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NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

- **Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida (Jacksonville)** announced intended funding to community-based organizations with programs that aim to improve access to quality health services for uninsured and underinsured Florida residents. The foundation will make individual grants of up to \$1 million for programs that improve program capacity and reduce barriers to access, nurture community health leadership, and leverage resources to maximize the impact of its programs for uninsured and underinsured Floridians. Detailed information is available on-line at www.bcbsfl.com.
- **CDC Foundation Cargill, Centers for Disease Control (Atlanta, GA), and American School Health Association (Kent, OH)** have partnered to award mini-grants to 47 U.S. elementary schools to improve their physical activity and nutrition policies and programs. Schools will use the mini-grants to implement components of their overall health programs, such as building walking tracks, improving physical education curricula, or increasing healthy food choices in lunchrooms and classrooms. This mini-grant program is made possible by a \$300,000 grant from Cargill to the CDC Foundation. Contact: Shannon Easley, 404.653.0790, seasley@cdc.gov.
- **Delta Dental of Massachusetts (Boston)** awarded a \$5 million endowment to the **Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (Boston, MA)** to create a named academic chair in public health and community service, improve care and

access to dental care for persons with special needs and other underserved populations, and expand Tufts' use of a clinical database to create best practices for dental treatment guidelines for persons with special needs. The endowed chair in public health and community service will develop programs that will increase early diagnosis, provide risk assessment, and improve overall oral health services for underserved and special needs populations, including people with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and survivors of violence. A specialized database will enable practitioners to unify electronic dental records and practice management systems at eight clinics for the **Tufts Dental Facilities for Persons with Special Needs** located across Massachusetts. Contact: Paul Jean, 617.482.0042.

- **The Gerber Foundation (Fremont, MI)** announced recent grant awards totaling approximately \$1.5 million under its *Pediatric Health and Nutrition* programs. Among the grantees are: **Children's Hospital of Michigan (Detroit)** – \$384,668 to study etiological differences between Caucasian and African-American children who have been diagnosed with a specific type of leukemia; **The American Academy of Pediatrics (Chicago, IL)** – \$236,396 to begin development of the second version of the *National Survey on Early Childhood Health*; and **The Upper Peninsula Health Care Foundation (Marquette, MI)** – \$49,215 to conduct a study of maternal depression and reports of infant reflux. Contact: Catherine Obits, 231.924.3175, tgf@ncresa.org.
- **Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation (Hinsdale)** announced intended funding totaling up to \$4 mil-

GIHNEWS

2007 ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR SESSIONS

GIH's 2007 annual meeting, *Knowledge to Action: Applying What We've Learned to Improve Health*, will provide health grantmakers with the opportunity to think both critically and strategically about important issues, as well as to reflect and actively engage with colleagues around lessons learned and directions for future progress. We invite you to help shape the meeting's content by submitting a proposal for a breakout session. Visit the GIH Web site, www.gih.org, for more information.

THE ART & SCIENCE OF HEALTH GRANTMAKING

GIH invites you to attend *The Art & Science of Health Grantmaking* on September 18 - 19, 2006 in Los Angeles, California. This year, *Art & Science* will offer one basic and two advanced tracks on governance, finance and investments, grantmaking, evaluation, and communications. The basic track is a primer on health grantmaking, focusing on fundamental principles and practices of foundation operations in an interactive presentation format. The advanced track features more in-depth discussions on the strategic and philosophical issues facing mature foundations and seasoned professionals.

lion for programs that are designed to increase access to health care through an expansion of services in clinical settings. Under its **Building Capacity: Expanding Access to Targeted Health Services** initiative, the foundation will award individual grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 to nonprofit organizations providing licensed health services to underserved and uninsured children in Illinois. Specifically, the foundation is offering funding to qualified organizations that wish to expand their ongoing clinical capabilities in order to offer oral health or behavioral health services to children, provide developmental screening and intervention services to children, or offer general pediatric services. For more information, visit the foundation's Web site at www.ilchf.org.

- **Maine Health Access Foundation (Augusta)** awarded a \$1 million dollar challenge grant to the **Maine Health Information Center (Manchester)** to support plans to build an electronic health information network, furthering efforts to develop a comprehensive, coordinated statewide health care system. The development of **HealthInfoNet** is the second phase of a system originally known as the **Maine Health Information Network Technology** (or MHINT) project. The project seeks to forge a cutting-edge, statewide network giving authorized health care professionals and treatment centers instant, secure access to patient health records. For more information, visit www.hinfont.org. Contact: Suanne Singer, 207.430.0656.

- **Northwest Health Foundation (Portland)** announced a new grant program to address the epidemic of obesity in Oregon and southwest Washington. The new program is intended to support local community coalitions that promote physical activity and healthy eating by improving the social, organizational, physical, and policy environments in which these activities take place. Individual grants of up to \$25,000 will be available the first year. Coalitions that demonstrate significant progress and potential may be eligible for increased funding for up to three more years. Coalition members may include schools, community- and faith-based organiza-

tions, parents, teachers, youth groups, parks and recreation departments, local agricultural groups, urban planning professionals, private businesses, and health care organizations. For more information, visit www.nwhf.org. Contact: Chris Kabel, 971.230.1291, chris@nwhf.org.

