



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. – United Way of the Bay Area and Solano Community Foundation are pleased to announce that three nonprofit organizations have been selected to receive grants from the Solano-Napa United Way Health Fund, totaling \$57,000. These recipients are: Faith in Action, for their Senior Health Access Project which will help Solano seniors with transportation to medical appointments; Area Agency on Aging – Napa and Solano, for their Bilingual Health Outreach project, which will connect Spanish-speaking seniors to health services; and Benicia Community Action Council, to put on a Health Fair in Benicia that will provide health screenings.

The selected recipients each addressed the health challenges and needs of individuals ages 45 to 64 after a study by United Way of the Bay Area and Solano Community Foundation revealed how growth of the older population will place a large burden on the local health care system and economy.

“We are pleased to announce these three grants,” stated Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of the Solano Community Foundation. “We received very good requests in response to our Request for Proposal,” continued Wolf, “and these three projects presented the best fit with the findings from the study. We look forward to seeing how the funded work will provide needed services to this population.”

The study, entitled “The Coming Wave: Solano and Napa Counties Brace for Elderly Population Boom (www.uwba.org), focuses on the current status of 45- to 64-year-old residents in Solano and Napa Counties. The Executive Summary can be read on the website of United Way of the Bay Area at http://www.uwba.org/helpink/reports/Napa-Solano_ExecSumm_UW21c.pdf.

The purpose of the funding this year was to improve preventative care, outpatient and in-home care of chronic disease, and/or increase services to accommodate cultural differences, such as language, community and tradition.

“In the current economic crisis, demand for health services is urgent and increasing,” said Aimee Durfee, Vice President for Community Investment for United Way’s North Bay Region. “We are very

excited to support three local nonprofits that are addressing crucial health needs for people age 45 and up in our community.”

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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