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**CHW's BAY AREA HOSPITALS DISTRIBUTE MORE THAN \$267,000  
IN COMMUNITY GRANTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA- January 22, 2010- Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, Sequoia Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center are pleased to announce the distribution of \$267,704 in community grants to 17 local agencies in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. The selected agencies have a common mission of identifying health priorities in target populations and creating programs to address those needs.

Hospital Presidents/CEOs Glenna Vaskelis (Sequoia), Anna Cheung (St. Mary's) and Thomas Hennessy (Saint Francis) all agree that the Community Grants program allows us to be true community partners. The support of these community non-profits such as San Francisco Senior Center, St. Vincent de Paul's Riley Center for battered Women and Human Investment Project (Seniors at Home Program) will help to create healthy, thriving communities. The grants, from \$5,000 to \$25,000, will affect health issues ranging from mental illness to chronic disease management and support community-based programs that provide services from birth to end-of-life. This year's recipient's organizations reach out to local ethnic communities and provide services to multiple generations from infants to the elderly.

The local agencies that were chosen to receive grants are:

**In San Francisco County:**

Curry Senior Center  
Glide Health Center  
San Francisco Health Plan  
San Francisco Senior Center  
Self Help for the Elderly  
Black Coalition on AIDS  
Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group  
St. Paul of the Shipwreck After School  
St. Vincent de Paul Riley Center  
Southeast Health Center  
Sunset Youth Services

**In San Mateo County:**

Family Service Agency  
Human Investment Project  
Peninsula Volunteers, Inc.  
Rebuilding Together Peninsula  
Samaritan House  
Second Harvest Food Bank

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“We see this grant award as an important and valuable vote of confidence in our work, and a heartfelt sensitivity to those we serve. Thank you so much for these gifts. Be assured we will be wise stewards of this grant,” says, Robert M. Pementell, Executive Director of the Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group, a 2010 grant recipient. The organization cares for people with AIDS by cleaning their homes, doing their laundry, providing transportation and running errands for those with AIDS that need assistance.

Grants were awarded on Tuesday, January 19th during the Catholic Healthcare West Community Grants Awards Breakfast at the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel.

#### **About Saint Francis Memorial Hospital**

Saint Francis Memorial Hospital meets the health care needs of the community with a wide spectrum of programs and services. In addition to burn treatment, Saint Francis is renowned for orthopedic specialties in sports medicine, spine injuries and joint replacement as well as occupational health. Saint Francis is a member of Catholic Healthcare West, a 42-hospital non-profit system serving California, Arizona and Nevada. For more information, visit [www.saintfrancismemorial.org](http://www.saintfrancismemorial.org).

#### **About Sequoia Hospital**

Sequoia Hospital is an accredited, not-for-profit community hospital providing innovative and exceptional healthcare to Bay Area residents. With a nationwide reputation for pioneering advanced cardiac care, Sequoia is designated as a 2009 Blue Distinction Center for Cardiac Care by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of California. Sequoia also excels in the areas of stroke care, emergency services, and birth center services. Voted “A Family Favorite 2009 Best Hospital” by readers of *Bay Area Parent* magazine, Sequoia ranks in the top percentile of U.S. hospitals for patient satisfaction and is a leader in quality and safety initiatives. To learn more, please visit: [www.SequoiaHospital.org](http://www.SequoiaHospital.org)

#### **About St. Mary’s Medical Center**

St. Mary's Medical Center (SMMC), a member of Catholic Healthcare West, has cared for the people of the San Francisco Bay Area since 1857. Today, it is one of the largest not-for-profit, community-based healthcare providers in Northern California. Home to the nation’s first digital cardiac catheterization laboratory, pioneering spine and total joint surgery center and a full-range of inpatient and outpatient medical services, SMMC physicians are considered experts in their field. With more than 550 physicians, 1,100 employees and 400 patient beds, St. Mary's is committed to furthering the healing ministry of Jesus, and to providing high-quality, affordable healthcare to the community we serve. For more information, please call 415-668-1000 or visit [www.stmarysmedicalcenter.org](http://www.stmarysmedicalcenter.org)

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