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## NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

- **BHHS Legacy Foundation** (Phoenix, AZ) has pledged to donate up to \$50,000 for relief efforts pursuant to this year's recent tornadoes and severe storms. In the Phoenix area, the foundation will provide a \$2 for \$1 match, up to \$30,000, for every contribution to the foundation's fundraising affiliate, the **Legacy Connection**. For donations throughout the tri-state region, which includes Bullhead City, Fort Mohave, and Topock, Arizona; Laughlin, Nevada; and Needles, California, the foundation will provide relief funding of up to \$20,000, matching \$2 for every \$1. Donations must be made by November 2011 to be eligible for the match. All funds will be distributed to the **American Red Cross, Grand Canyon Chapter** (Phoenix, AZ) to provide health and mental health services and supplies to assist victims of the 2011 spring storms. For more information, visit [www.bhhslegacy.org](http://www.bhhslegacy.org).
- **Blue Shield of California Foundation** (San Francisco) announced nearly \$7 million in second quarter grants, most of which are aimed at strengthening the leadership of California community clinics and domestic violence organizations. Among the grantees are: **Women's Foundation of California** (San Francisco) – \$2.3 million over 42 months to support up to 15 leading domestic violence organizations to build organizational capacity and develop promising practices for the field; **California Partnership to End**

**Domestic Violence** (Sacramento) – \$438,000 over 12 months to advance statewide capacity for policy advocacy and improve connectivity among domestic violence leaders; **University of California, San Francisco Center for Health Professions** – \$2.1 million over 24 months to administer the **Clinic Leadership Institute**; and **Public Policy Institute of California** (San Francisco) – \$100,000 over 12 months to build capacity to analyze and research health policy issues related to implementation of federal health reform. Contact: Mike Smith, 415.613.8517, [msmith@fenton.com](mailto:msmith@fenton.com).

- **Green Tree Community Health Foundation** (Philadelphia, PA) awarded grants totaling \$87,500 to eight organizations in southeastern Pennsylvania. Among the grantees are: **Playworks: Education Energized** (Philadelphia) – \$15,000 to support programs that help improve the health and well-being of children by increasing opportunities for physical activity through leveraging recess for learning while attacking childhood obesity; **Ralston Center** (Philadelphia) – \$12,500 to support the **My Way** project, which provides low-income seniors in Germantown and Mt. Airy access to affordable general contracting services to help maintain the safety of their homes at a low cost; **Community Legal Services** (Philadelphia) – \$10,000 to support its aging and disabilities unit for low-income elderly residents by providing legal assistance to help them gain or retain medical coverage, long-term care services, and benefits; **Supportive Older Women's Network** (Philadelphia) – \$10,000 to support case management, groups, counseling, and educational programs for older women in northwest Philadelphia; and

## GIHNEWS

### GIH ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR SESSIONS

GIH welcomes session proposals for the 2012 annual meeting *Health and Equity for All*. Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET on **July 7, 2011**. For more information, visit [www.gih.org](http://www.gih.org).

### CALL FOR TERRANCE KEENAN AWARD NOMINATIONS

GIH seeks nominations for The Terrance Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy, presented annually to an outstanding grantmaker whose work has forged permanent improvements in health through innovation, risk taking, and boldness. Submit nominations by **Friday, September 9, 2011**. Visit [www.gih.org](http://www.gih.org) for more details.

### 2010 GIH ANNUAL REPORT

Visit [www.gih.org](http://www.gih.org) to access GIH's latest annual report, which highlights 2010 activities and key facts about GIH's operations and governance.

### AMBER HSIAO JOINS GIH

Amber Hsiao joins GIH as a summer intern through the National Academy of Social Insurance's internship program. While at GIH, she will focus on maternal and child health issues as they relate to the Title V program. Ms. Hsiao is a master's student at Columbia University.

