



July 19th, 2022

Monroe County Purchasing and Central Services
39 West Main Street
Room 200
Rochester, NY 14614

To ARPA – RFP Coordinator,

We are writing to express our support for Trillium Health Inc.'s application for the Monroe County American Rescue Plan Act funding opportunity.

This funding will support Trillium Health's expansion of its existing food cupboard operation to include a holistic model of care that addresses food insecurity while also providing individuals with linkage to healthcare and supportive services. A key component of this program will include increasing access to behavioral health services.

Trillium Health and St. John Fisher University (SJFU) have a longstanding partnership through intern placement in TH's pharmacy and behavioral health services. Through this partnership, Social Determinants of Health, such as access to behavioral health services, are addressed through the provision of mental health counselor interns who provide care and treatment to TH patient population.

SJFU supports TH's efforts to increase public health by addressing food insecurity and expanding access to healthcare amongst vulnerable populations.

SJFU is committed to continuing our collaborative work with Trillium Health and look forward to working with them with the addition of this important funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. H. Rice, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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