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**SUPER SHOT, INC. RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT HEALTH FIRST ALLEN COUNTY GRANT
TO ADVANCE VACCINATION INITIATIVES**

Funding addresses critical need for vaccination services in Allen County

December 18, 2023, FORT WAYNE, IN—Super Shot, Inc. has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Allen County Department of Health’s pivotal [Health First Allen County](#) program, a new state and local partnership to provide funding for local health departments to improve core public health services through community partners. The grant for Super Shot aims to bolster access to adult and childhood immunizations within our community.

“Indiana currently holds the 40th spot in the United States for the percentage of children fully immunized by 24 months,* a statistic that calls for our collective attention,” shared Connie Heflin, the Executive Director of Super Shot. “The additional funding from Health First Allen County will help Super Shot safeguard more children as well as adults in our community from preventable diseases.”

The grant will enable Super Shot, a non-profit funded solely through public and private donations, to sustain and expand vaccination services and provide vaccination education.

Super Shot offers all Centers for Disease Control (CDC)-recommended vaccinations for children and adults through its 1515 Hobson Road clinic, school-based clinics, and community outreach clinics. Super Shot is also one of the few Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers in Fort Wayne—a federal program that provides free vaccines from the CDC to protect eligible babies, young children, and adolescents who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of financial constraints.

Super Shot is open weekdays, evenings, and weekends to provide flexibility for busy families. Medicaid and most commercial insurance are accepted. A nominal fee is requested for uninsured and underinsured children and adults, but no one is turned away for an inability to pay.

“This strategic investment by Health First Allen County reflects a shared commitment to fostering public health and safeguarding the well-being of our community members through comprehensive immunization initiative,” said Heflin. “Super Shot is honored to be a recipient of this grant and is dedicated to leveraging these funds to make a meaningful impact on the health of our community.”

About Super Shot, Inc.

Super Shot, Inc. is a local non-profit organization dedicated to promoting vaccination and offering convenient and affordable access to vaccines that protect the Fort Wayne community against preventable diseases. Over the past 30 years, Super Shot has administered more than 800,000 life-saving childhood and adult vaccinations.

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*America’s Health Rankings 2022 Annual Report: <https://www.americashealthrankings.org/learn/reports/2022-annual-report>