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- Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania** (Norristown) – \$5,000 in general operating support for this organization that provides services to the elderly through casework and free support services in the Norristown area. For more information, visit [www.greentreecommunityhealth.org](http://www.greentreecommunityhealth.org) and select the “Grants” tab.
- **The Greenwall Foundation** (New York, NY) awarded grants totaling \$680,460 to 18 organizations. Among the grantees with health or medical projects are: **Johns Hopkins University** (Baltimore, MD) – \$70,250 to support a study on enhancing patient autonomy in hospitals; **Illinois Institute of Technology** (Chicago) – \$62,375 to support research that addresses policy and ethics concerning social networks and health information; **Willis Eye Institute** (Philadelphia, PA) – \$49,993 for a research project that addresses training of eye surgeons in patient care and ethics as these elements relate to cataract surgery. For more information, visit [www.greenwall.org/grants.php](http://www.greenwall.org/grants.php).
  - **The George Gund Foundation** (Cleveland, OH) awarded \$180,000 to four organizations that address reproductive health. Among the grantees are: **Advocates for Youth** (Washington, DC) – \$50,000 for education and advocacy for comprehensive sexuality education; **Family Planning Services of Lorain County** (Elyria, OH) – \$50,000 to support adolescent reproductive health services; **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc.** (New York, NY) – \$40,000 to support the **Reproductive Freedom Project**; and **Cleveland Municipal School District** (OH) – \$40,000 to support the **Responsible Sexual Behavior** program. For more information, visit [www.gundfdn.org](http://www.gundfdn.org).
  - **The Leona M. & Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust** (New York, NY) awarded eight organizations totaling approximately \$2.5 million under its health and rural health care priority area. The following organizations received 36-month grants to support e-Pharmacy projects: **Brown County Hospital** (Georgetown, OH) – \$449,091; **Callaway District Hospital** (NE) – \$441,984; **Kearney County Health Services** (Minden, NE) – \$406,683; and **Freeman Regional Health Services** (SD) – \$377,450. In addition, **Southwest Healthcare Corporation** (Bowman, ND) received a \$345,284 grant to support the provision of full-field digital mammography services; and **Lakes Regional Healthcare** (Spirit Lake, IA) received \$240,510 for an e-Emergency project. For more information, visit [www.helmsleytrust.org](http://www.helmsleytrust.org) and select the “Grants” tab.
  - **Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** (Los Angeles, CA) awarded more than \$2 million to support services and infrastructure issues that affect health and well-being in various African nations. **Save the Children Federation** (Westport, CT) will receive \$600,000 over two years to support health and nutrition services at 100 community-based child care centers in Malawi. **Foundation Center** (New York, NY) will receive a one-year, \$200,000 grant to expand and maintain a Web-based platform to serve as a central hub of data on safe water for donors, policymakers, and other stakeholders; **Johns Hopkins University** (Baltimore, MD) will receive \$250,000 over 18 months to analyze cataract surgical services in Sub-Saharan Africa and make recommendations for strategic interventions to prevent blindness resulting from untreated cataracts. Contact: Marc Moorghen, 310.556.4694.
  - **The Jenkins Foundation** (Richmond, VA) announced \$1 million in new grants to 16 local health care organizations, furthering its mission to improve the health status of residents in greater Richmond. Among the grantees are: **Child Savers of Richmond** – \$70,000 to support the **Trauma Response** program; **CrossOver Ministry** – \$50,000 to support chronic disease management for uninsured patients; **The Daily Planet, Inc.** – \$50,000 to support the medical and behavioral health outreach clinics; **The Healing Place** – \$50,000 to provide general operating support over three years; **Hanover Safe Place** – \$32,000 to provide case management and aftercare services to community-based clients and families who are victims of domestic violence; **Senior Connections** – \$30,000 to support the **Personal Home Health Care** program; **Lucy Cur Foundation** – \$20,000 to support a part-time dental clinic; and **Rx Partnership** – \$15,000 to provide free bulk prescription medications to a local pharmacy for distribution to low-income, uninsured patients from clinics throughout greater Richmond. Contact: Kimberly Russell, 804.330.7400, ext. 117, [krussell@tcfichmond.org](mailto:krussell@tcfichmond.org).
  - **Kaiser Permanente** (Oakland, CA) announced the funding of 217 grants nationwide, totaling approximately \$7.7 million. Among the grantees is **La Clinica de La Raza**, an Oakland-based community clinic that provides comprehensive health care to economically challenged people in the San Francisco Bay Area. The clinic received the third installment of a \$150,000, three-year grant for a new community clinic in North Vallejo, California. Kaiser Permanente is also providing continued support for a community-supported agriculture site owned and operated by **Denver Botanic Gardens**. The garden is partly a working farm that engages community residents in the growing process and donates food to local food banks that serve the homeless. **University Hospitals of Ohio** launched the **Centering Pregnancy** program in 2010, as part of a \$90,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente, to be distributed over three years. The program treated 190 teenage mothers in its first year and expects to enroll 500 in 2011. In addition, the program enables young mothers to actively participate in their prenatal care and participate in group discussions with other mothers their age with similar due dates. Contact: Lorna Fernandes, 510.271.5624, [lorna.d.fernandes@kp.org](mailto:lorna.d.fernandes@kp.org).
  - **Mat-Su Health Foundation** (Wasilla, AK) awarded more than \$1 million to six nonprofit organizations serving residents in Alaska’s Mat-Su region. A \$500,000 grant to the **Salvation Army** (Wasilla) will support its new community center at King’s Lake. This new facility will consolidate

