



United Way of the Bay Area

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UNITED WAY OF THE BAY AREA AND SOLANO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE GRANT RECIPIENTS

FAIRFIELD, CA. – Two nonprofits providing direct delivery of health care services and health care education for individuals age 45 and up have received grants totaling \$55,000 from the Solano-Napa United Way Health Fund, held at Solano Community Foundation.

La Clínica de La Raza, Inc. of Vallejo was selected to receive a \$30,000 grant for their Pharmacy Assistance Program, which ensures that patients with prescription needs receive their medications as prescribed and remain compliant with their care plan. The Napa Valley Hospice and Adult Day Services in Napa received \$25,000 toward their Adult Day Services Program.

The services provided by the selected recipients each address the urgent health challenges and needs of individual ages 45 and up. Health providers working with individuals over age 45 are stretched thin not only because of the current economic climate, but also due to the overall population growth of the aging baby boomer sector. Several years ago, United Way of the Bay Area and Solano Community Foundation conducted a study that forecasted how the growth of the older population will place a large burden on the local health care system and economy. These grants seek to address those issues.

“In a time of drastically reduced resources and increased need, we are fortunate to be able to continue supporting the health infrastructure in Solano and Napa counties,” said Aimee Durfee, Vice President for Community Investment of United Way of the Bay Area. “Through the Health Fund, we are focusing on those over age 45 who may have trouble affording the high cost of managing chronic health conditions, or find it difficult to pay for health or home care on a fixed income.”

The purpose of the funding this year focused on direct delivery of health care services and health care education/awareness emphasizing preventive health care and maintenance, and specifically focusing on chronic health conditions

“It is important that United Way of the Bay Area continues to recommend grants from the Health Fund to further the work of local nonprofits serving this population,” stated Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of Solano Community Foundation. “We are delighted to authorize funding to these excellent

organizations and look forward to seeing how the projected work makes a positive change in the health of their clients.”

La Clínica de La Raza in Vallejo, a nonprofit community health care center based in Alameda County, serves 10,280 people in Solano County. The mission of La Clínica is to improve the quality of life of the diverse communities by providing culturally appropriate, high quality and accessible health care for all.

“On behalf of La Clínica, we are delighted to have received a \$30,000 grant award from the Solano-Napa United Way Health Fund to continue funding for the Pharmacy Assistance Program,” said Viola Lujan, Area Director at La Clínica de La Raza. “This grant will allow us to continue the program for one year and expand services to an additional 400 patients at La Clínica Vallejo Medical and La Clínica North Vallejo. The Pharmacy Assistance Program allows La Clínica patients obtain their prescription medication at free or reduced cost.”

For interview purposes, or if you would like more information on the grants, please contact Aimee Durfee, Vice President of UWBA, North Bay Region, at 707-551-3150, or Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of Solano Community Foundation, at 707-399-3846. If you would like to make a donation to the Solano Napa Health Fund, please contact Solano Community Foundation at 707-399-3846.

About United Way of the Bay Area

United Way of the Bay Area is a nonprofit organization that creates pathways to prosperity for the most vulnerable in our community by focusing on the essential building blocks of education, income and health. We help children achieve their potential, promote financial stability for low-wage adults and strive to improve health for everyone. Each year, we raise more than \$40 million to support community organizations. United Way also convenes partners across sectors, advocates for policy change, runs community programs and educates residents about the issues most vital to a resilient community. Founded in 1922, United Way of the Bay Area serves Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Solano Counties. For more information, visit www.uwba.org.

About Solano Community Foundation

The Solano Community Foundation was established in 1995, incorporated in 2000, and is dedicated to strengthening the community now and for future generations. It is a 501c(3) organization which provides the opportunity for donors to make a lasting contribution to causes in Solano County that are close to their hearts, and to build capacity in the nonprofit community. Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of the Solano Community Foundation, can be reached at 707-399-3846.

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