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CHW Awards \$154,462 in Grants to 13 Local Nonprofit Organizations

*Grants are part of a CHW program that has supported
local communities for the past 14 years*

news release

STOCKTON – Catholic Healthcare West has awarded \$154,462 in grant funding to 13 nonprofit organizations that provide critical health and human services to residents in San Joaquin, Calaveras, and Stanislaus Counties. CHW Mission and Community Benefit representatives from area hospitals distributed the grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000, during a luncheon held at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Stockton.

“We advance our mission beyond our walls and create healthier communities through the grants program,” stated Donald J. Wiley, President of St. Joseph’s Medical Center and the CHW San Joaquin-Sierra service area. “By collaborating with area agencies who support advocacy and social justice for the most vulnerable members of our communities, we further the health care ministry of our religious sponsors who have always worked to reach and serve those in need.”

The CHW Community Grants Program provides funding to community-based organizations that provide services to individuals in need. The program is open to nonprofit service organizations with an interest in building healthier communities by improving health and living conditions. The program encourages organizations attempting to address the underlying causes of illness as well as specific health issues. This year, special consideration was given to programs focusing on childhood obesity/eating disorders, access to health care, and behavioral health and chemical dependency services for youth. These health conditions were targeted as a result of community health needs assessments conducted by a partnership effort including local hospitals, county public health departments, and other community agencies.

The grants program is one way in which CHW realizes its health care mission and enhances the advocacy and social justice efforts of its hospitals and its religious and community sponsors. Through this program, CHW seeks to partner with other nonprofit organizations that are working to improve the health status and quality of life for the communities we serve. CHW hospitals annually set-aside revenues from operations to fund the community grants program.

Catholic Healthcare West has been awarding these community grants every year since 1990. Grant recipients are required to complete a detailed grant proposal outlining the purpose and scope of the project to be funded, as well as the population to be served, the project's outcomes, plans for its long-term operation and measurement of success. The projects must be in the area of healthcare, social services, education, economic development or holistic health.

The CHW affiliated hospitals in the area include St. Joseph's Medical Center (Stockton), Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital (San Andreas), and Oak Valley Hospital (Oakdale). St. Dominic's Hospital in Manteca was also an affiliate, and St. Joseph's will continue to support the south county through grants and related community outreach services.

This year's CHW Community Grants were awarded to the following area organizations:

- **Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton** – to enhance Children's Health Initiative outreach program for low income families with children
- **University of the Pacific Jacoby Center (Stockton)** – to provide a physical activity program for elementary school children
- **Community Medical Centers (Stockton)** – to implement a "Living Healthy" health education program
- **Asian Pacific Self-Development and Residential Association (Stockton)** – to provide health information workshops, nutrition orientation, and exercise activities
- **Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin County** – to support a community health planning and outreach program for Hmong immigrants
- **Calaveras Children's Dental Project (Dorrington)** – to provide dental health programs and treatment services for children and WIC participants
- **Human Resources Council (San Andreas)** – to improve access to health care for those eligible through enrollment in Medi-Cal and Healthy Families

- **Manteca Unified School District** – to expand psychosocial and emotional health counseling services
- **Manteca CAPS** – to provide adaptive equipment to help developmentally disabled adults improve communication skills
- **Give Every Child a Chance (Manteca)** – to educate children about the importance of eating well and breaking poor nutritional habits
- **Girl Scouts Muir Trail Council (Modesto)** – to train Spanish speaking leaders, provide leadership training, and purchase books
- **Community Diabetes Education Services (Modesto)** – to provide Spanish diabetes education program
- **CASA del Rio Family Resource Center (Riverbank)** – to provide physical activities programs and education

About Catholic Healthcare West: *Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), headquartered in San Francisco, CA, is a system of 43 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona and Nevada. Founded in 1986, it is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit health care systems and the largest Catholic health care system based in the Western United States. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. The CHW network of more than 7,500 physicians and approximately 40,000 employees provides health care services to more than four million people annually. In 2003, CHW provided more than \$422 million in charity care and unsponsored community benefit. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHealth.org.*

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