism, ensuring they receive high-quality, full-spectrum medical care.

The objective of this program is to improve the capacity of Matthew 25's gynecology clinic, serving over 200 women annually, and addressing their reproductive health concerns. This specialty service allows female patients of Matthew 25 to gain access to general examinations, pregnancy tests, pap smears, and colposcopies with biopsies. With the fiscal support of the LIGHT grant, Matthew 25 could then purchase an examination table, light fixture, and stirrups. The equipment would truly enhance the quality of our gynecological care. Matthew 25 is requesting \$3,148.16 in financial support to purchase new gynecological equipment and cover the delivery fee. Your support will provide us with the ability to serve more women in need of specialized care.

To date, Matthew 25's gynecology clinic operates with one licensed gynecologist who volunteers his time to see our patients who would not otherwise have access to this specialty service. Dr. Scherger volunteers three hours of his time once a month on a Wednesday afternoon. In addition, Ms. Chapman, a gynecology nurse practitioner from Parkview Physicians Group, voluntarily cares for Matthew 25 patients during a gynecology clinic on Wednesday evenings. We utilize our nursing team to support gynecology staff during this clinic. Since the gynecological clinic is volunteer-driven, the medical providers generously donate their time and expertise to assist hundreds of women with a wide variety of health concerns.

Matthew 25's gynecological providers would benefit tremendously if we had the funding to purchase this equipment prior to the start of 2024. Since the beginning of the year is a slower time for the gynecology clinic, it would be best to install and set up the equipment between January and March of 2024. With this new equipment, we anticipate a significant increase in

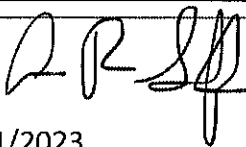
gynecological visits in the upcoming fiscal year, running from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, our medical providers will feel more comfortable and at ease when treating individuals at our clinic. This new equipment will be very similar to the equipment used at many outpatient gynecological clinic settings, which many of our providers are very familiar with.

Matthew 25 partners with many local organizations and hospitals in the community. For our gynecology clinic, Matthew 25 collaborates with and is extremely grateful for our relationship with Parkview Health Hospital, the region's largest employer and community-based health system in Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio. We are blessed to have a nurse practitioner from Parkview who performs on-site examinations and preventative care. For referrals, Matthew 25 relies on services from Parkview's OBGYN team. We will frequently refer out for a LEEP (loop electrosurgical excision procedure), which is another method of testing a woman's cervix for cancerous tissues. This procedure is recommended after both a pap smear and colposcopy have been performed. Parkview helps bridge the gap, allowing us to refer patients to them when additional care, outside our facility's scope, is necessary. Matthew 25 also partners with Francine's Friends who offers mobile mammography for our patients. This service is available to our female patients on the first Friday of each month. Matthew 25 is very appreciative of this onsite service which gives our patients access to free screenings and mammograms.

The LiGHT Grant provided by the Wells County Foundation will truly transform women's healthcare in Matthew 25's gynecology clinic. Your support will empower Matthew 25 to care for more women struggling to manage abnormal menstrual periods, pelvic pain, ovarian cysts, and uterine fibroids. Matthew 25's gynecology clinic is a safe space for all women. We have created a healthcare center where women feel comfortable enough to come in for routine gynecological care and preventative screenings. Our facility is a vital resource for women, including Latinas and many others. These individuals often lack education surrounding cervical cancer prevention and are typically unaware of problematic symptoms they may be experiencing. Research published in the National Library of Medicine indicates that numerous Latina women do not participate in preventative care due to worry related to potential findings, shame regarding physical touch during exams, inadequate access to treatment, and communication barriers related to ESL (English as a Second Language). Matthew 25 serves as an avenue of hope and healing for adult women, helping them navigate the vast challenges females face in different stages of their lives, from post-puberty to menopause and beyond.

**Board President**

Name: Aaron R. Schaffer, Chair

Signature: 

Date: 09/01/2023



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