

## **VSAAC Awarded \$35K from the Matthies Foundation**



The Greater Valley Substance Abuse Action Council (VSAAC) was recently awarded \$35,000 from the Katharine Matthies Foundation to support its prevention programs in the Valley communities. The funding will be used to continue and enhance programs such as the Valley Drug Endangered Children's Alliance, marijuana education, opioid education, Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings and suicide prevention trainings. VSAAC's programming aims to reduce substance use and risky behaviors among the area

youth, peers and other community members.

The Foundation was established in 1987, following the death of prominent Seymour resident and philanthropist Katharine Matthies. Each year, the Foundation continues to mark Matthies' spirit of philanthropy by awarding thousands of dollars in grant money to Valley organizations that meet social and community needs.