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CINCINNATI – The Children’s Home announced today that the nonprofit agency was awarded a \$456,871 grant from the Federal Communications Commission.

The funds will be used to enhance The Children’s Home’s video telehealth capabilities and remote monitoring programs serving low-income and vulnerable patient populations throughout Greater Cincinnati that has been displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This grant will help secure life-changing health services for a largely under-served population,” said John Banchy, president and CEO of The Children's Home. “When COVID-19 altered the lives of our entire nation, we immediately shifted to a tele-health model to ensure the at-risk children in our care weren't left behind. These funds will enhance that capability so we can continue to help our community during this unprecedented time.”

The agency says tele-medicine is very much a state of the present healthcare system in the medical community and can work very well.

“The medical community knows mental and behavioral health needs do not magically go away because of a national crisis,” said Dr. Joseph Rieman, medical director at The Children’s Home. “Tele-health and tele-medicine are very effective tools when used correctly,” he said. “The providers at The Children’s Home have been trained the right way and in accordance with the correct protocols. We’re still helping clients – we’re just delivering care via a different vehicle.”

“We've been a pillar of service to Cincinnati since 1864,” said Roderick Hinton, chief administrative officer of The Children's Home. “A pandemic won't change that and we'll continue to find ways to serve the children and families who need us.

“We aren't going anywhere,” Hinton said.

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