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**American Diversity Group Awarded the FY18 Brooks Saltsman Award**

*The Healthcare Initiative Foundation awards American Diversity Group the FY18 Brooks Saltsman Award for their leadership in volunteer services in the health field*

**Montgomery County, MD – July 26, 2018** – It is with distinct privilege that the Healthcare Initiative Foundation (HIF) awards American Diversity Group the FY18 Brooks Saltsman Award for \$5,000 in honor of Brooks Johnstone Saltsman to commend her lifelong dedication to volunteerism. Saltsman was a kind, hardworking, and generous individual who pursued a lifelong career in volunteer service. By the time she “retired” in 2011, she had been a volunteer leader at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda for over #60 years working in admissions, the emergency room, obstetrics, and the thrift and gifts shops. Additionally, she served on the Board of Trustees of the hospital for over #20 years, including terms as the secretary, assistant treasurer, and second vice president of the board. She was a member of the Suburban Hospital Auxiliary and volunteered with the Junior League for over #50 years.

In 1999, Saltsman was elected as a Board of Trustee for the Healthcare Initiative Foundation (HIF). During her tenure as a HIF Trustee, the Foundation had the privilege of benefiting from Saltsman’s tremendous talent and commitment to service for Montgomery County residents. In honor of her legacy, the Foundation has awarded the FY18 Brooks Saltsman Award to American Diversity Group (ADG), a nonprofit that emulates her strong commitment to volunteer service in the health field. ADG brings together diverse groups of people to build and sustain healthy communities and enrich the lives of those they serve. ADG improves health care access to underserved individuals by providing them with health care services, connections to providers, health education, and awareness at free health fairs, relying heavily on volunteers to make this impactful work possible.

ADG will utilize the \$5,000 award to expand its existing services at free health fairs to include dental screening services. Screened individuals identified with any serious dental issue will be referred appropriately for further treatments by ADG. In addition to the oral health checkups at the health fairs, ADG will arrange dental screenings for the students and parents of Captain James E. Daly Elementary School and Clopper Mill Elementary School in Germantown. Overall, ADG aims to build a healthier community through increased access to basic health and hygiene services for vulnerable populations, and estimates serving at least #100 unduplicated individuals through this grant.

**About the Healthcare Initiative Foundation:**

The Foundation’s mission is to support organizations that offer solutions to improve the quality and delivery of healthcare for residents of Montgomery County, Maryland. Within our geographic and focus area, we consider efforts to improve the quality and delivery of healthcare, expand the availability of comprehensive healthcare, build appropriate capacity in the healthcare network, and grow the healthcare workforce. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.hifmc.org>, and like us on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/hifmc>.

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