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San Bernardino Hospitals Grant More Than \$186,000 to Nine Local Organizations

CHW Community Grants Program contributes nearly \$34.6 million since 1990

San Bernardino, CA – January 5, 2010 – In a time when many corporations have been forced to cut back on charitable giving, St. Bernardine Medical Center and Community Hospital of San Bernardino have increased their giving as part of Catholic Healthcare West's (CHW) Community Grants Program. Nine organizations, located in the communities surrounding both hospitals will receive \$186,867 in total.

The nonprofit organizations were selected because of their efforts to continuously address and improve the greatest health care needs of the local community.

The following 9 organizations are this year's grant recipients:

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| Al-Shifa Clinic | \$25,000 |
| Assistance League | \$25,000 |
| Catholic Charities | \$25,000 |
| H Street Clinic | \$25,000 |
| Home of Neighborly Service | \$5,933 |
| Legal Aid Society | \$25,000 |
| Mary's Mercy Center | \$25,000 |
| Option House | \$25,000 |
| SB Sexual Assault Services | \$5,933 |

Through the generous contributions from each of CHW's 41 hospitals, CHW was able to make more than \$3.6 million in grant awards to nonprofit organizations in California, Arizona and Nevada.

"The community grants program is a true testament to CHW's commitment to enhancing advocacy and social justice through its member hospitals and religious sponsors," says Linda McDonald, vice president of St. Bernardine's Mission Services. These grants are an important part of our mission and values. St. Bernardine Medical Center and Community Hospital of San Bernardino are pleased to be able to make donations to these worthy organizations that provide much needed services in our community."

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Kimiko Ford, vice president of Community Hospital of San Bernardino's Mission and Support Services explains, "The grants awarded to our community partners will focus on promoting wellness, and delivering primary and preventive services for conditions that include diabetes and obesity, for example. These agencies work to build a seamless continuum of care and aim to build a stronger community, for which we congratulate and support."

Catholic Healthcare West's (CHW) Community Grants Program began in 1990 to encourage CHW hospitals to widen their health care mission to beyond the hospital campus. CHW sought to do this by partnering with neighborhood non-profit organizations that were working to improve the health status and quality of life of the communities served. The 2010 Community Grants cycle marks the 20th year of this program. Since 1990, CHW has awarded nearly \$34.6 million in grants to local nonprofit organizations.

The awards ceremony luncheon will take place on Thursday, January 7, 2010, at the Matich Conference Center at St. Bernardine Medical Center, located on 2101 N. Waterman Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92404. The program will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m.

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About Community Hospital of San Bernardino

Community Hospital of San Bernardino is a 343-bed nonprofit, acute care hospital that has served the Inland Empire community since 1910. Renowned for its programs in maternity care, behavioral health services and clinical excellence, the hospital's medical services also include inpatient and outpatient surgery, long term subacute care for adults and children, and health education programs for community members. Consistent with its mission for 100 years, Community Hospital of San Bernardino has been committed to serving its community with excellence, compassion and respect. For more information, visit www.CHSB.org.

About St. Bernardine Medical Center

Serving the health care needs of the people of the Inland Empire since 1931, St. Bernardine is a highly-regarded 463-bed, nonprofit, tertiary acute care hospital located in San Bernardino, California. The hospital offers a full continuum of services, from family care to heart surgery, treating an average of 51,500 individuals in the Emergency Department, delivering 2,600 babies and admitting more than 17,900 patients for treatment each year. St. Bernardine Medical Center is a member of Catholic Healthcare West. Visit www.StBernardineMedicalCenter.org for additional information.