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**Catholic Healthcare West Makes \$3 Million in Grant Awards**

*Not-for-profit healthcare provider contributed nearly \$30 million to community organizations since 1990*

**San Francisco, CA** – January 8, 2008 – Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), the eighth largest hospital system in the nation, announced today that it has made more than \$3 million in grant awards to non-profit organizations in California, Arizona and Nevada, up from \$2.7 million the year prior.

Grant awardees were notified in December 2007, following approval from the CHW Board of Directors' Investment Committee. Awards were made to 196 organizations in the communities served by CHW hospitals.

Recipients include a \$50,000 grant to the Shasta Community Health Center in Redding, California for its healthcare for the homeless program; a \$25,000 grant to Fresh Start Women's Foundation in Phoenix, Arizona to provide prevention and early intervention of domestic violence; and a \$25,000 grant to the St. Therese Center in Las Vegas, Nevada to support the nutritional health needs of community members infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. For a complete list of grant awardees please see the attached file.

“These grants are an important part of the care we provide,” said Lloyd H. Dean, president/chief executive officer of CHW. “As we deliver excellent care at our hospitals and health centers we also want to foster healthy communities. These grants are helping expand the resources that strengthen the health and wellbeing of the communities we serve.”

CHW's community grants program is funded through donations from its member hospitals, which contribute .05 percent of their previous year's audited expenses to the program. Grant awards typically range from \$2,000 to \$50,000. Since 1990, CHW has awarded nearly \$30 million in grants to local non profit organizations.

“We are so grateful to Catholic Healthcare West for supporting the health and wellbeing of women through Fresh Start's programs and services,” said Barbara Ralston, chief executive officer of the Fresh Start Women's Foundation. “This grant will allow us to provide enhanced services to women who are experiencing or have experienced domestic abuse. A majority of the women we serve are battling this issue and, with CHW's funding, we will be able to improve the education and support with regards to safety measures, coping strategies and creating healthier lives for themselves and their families.”

“CHW's support is so important and goes a long way in helping us improve the health and well-being of our community, particularly those who are most vulnerable,” said Dr. Momo Kurosaka, medical director for Shasta Community Health Center's healthcare for the homeless program, known as HOPE. “These funds will assist us with the costs associated with lab tests and needed medications for those who are

uninsured and who are homeless. They will also help us with improved wireless technology that will link our Electronic Medical Records at our main clinic site with our mobile clinics.”

To be selected for a CHW grant, the organization or program must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Address the greatest health needs of the community;
- Emphasize prevention to addresses the underlying cause of health problems;
- Contribute to a seamless continuum of care;
- Build upon and mobilize existing services in the community; and
- Engage diverse community stakeholders in implementation and oversight.

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### **About Catholic Healthcare West**

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) is the eighth largest hospital system in the nation and the largest hospital provider in California. Founded in 1986, the CHW network of more than 8,500 physicians and approximately 50,000 employees serve a population spanning 22 million people at 41 hospitals across California, Arizona, and Nevada. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable healthcare services with special attention to the poor and underserved. In 2007, CHW provided \$922 million in charity care, community benefits, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at [chwHEALTH.org](http://chwHEALTH.org).