- **Quantum Foundation (West Palm Beach, FL)** made more than \$1.4 million in grants to organizations that address health issues within the local community. Among the grantees are: **Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton)** \$500,000 to establish a program for students with bachelor of science degrees in nursing to obtain their doctoral degrees in four years through an accelerated program and fulfill a commitment to teach in Palm Beach County nursing programs, including those at Florida Atlantic University and **Palm Beach Community College (FL)**; **The Sun-Sentinel Children's Fund (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)** – \$225,000 to provide year-round support to nonprofit agencies serving Palm Beach County's children and families; **The Access Project at the Third Sector (Boston, MA)** and the **Consumer Credit Counseling Services of the Treasure Coast (West Palm Beach, FL)** – \$175,000 to continue a four-year effort to help families diminish, and possibly prevent, the burdens of medical debt; and **Carelink Clinic (Jupiter, FL)** – \$160,000 to expand services at the clinic, which serves the predominantly Mayan/Guatemalan community. Contact: Trudy McConnell, 561.832.7497, ext. 112, trudym@quantumfnd.org.

- **The John Rex Endowment (Raleigh, NC)** awarded over \$2.1 million in support of several local agencies that address the needs of greater Raleigh, North Carolina's at-risk children. Among the grantees are: **WakeMed (Raleigh)** – \$614,822 over 36 months to enhance interventions for children with prediabetes and diabetes with direct physician care services; **Wake County Human Services (Raleigh)** – \$441,562 over 36 months to promote the use of dental services by expectant mothers to improve birth outcomes and maximize visits to dental clinics by children from birth to age 3; **Interact** – \$359,495 over 36 months to consolidate services and

develop a new family-centered model for meeting health and behavioral needs of children and mothers; **Rex Healthcare (Raleigh)** – \$325,939 over 24 months to work with school nurses in Wake County to improve the ability of children with asthma to manage their disease; and **Center for Psychology and Education (Chapel Hill)** – \$100,000 to explore the feasibility of a day school for medically fragile children. Contact: McAllister Ross Myhra, 919.571.3392, mcallister@rexendowment.org.

- **The United Methodist Health Ministry Fund (Hutchinson, KS)** awarded grants totaling more than \$288,000 for state-based health projects that address one of the fund's three strategic focus areas: access to health care, oral health, and healthy nutrition and exercise. Among the grantees are: **The Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (Salina)** – \$180,000 to implement a program to help prevent early childhood obesity; **We Care Project (Great Bend)** – \$45,000 to establish a dental clinic at one of its community health centers that will provide dental services using a sliding fee scale based on income and will serve children covered by **Medicaid** and **HealthWave** public insurance programs; and **Leawood United Methodist Church** – \$5,000 to help establish a health and wellness ministry to serve its congregation and the community. Contact: Virginia Elliott, 620.662.8586.

AWARDS

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AcademyHealth (Washington, DC) has issued a call for nominations for its **HSR Impact Award**, which recognizes health services research that has made a positive impact on health policy or practice. Selection criteria include quality and impact of research, as well as the effectiveness of research dissemination and translation approach. The lead researcher of the winning project will receive \$2,000, and the research will be disseminated widely as part of AcademyHealth's ongoing efforts to promote the field of health services research and communicate its value for health

care decisionmaking. The award will be announced at the **2007 National Health Policy Conference** in February 2007. Nominations must be received by July 28, 2006. For more information on the award, please visit www.academyhealth.org. Contact: Jennifer Muldoon, 202.292.6700, jennifer.muldoon@academyhealth.org.

- **Bristol-Myers Squibb (New York, NY)** awarded its 29th annual **Freedom to Discover Award for Distinguished Achievement in Cancer Research** to **Susan Band Horwitz, Ph.D.** Dr. Horwitz' pivotal research in the 1980s eventually led to the development of paclitaxel (Taxol[®]), one of the most important anticancer agents ever developed. Dr. Horwitz is the Falkenstein professor of cancer research and cochair of the department of molecular pharmacology at the **Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University (New York, NY)**. She is also associate director for therapeutics at the **Albert Einstein Cancer Center (New York, NY)**. The award is a \$50,000 cash prize and a silver commemorative medallion. Dr. Horwitz is a past-president of the **American Association for Cancer Research (Philadelphia, PA)**. She has received numerous honors and awards including the **C. Chester Stock Award from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (New York, NY)** and the **Warren Alpert Foundation Prize from Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA)**. She was elected to the **American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Cambridge, MA)** in 1994 and to the **National Academy of Sciences (Washington, DC)** in 2005. Contact: Becky Taylor, 609.252.4476, rebecca.taylor@bms.com.