many of the organization's social services, including a food and clothing bank, recovery services to individuals battling addictions, and relief supplies for disaster victims. **Set Free Alaska** (Palmer), which offers faith-based outpatient alcohol and drug treatment services, will receive \$200,000 over a two-year period to develop business plans and the capacity to sustain operations over the long term. **Alaska Legal Services** (Anchorage) received \$46,750 to replicate a legal assistance program that is successful in other parts of the country. Attorneys will work with local nonprofits that bill Medicaid/Medicare for health-related services to address claims denials and improve approval rates. They will also work directly with Medicaid/Medicare recipients denied services or coverage. **The Boys & Girls Club of Alaska** (Anchorage) received \$35,000 to continue the **Alaska for Life/Healthy Habits Program**. The **Snowshoe Elementary PTA** (Wasilla) received \$30,000 toward the renovation of its community's playground project. Contact: Elizabeth Ripley, 907.352.2860, e.ripley@mrrmc.com.

- **Obici Healthcare Foundation** (Suffolk, VA) awarded \$1.8 million in grants to 20 nonprofit organizations serving Virginia's Western Tidewater and Gates County residents. Among the grantees are: **Western Tidewater Free Clinic** (Suffolk) – \$250,000 to support the **Access to Care** program; **Peninsula Insite for Community Health** (Newport News) – \$150,000 to support **A Healthy Main Street Project: Improving Dental Health; Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia** (Norfolk) – \$100,013 for the **Medication and Care Access Resource Program; Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS)** (Norfolk) – \$75,000 to expand EVMS care for western tidewater underserved patients; **Patient Advocate Foundation** (Hampton) – \$83,655 for the **Virginia Cares for the Uninsured Program; Town of Smithfield** – \$45,550 to support the **Activate Smithfield Wellness Program**; and **ForKids** (Norfolk) – \$33,553 to support mental health assessment and treatment. Contact: Rick Spencer, 757.539.8810, rspencer@obicichcf.org.

- **Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust** (Oklahoma City) approved \$1.35 in funding for 15 new grants in the **Communities of Excellence Nutrition and Fitness program**. These new grants, awarded to community coalitions across the state, will serve 21 counties. Among the coalitions, with their leading agencies, that will receive funding are: **Atoka/Coal Partnership for Change**, lead agency, **INCA Community Services, Inc.** (Tishomingo); **Bryan County Turning Point**, lead agency, **Bryan County Health Department** (Durant); **Carter County Turning Point**, lead agency, **Carter County Health Department** (Ardmore); **Cleveland County Turning Point**, lead agency, **Norman Regional Health Systems, Inc.** (Oklahoma City); **Family Health Coalition**, lead agency, **Tulsa County Health Department; Fit Kids of Southwest Oklahoma**, lead agency, **Comanche County Health Department** (Lawton); **Logan County Partnership**, lead agency, **Logan County Health Department** (Guthrie); **Muskogee County Turning Point**, lead agency, **Muskogee County Health Department; Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition**, lead agency, **Okmulgee County Health Department**. Contact: Sonja Paulson, 405.525.8738.
- **The Rapides Foundation** (Alexandria, LA) announced intended funding through the second round of its **Diet and Physical Activity Community Program**. Because of the high number of applicants during the first round, the foundation will award a limited number of additional grants that will support projects designed to encourage and improve physical activity and healthy eating among residents in nine central Louisiana parishes. Eligible entities include nonprofit organizations, government entities, faith-based community groups, and community coalitions. Individual grants will peak at \$25,000. Contact: Trayce Snow, 318.443.3394, trayce@rapidesfoundation.org.
- **RCHN Community Health Foundation** (New York, NY) awarded a \$1.75 million gift to **The George Washington University School of**

