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Catholic Healthcare West Gives \$3.3 Million to Community Organizations

Not-for-profit healthcare provider contributed \$33 million to communities since 1990

San Francisco, CA – January 16, 2009 – Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), the eighth largest hospital system in the nation, announced today that it has made more than \$3.3 million in grant awards to non-profit organizations in California, Arizona and Nevada.

“These grants are a vital part of our commitment to the communities we serve,” said Lloyd H. Dean, president/chief executive officer of CHW. “Just as we commit ourselves to quality, compassionate health care at our hospitals and health centers we also dedicate ourselves to fostering healthy communities. These grants are helping expand community resources and improve the overall quality of life.”

CHW’s community grants program is funded through donations from its member hospitals, which contribute a portion of their previous year’s audited expenses to the program. Grant awards typically range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Since 1990, CHW has awarded nearly \$33 million in grants to local non profit organizations.

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 9,000 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 2008, CHW provided \$967 million in charity care, community benefits, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHEALTH.org.