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## **UNITEDHEALTH GROUP/PACIFICARE AWARDS MORE THAN \$5.7 MILLION IN GRANTS TO HELP IMPROVE HEALTH CARE IN CALIFORNIA**

- ***Grants part of \$25 million available to California nonprofits for enhanced technology, medical education, disease prevention and coordinated care – all focused on underserved populations and improvements in health care delivery***

**CYPRESS, Calif. (Jan. 27, 2009)** – As part of its ongoing commitment to California, UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) and PacifiCare have awarded more than \$5.7 million in grants to benefit health care consumers and improve the delivery of health care services in the Golden State.

The grants, ranging from \$105,194 to \$1,304,943, have been awarded to 13 California nonprofits dedicated to improving health care services through enhanced health care technology opportunities, supporting clinical education and driving preventive health initiatives.

“UnitedHealth Group and PacifiCare are committed to investing in a healthier California,” said Steve Nelson, CEO, Western Region of UnitedHealthcare. “We do this by offering products and services that address access to quality health care for all Californians, and also through grants to diverse community health organizations statewide that will help improve the health care delivery system for everyone, including underserved populations.”

The grants announced today include:

- **Asian Pacific Health Care Venture Inc.** of Los Angeles received a \$299,393 grant to enhance technology for business continuity and electronic health records;
- **Bienvenidos Children’s Center Inc.** of Los Angeles received a \$105,194 grant to purchase IT equipment that will enhance its service and recordkeeping;
- **Breathe California-Golden Gate Public Health Partnership** of Daly City received a \$300,471 grant to develop clinical asthma education and tools for health care providers serving Sonoma, Napa and Mendocino county residents;
- **California Dental Association Foundation** of Sacramento received a \$500,000 grant to enhance its research network that will provide dental care to 900 patients in the San Francisco Bay area, Southern California and Central Valley regions;
- **California Rural Indian Health Board Inc.** of Sacramento received a \$427,987 grant to enhance electronic health records in tribally operated health programs;
- **Fresno-based Hospital Council of Northern & Central California** received a \$560,000 grant to support the Santa Clara Valley medical respite program that helps homeless patients after being discharged from the hospital;

- **The Institute for Palliative Medicine** of San Diego received a \$1,203,547 grant to help develop, implement and evaluate palliative care telehealth consultation services;
- **La Maestra Community Health Centers** of San Diego received a \$164,123 grant to implement a culturally and linguistically sensitive lifestyle-modification program targeting low-income, immigrant and minority residents in the central region of San Diego;
- **Nurse-Family Partnership** of Oakland received a \$500,000 grant for its community health program that helps mothers pregnant with their first child by partnering with a registered nurse early in pregnancy and receiving ongoing nurse home visits through the child's second birthday;
- **City of Industry-based Public Health Foundation Enterprises Inc.** received a \$1,304,943 grant to improve coordination and delivery of health care for vulnerable populations throughout Los Angeles County via the Los Angeles County Safety Net Health Information Exchange Project.
- **St. Vincent Medical Center** of Los Angeles received a \$465,704 grant to expand its Hepatitis Intervention Project and increase Hepatitis B screening and treatment;
- **Sharp Grossmont Hospital Senior Resource Center** of La Mesa received a \$140,000 grant for technology to enhance outreach to seniors age 65 and over and their caregivers throughout East San Diego County;
- **Women's Community Clinic** of San Francisco received a \$164,360 grant to help provide free reproductive health services, health training programs and technology upgrades;

The grants are part of a \$25 million commitment to California by UnitedHealth Group and PacifiCare. The grants and their identified uses are well-aligned with UnitedHealth Group/PacifiCare's historic and ongoing commitment to improve the health care delivery system across California.

Today's grants represent the third phase of proposal applications, which were received in August 2008. In January 2008, 15 nonprofit organizations statewide were awarded more than \$6 million in grants; in June 2008, 12 nonprofit organizations statewide were awarded more than 6.2 million.

The fourth and final phase of the grant-application process began Jan. 5, 2009, and ends Feb. 20, 2009. Copies of the Request for Proposal, which includes complete instructions and information on qualifications, are available online at [www.pacificare.com](http://www.pacificare.com) and [www.unitedhealthcare.com](http://www.unitedhealthcare.com).

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