**Public Health and Health Services** (Washington, DC) for the **Geiger Gibson Program in Community Health Policy** in the School's Department of Health Policy. The gift builds on a 2007 award from the foundation to the department to support research and scholarship related to community health centers and the populations they serve. The **Geiger Gibson/RCHN Research Collaborative**, established with the initial gift, has conducted extensive policy research addressing the role of health centers in reaching medically underserved populations, the achievements of health centers in improving the quality of patient care and the health of medically underserved communities and populations, and the continued need for community-based care, providing essential evidence for the investment in community health centers as part of the Affordable Care Act and other national initiatives. Contact: Feygele Jacobs, 212.246.1122, ext. 712, fjacobs@rchnfoundation.org.

- **St. David's Foundation** (Austin, TX) has announced that it will award scholarships to 36 graduating high school seniors from the central Texas area. The **St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarship Fund** provides each recipient with \$6,000 per year for four years to be used for tuition and other expenses. Scholarship funds, which are raised through a series of events held each spring, are reserved for students who are attending a Texas university or college. As part of the scholarship program, each recipient will receive a mentor from St. David's Health Care, providing recipients with the opportunity to interact directly with health care professionals. The foundation will conduct a daylong college preparatory workshop for recipients where they will meet their mentors. Contact: Kristy Ozmun, 512.474.1501, kristy@ozmun.com.
- **United Methodist Health Ministry Fund** (Hutchinson, KS) awarded grants totaling more than \$752,000 to five community-level partnerships across Kansas for projects supporting mental health for young children through coordinated early identification and timely referral to effective early interventions.

**The Hutchinson Community Foundation** has been awarded a \$201,895 grant to develop **Project SEEK**, aimed at improving social and emotional health for young children, pregnant women, and new mothers. **Four County Mental Health Center** (Independence) will receive \$164,232 to implement **First Steps for Mental Health**, a project developed to expand early social and emotional health screenings for young children in the area. **The Area Mental Health Center** (Garden City) will receive \$158,641 to improve screening and coordination of services for young children's mental health in nine rural and frontier counties of south-west Kansas. **The Hays Public School District** was awarded \$132,281 to fund a collaborative regional project aimed at promoting young children's mental health in four counties. **COMCARE of Sedgwick County** (Wichita) will receive \$95,665 to increase accessibility of social and emotional developmental assessments for young children and coordination of needed services. Contact: Virginia Elliott, 620.662.8586.

- **Winter Park Health Foundation** (FL), through its **Older Adults Work Group**, approved a \$12,500 grant to **Orlando Health** (FL) to establish a spiritual care program for use in faith communities in Winter Park, Maitland, and Eatonville to help their members with chronic disease. Orlando Health will use funding to develop materials to better equip faith community staff and volunteers who are interested in meeting the unique spiritual needs of congregation members who are dealing with the challenges of chronic disease. The first phase of the program will engage leaders of local faith communities. These leaders will attend an overview presentation about the spiritual challenges their members face upon being diagnosed with a chronic disease. Phase two will involve in-depth training sessions for faith communities interested in learning how staff and volunteers can help members who are experiencing spiritual distress due to chronic disease. The second phase also will include the development of a Web site faith communities can access for links to additional information and sup-

port resources. Contact: Lynn Carolan, 407.644.2300, lcarolan@wphf.org.

## SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

- **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation** (Boston) and **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** (Princeton, NJ) have released *Implementing a Successful Public Education and Marketing Campaign to Promote State Health Insurance Exchanges*, the second installment in its Health Reform Toolkit Series. This resource highlights lessons learned from Massachusetts' efforts in managing health exchanges and offers suggestions for other states, including enlisting marketing and advertising expertise, using cost-conscious digital marketing methods, developing partnerships to broaden the reach of marketing efforts, and continually measuring and publicizing successes. For more information, visit [www.bcbsmafoundation.org](http://www.bcbsmafoundation.org).
- **California HealthCare Foundation** (Oakland) funded two policy briefs that examine California's newly eligible for health care coverage resulting from the expansion of Medicaid and through subsidies via health insurance exchanges as part of the Affordable Care Act: *Californians Newly Eligible for Medi-Cal Under Health Care Reform* and *Who Can Participate in the California Health Benefit Exchange?* The reports cite research estimating nearly 4.6 million state residents may become eligible for coverage. The studies, which analyzed data from the 2009 California Health Interview Survey, found that a significant percentage of those newly eligible for both the California Health Benefit Exchange and Medi-Cal expansion were single, working-age, or men between the ages of 18 and 44, although it is expected that these characteristics will change over the next three years. Findings also revealed that those who are newly eligible for these plans are in good health. The reports are available on-line at [www.chcf.org](http://www.chcf.org). Alexandra Matisoff-Li, 510.587.3154, amatisoff@chcf.org.

