

DAILY BRIEFING

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NORTHEAST OHIO Local groups receive \$25,000 in funding

Eleven Akron and Cleveland organizations that work with drug recovery and prevention have been awarded **\$25,000** in grants from a local nonprofit group.

Fighting for Alyssa, an organization dedicated to the awareness, prevention, and treatment of substance abuse and addiction, awarded the grants.

The nonprofit was founded by Lea Heidman and Brian Malone after their daughter, Alyssa Apostolakis, died from a heroin overdose in 2015.

Apostolakis wanted to be a counselor to help children and young adults struggling with drug addictions and her parents' foundation aims to fulfill her promise.

The organization awarded the following programs with grants, which ranged from \$2,000 to \$5,000: the Lantern of Cleveland, the LCADA Way of Wadsworth, Robby's Voice of Medina, A Way Out of Recovery Solutions of Akron, Community Assessment and Treatment Services of Cleveland, Running2BeWell of Akron, Recovery Center of Medina County, Hidden in Plain Sight, Cathy's House of Medina, Medina County Drug Abuse Commission and \$5,000 to MCPALS (Medina County Police Activities League).

"The grant dollars will be used in five counties: Medina, Summit, Cuyahoga, Lorain and Erie," Heidman said. "The recipients all work with the recovery community."