

**Press Release: The MVMA Foundation Announces Contributions  
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Mohawk Valley Medical Associates is an Independent Practice Association (IPA) formed in 1983 by Schenectady area physicians. The IPA has grown to over 2000 physicians since then, and has an exclusive arrangement with MVP Health Care to deliver care to its members. MVMA is the oldest and largest IPA affiliated with MVP, with approximately 100,000 MVP members in the 9-county geographic area.

The MVMA Board of Directors formed The MVMA Foundation in November 2003 as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) private foundation to benefit charitable organizations that engage in the promotion of health either by delivering health care services or by providing public education within the MVMA geographic community. The organization's specific and primary purpose is to promote the health of individuals living within Schenectady, Saratoga, Fulton, Montgomery, Warren, Washington, Albany, Rensselaer and Schoharie counties. Two not-for-profit organizations have recently received contributions from The MVMA Foundation:

**AIDS Council of Northeastern New York** - \$4000 to establish a Resource Center designed to address the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS. Specifically, the funding would be used to upgrade one of two computers, pay for access to specialized websites that require subscription charges, train volunteers in computer search techniques to provide assistance, buy a color copier so web-based information may be printed, pay for paper and print cartridges, and purchase written material such as reference manuals that are not yet available on-line. The AIDS Council of Northeastern New York serves 15 counties in New York State, including the entire MVMA service area.

**The Volunteer Physicians' Project of Schenectady, Inc.** - \$6000 for physician retraining, staff development, medical/office equipment acquisition, and materials/supplies for lifestyle improvement related to the care of patients seen at the Schenectady Free Health Clinic.

The MVMA Foundation will make contributions to tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations that are not private foundations. Decisions are based on the merits of the projects submitted. An application form, as well as information about MVMA, can be found online at [www.mvma.net](http://www.mvma.net).