- **The Commonwealth Fund** (New York NY) recently released *Realizing Health Reform's Potential – Women at Risk: Why Increasing Numbers of Women Are Failing to Get the Health Care They Need and How the Affordable Care Act Will Help*. The issue brief addresses difficulties women face in securing adequate health care that covers needs that are specific to women, such as maternity care. The brief also addresses cost implications, including the trend of charging young women more than their male counterparts of the same age. The publication focuses on how the Affordable Care Act is bringing positive changes for women, including required free coverage of preventive care services; small business tax credits; new affordable coverage options; and insurance market reforms, including bans on gender rating. The report also asserts that the vast majority of working-age women who were uninsured in 2010 will be fully covered after provisions of the act are fully implemented. The brief is available on the publication section of [www.commonwealthfund.org](http://www.commonwealthfund.org).

## ON-LINE

- **Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut, Inc.** (Farmington) has launched [www.kidsmentalhealthinfo.com](http://www.kidsmentalhealthinfo.com), an innovative Web resource for Connecticut parents and caregivers who have concerns about their children's mental health. The site provides accurate and easy-to-understand information on a variety of problems, ranging from trauma to ADHD, and is intended to be used as a portal for parents who are seeking help for their children. In addition, the site includes links to a variety of state-based and local resources, such as agencies, community collaboratives, and advocacy groups that address the mental health needs of children. For more information, visit [www.kidsmentalhealthinfo.com](http://www.kidsmentalhealthinfo.com).
- **Connecticut Health Foundation** (Hartford) announced the launch of its newly designed Web site. The revamped

site includes several new features, including a blog that highlights the foundation's work and that of its partners, a user-friendly grant application process, case studies that underscore lessons learned, and a searchable database housing more than 500 of the foundation's grants. To access the Web site, visit [www.cthealth.org](http://www.cthealth.org).

## OTHER NEWS

- **Greater Milwaukee Foundation** (WI) announced the recipients of the **2011 Shaw Scientist Awards: Christopher Quinn, Ph.D.**, an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and **Yongna Xing, Ph.D.**, an assistant professor in the Department of Oncology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The award, a \$200,000 unrestricted prize for scientists at the two campuses, provides needed support to young scientists engaged in groundbreaking research in the fields of genetics, cell biology, and cancer research at critical stages in their careers. Dr. Quinn's research holds important public health implications, particularly in the diagnosis and treatment of developmental disorders like autism and Down syndrome. Dr. Xing's study of protein phosphatase 2A and how it is regulated suggests ways to eradicate treatment-resistant cancer and to develop new alternative therapies for treating cancer. For more information, visit [www.greatermilwaukeefoundation.org](http://www.greatermilwaukeefoundation.org).
- **Missouri Foundation for Health** (MFH) (St. Louis) is accepting applications from individuals wishing to be considered for nomination to its board of directors. Five board positions are available each year. Directors govern MFH's efforts to provide funding to nonprofits that improve the health of the state's uninsured and underserved residents. Board members serve unpaid three-year terms and must live in the MFH service region. The foundation is committed to a board that represents Missouri's racial, ethnic, cultural, geographic, and gender diversity. Applications are reviewed by MFH's

Community Advisory Council, which then presents 15 to 25 candidates from which the board selects new members to fill available positions. Applications must be postmarked no later than August 12, 2011. For more information or to download an application, visit [www.mffh.org](http://www.mffh.org). Contact: Julie Johnson, 314.345.5580, [jjohnson@mffh.org](mailto:jjohnson@mffh.org).

