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Community Clinics Receive \$2.5 Million from Sutter Health

Grant money targets medical and dental centers serving uninsured

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Oct. 22, 2008 – In its latest outreach to help community clinics in Northern California, Sutter Health announced today that it will give more than \$2.5 million to 26 medical and dental centers serving low-income, uninsured and underinsured patients.

The *Community Clinic Access to Care Grant* program is a commitment by the Sutter Health network of physicians, not-for-profit hospitals and other health care service providers to improve access to needed health care services – in the communities we serve – to those who cannot afford to pay.

“This is about reaching beyond the walls of our physicians’ offices and hospitals and into the community to expand community access to quality health care,” says Sutter Health President and CEO Patrick Fry. “Through this grant program, we’re pleased to be able to further support community health clinics that are providing vital services to individuals and families in need.”

Checks from Sutter Health – ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 – will be delivered to the recipient health centers over the next few weeks. The funds will be used for chronic disease management programs, educational outreach, mobile medical and dental units, expansion of pediatric care, and the purchasing of new computer and testing equipment.

“We are thrilled to receive this significant \$50,000 grant from Sutter Health,” says Viveka Rydell, CEO of Sonoma County-based Pediatric Dental Initiative (PDI). “It will help PDI increase the number of patients receiving dental surgery services and expand our prevention education and outreach efforts – all vital services that otherwise may be cut during difficult economic times.”

The Sutter Health network has a longstanding commitment to enhancing the health of communities throughout Northern California. Its care and services for the poor and underserved and benefits for the broader community totaled \$503 million in 2007.

Clinics receiving a \$100,000 grant, and how the funds will be spent:

- Axis Community Health (Pleasanton) – Increase care options for Tri-Valley residents and make facility more accessible to individuals with disabilities
- Coastal Health Alliance (Rural West Marin) – Create chronic disease care team
- Coastside Family Medical Center (Half Moon Bay) – New equipment; expand hours
- Communicare Health Centers (Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento, Esparto) – Maintain provider hours and clinic access for patients
- Davis Street Family Resource Center, RotaCare Free Acute Care Medical and Dental Clinic (San Leandro) – Upgrade equipment and provide general services
- Dientes Community Dental Clinic (Santa Cruz) – Expand child dental services
- La Clinica de la Raza, Pittsburg / Monument – Chronic disease testing and education
- La Clinica de la Raza (Vallejo) – Site expansion to improve access to care

- LifeLong Medical Care (Alameda County) – Chronic disease management program
- Marin Community Clinics (Greenbrae, San Rafael, Novato) – Development of chronic disease management program
- Native American Health Center (Alameda) – Upgrade computer and information systems infrastructure
- Del Norte Community Health Center (Crescent City) – Increase access to primary, specialty and disease management care programs via telemedicine
- Peach Tree Clinic, Inc. (Live Oak) – Expand clinic by 1,400 square feet and add pediatrician to provide extended care for children
- Ravenswood Family Health Center (East Palo Alto) – Chronic disease management
- Samaritan House (San Mateo) – Provide preventive and specialty care for uninsured
- Santa Cruz Women’s Health Center – Medical home for uninsured and underinsured
- Community Medical Centers, DBA Tracy Family Practice (Tracy) – Increase primary care clinic access in southern San Joaquin Valley
- St. Anthony Free Medical Clinic (San Francisco) – Respite care to uninsured patients recently discharged from local hospitals and/or emergency rooms
- The Effort (Sacramento) – Maintain expansion of clinic offerings
- Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center (Union City) – Expand primary care services to low-income and uninsured residents of the Cherryland and Ashland areas
- Tri-City Community Health (Alameda County) – Expand teen clinic and support medical and adult dental programs for homeless patients
- Southwest Community Health Clinic (Santa Rosa) – Increase pediatric care

Clinic receiving a \$99,070 grant, and how the funds will be spent:

- Stanislaus Health Services Agency (Modesto) – Extend hours of patient services

Clinic receiving a \$98,260 grant, and how the funds will be spent:

- San Francisco Free Clinic – Purchase diagnostic tests and diabetic supplies

Clinic receiving an \$85,000 grant, and how the funds will be spent:

- RotaCare Bay Area, Mt. View Clinic – Expand ability to treat chronic illness patients

Clinic receiving a \$50,000 grant, and how the funds will be spent:

- Pediatric Dental Initiative (Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Marin Counties) – Expand services and decrease wait times.

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