MEETINGS

New York Regional Association of Grantmakers (New York) is sponsoring a series of learning forums that will address long-term reinvestment strategies for rebuilding the Gulf Coast. The first forum, ***Voices of the Gulf Coast: Strategies for Hope and Change***, is scheduled for July 12, 2006 in New York City. Forum speakers will address how those directly affected by the hurri-

canes can secure adequate housing, and play a role in policy decisions. **James Joseph**, past president and CEO of the **Council on Foundations**, chairman of the board of the **Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation**, and a native of Opelousas, Louisiana will be the keynote speaker. The series is targeted at foundations, corporations, and policymakers who are interested in helping revitalization efforts in the Gulf Coast region. Future forums will address topics such as health and mental health, education, leadership development, and access to capital. Contact: Lynn Stekas, 516.972.9245, lynnstekas@aol.com.

PEOPLE

- **The California Endowment (Los Angeles)** elected **Arthur Chen, M.D.**, and **Daniel Boggan, M.S.W.** to serve one-year board terms as chair and vice-chair, respectively. Dr. Chen joined the foundation in 2003 and has served as its vice chair since 2004. He brings to the organization his expertise as a physician serving underserved communities and his experience as a leader in public health. Dr. Chen is currently the medical director of the **Alameda Alliance for Health (CA)** and serves as a family physician for **Asian Health Services** in Oakland, California. Mr. Boggan, who joined the endowment's board in 2004, brings to the organization his extensive experience in the nonprofit sector and his expertise in business and financial functions. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Boggan was the senior vice president and chief operating officer of the **National Collegiate Athletic Association (Indianapolis, IN)**. Subsequently, he assisted the municipal finance firm of **Siebert Brandford Shank & Co. (Oakland, CA)** in business development. He also served as city manager for Berkeley, California from 1982 until 1986, during which time he was instrumental in creating an integrated **Department of Health and Human Services**. Contact: Jeff Okey, 213.928.8622, jokey@calendow.org.
- **Healthcare Georgia Foundation (Atlanta)** announced the election of **Joseph Greene** to chair its board of directors. Mr. Greene is an endowed professor

of finance and economics at **Augusta State University (GA)**. He has written several publications on finance and economics, as well as a book about his long journey to success, ***From Cotton Fields to Board Rooms***. Mr. Greene has extensive corporate directorship experience, serving as a member of the boards of **The Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company (Augusta, GA)**, **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia (Atlanta)**, **Georgia Carolina Bancshares, Inc. (Augusta)**, and **First Bank of Georgia (Atlanta)**. The foundation also appointed three new members to its board of directors: **Dewey Hickman** of **Navigant Consulting (Atlanta, GA)**, **Andrea Hinojosa** of the **Southeast Georgia Communities Project (Lyons)**, and **Ecleamus Ricks** with the **Macon-Bibb County Health Department (GA)**. Contact: Toni Almasy, 404.653.8916, toni@getavatar.com.

- **Portsmouth General Hospital Foundation (VA)** announced the election of two new officers and the appointment of two new board members. **Karl S. Morrisette**, chief of police at **Norfolk International Airport (VA)**, is the new chair of the board. The new vice chair is **Demetria Lindsay, M.D.**, district director, **Portsmouth Health District (VA)**. The foundation's new board members are **Randolph Webb, Jr.**, executive vice president of **Signature Financial Management, Inc. (Norfolk, VA)** and **Patricia Fisher, Ph.D.**, assistant superintendent of schools for curriculum and instruction, **Portsmouth City Public Schools**. For more information visit the foundation's Web site at www.pghfoundation.org.
- **The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina (Columbia)** elected **John Boudreaux** as president of the board of trustees. Mr. Boudreaux, who has served on the board since 2002, is founder of the **Boudreaux Group (Columbia, SC)**, a firm specializing in architecture, interiors, and planning. Mr. Boudreaux has been active in the community for more than 30 years and presently serves on the board of directors for the **Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce (SC)**. He is a former board member and past president of the **Clemson Advancement Foundation**

(SC); the **Babcock Center Foundation (Columbia, SC)**; and the **Council on Aging of the Midlands (Columbia, SC)**. In addition, Mr. Boudreaux is a former board member of the **Cultural Council**, and the **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands (Columbia, SC)** and has chaired the advisory board of **Cardinal Newman High School (Columbia, SC)** and its finance committee. Contact: Thomas Keith, 803.254.0230, tkeith@sistersofcharitysc.com.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The following organization is seeking applicants for the position listed:

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (Dallas, TX)

- **Director, Grants** – Will be responsible for the planning, development, and direct process of solicitation, review, selection, funding, and evaluation of research grants and sponsored programs that are supported by the foundation. The successful applicant

will direct and manage an integral department for the foundation. Applicants should have substantial grants administration experience in a health field, as well as experience in a complex organization with a national presence. Candidates must also have strong project management skills, excellent communications skills, and solid public speaking ability, as well as staff management and team building skills. A strong knowledge of scientific terminology and grantmaking procedures is necessary. The successful candidate will also have strong contacts at the leadership level in the scientific and medical communities. A bachelor's degree is required, preferably in the basic sciences or health field; an advanced degree is preferred. Six years of grants administration experience is necessary. More information is available through the contact listed.

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