### **National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy**

(Washington, DC) announced the formation of a new initiative, **Philanthropy's Promise**. The initiative seeks to recognize grantmakers that endeavor to optimize the value of their grantmaking to produce the greatest impact on their communities. Sixty grantmakers nationwide have embraced the initiative and have voluntarily committed to allocate a minimum of 50 percent of their grant funding to projects and initiatives that focus on meeting the needs of poor, elderly, disabled and other underserved populations, and at least 25 percent toward supporting advocacy, community organizing, and civic engagement to address the root causes of social problems. Each foundation wrote a one-page public statement explaining their rationale for making the commitment. Participating foundations include: **Ford Foundation** (New York, NY), **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** (Battle Creek, MI), **Tides Foundation** (San Francisco, CA), **The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust** (Winston-Salem, NC), **Public Welfare Foundation** (Washington, DC), and **Northwest Health Foundation** (Portland, OR). Contact: Christine Reeves, 202.387.9177, ext. 30, [creeves@ncrp.org](mailto:creeves@ncrp.org).

## PEOPLE

- **The Atlantic Philanthropies** (New York, NY) announced that its president and CEO, **Gara LaMarche**, will step down, effective September 1, 2011. Mr. LaMarche came to The Atlantic Philanthropies as an internationally recognized leader in human rights and social justice. Prior to joining the organization, he worked as vice president and

director of U.S. programs for the Open Society Institute. He has also held leadership positions at Human Rights Watch and the American Civil Liberties Union. The foundation is currently in the process of identifying his successor. For more information, visit [www.atlanticphilanthropies.org](http://www.atlanticphilanthropies.org).

- **The California Endowment** (Los Angeles) announced the appointment of **James Keddy**, the endowment's director of healthy communities – north since August 2009, as vice president and chief learning officer for the organization. Mr. Keddy, a former board member of the endowment from 2005 to 2009, assumed his new role with the foundation on June 6, 2011. As chief learning officer, he will be responsible for the development and oversight of the learning, evaluation, and research functions of the foundation. Prior to joining the endowment, Mr. Keddy served as director of PICO California, the state's affiliate of the PICO National Network. Prior to that, Mr. Keddy served as executive director of two PICO affiliates, Oakland Community Organizations and Sacramento Area Congregations Acting Together. Contact: Jeff Okey, 323.928.8622, [jokey@calendow.org](mailto:jokey@calendow.org).
- **Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation** (Wellesley, MA) announced the appointment of two new members to its board of directors: **Martin D. Cohen** and **Marianne E. Felice, M.D.** Mr. Cohen is president and CEO of **MetroWest Community Health Care Foundation** (Framingham, MA) and once served as deputy program director and senior program consultant with the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** (Princeton, NJ). Dr. Felice serves as chair of the Department of Pediatrics and professor of pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Medical School. She is also physician-in-chief at the UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center. Contact: Lily Lynch, 617.509.7407.
- **Houston Endowment, Inc.** (TX) announced that **Necole Irvin** has joined the foundation as the grant officer who

oversees grantmaking in the health program area. Ms. Irvin has worked extensively with community organizations that empower people to improve their physical and mental health. Most recently, as senior program officer at the **Foundation for the Mid South** (Jackson, MS), she developed and was responsible for the health grantmaking portfolio. Previously Ms. Irvin served with the U.S. Peace Corps as a health educator and member of the mobile vaccination unit in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. Contact: Anna Leal, 713.238.8138, aleal@houstonendowment.org.

- **Maine Health Access Foundation** (Augusta) welcomed **Nancy Fritz** and **Shirley Weaver, Ph.D.** to its board of directors. Ms. Fritz is director of the Homeless Initiatives Department at MaineHousing, and has served as **Governor John Baldacci's** primary liaison on homeless issues and as a member of his cabinet. Dr. Weaver was the founding director of the Maine AHEC System and the Maine Geriatric Education Center at the University of New England College of Osteopathic

Medicine, and associate director of the Harvard Geriatric Education Center at Brigham & Women's Hospital. The foundation also added the following members to its Community Advisory Committee: **Jeffrey Dow, D.M.D.**, who practices general dentistry in Newport and is past president of the Maine Dental Association; **Nancy Fishwick, Ph.D., R.N., F.N.P.**, associate professor of nursing at The University of Maine and director of the School of Nursing; and **Randy Schwartz, M.S.P.H.**, senior vice president, Strategic Health Initiatives for the American Cancer Society, New England Division. Contact: Catherine Hartnett, 207.775.2673, hartnett@maine.rr.com.

### CORRECTION

The May 2011 edition of the *GIH Bulletin* reported on a series of grants awarded by **Osteopathic Heritage Foundations** (Columbus, OH). The total amount of grants awarded was \$150 million, as opposed to \$105 million as reported.

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