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Marian Medical Center Presents CHW Grants Totaling More Than \$76,000 to Local Nonprofit Groups

Six local nonprofit organizations are awarded grant funding through Marian's CHW Community Grants Program

SANTA MARIA, CA – (January 20, 2010) – In keeping with the mission and values of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), a healthcare system dedicated to improving the quality of life for our communities served, Marian Medical Center has named six local nonprofit organizations as the recipients of the 2009 CHW Community Grants awards.

On Tuesday, January 19, six local nonprofit agencies were awarded monies totaling \$76,722. The awards were announced at a breakfast held in honor of the recipients at Marian Medical Center.

The recipients of the 2009 Catholic Healthcare West grants from Marian Medical Center are:

- **Alliance for Pharmaceutical Access APA, Inc.** received **\$15,000** for its program which provides access to prescription medications to low-income and qualifying individuals through an online patient assistance program.
- **Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens** received **\$5,000** for its program which provides homemaking and personal care services for frail, at-risk elderly persons.
- **The Foundation of the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority**, also known as Doorway to Health, received **\$11,722** for its program which is designed to improve the accessibility of health services to low-income, uninsured children.
- **Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc.** received **\$20,000** for its program which offers emergency and transitional support to the homeless and to those in drug and alcohol recovery.
- **Santa Maria Valley "Fish" Meals on Wheels** received **\$15,000** for its program which provides home delivery of medically prescribed meals to low income clients in the Santa Maria area. The Santa Maria Valley "Fish" Meals on Wheels program is the local community's only in-home meal service that serves special diet meals to people with medical needs.
- **Santa Maria Valley YMCA** received **\$10,000** for its program which provides interactive health education and physical activity to local children and their families.

“The grant money received is an amazing gift which the Good Samaritan Shelter is thankful for,” Sylvia Bernard, Good Samaritan Shelter Executive Director, said. “This funding will allow us to pull more people off of our waiting lists and will ultimately help Good Samaritan to serve more community members through our program.”

Since 1990, the CHW Community Grant Program has funded \$34.6 million to more than 2,159 community nonprofit organizations through contributions from its more than 40 member hospitals. The CHW Community Grant Program is one of the many ways in which CHW supports and enhances the advocacy, social justice, and community health efforts of its hospitals. Through this program, CHW seeks to partner with other nonprofit organizations working to improve the quality of life and health of the communities we serve.

“No one has it all together, but together we have it all. This is why Marian along with fellow nonprofit organizations are working together to meet the needs of the community we serve,” Sister Janet Corcoran, O.S.F., Vice President of Mission Services, Marian Medical Center, said. “Marian’s ongoing collaborative effort to aid other organizations in our community demonstrates our commitment to the health and wellbeing of our brothers and sisters: our human family.”

The objective of the CHW Community Grants Program is to award grants to nonprofit organizations whose proposals respond to the strategic priorities identified in the health assessment and/or the community benefits plan of CHW hospitals. CHW grant funds are to be used to provide services to the underserved populations.

For more information about the CHW Community Grant Program and the 2009 grant recipients please contact Marian Communications at (805) 739-3580.

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About Marian Medical Center

Located in Santa Maria, California, Marian Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital founded by the Sisters of Saint Francis in 1940. Our team of 1,300 employees and more than 260 physicians work daily to extend the mission of providing compassionate, high quality health care services to the Santa Maria Valley and surrounding communities. Marian Medical Center is a member of Catholic Healthcare West, the largest Catholic healthcare system based in the Western United States with 40 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona and Nevada. For more information about Marian Medical Center or Catholic Healthcare West, visit our website at www.marianmedicalcenter.org.