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HealthCare Foundation Funds 16 Projects in 2003 - 2004 Fiscal Year

April 2004 – The HealthCare Foundation for Orange County awarded sixteen grants to local nonprofit health service providers in its 2003-2004 fiscal year, totaling over \$400,000. These sixteen innovative projects were funded to improve the health of low-income families in central Orange County.

Partners for Health grants were made to **Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC)/Kaiser Permanente** (\$133,334), **Hoag Hospital/Maternal Outreach Management Systems** (\$85,905), **St. Joseph Hospital** (\$46,840). These three projects funded for this giving program target asthma assessment and treatment, maternal depression, and increased utilization of prevention services. Prior year grants to CHOC, Hoag Hospital, UC Irvine, and St. Joseph continued through most of the year.

Healthy Orange County projects include: **St. Joseph Health System and the Public Law Center** (\$20,000), **The Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter** (\$1,972), **Human Options’ Family Healing Center** (\$10,000), **The East African Community of Orange County** (\$2,700), **The Blind Children’s Learning Center/Southern California College of Optometry** (\$6,000), **Teen Awareness, Inc.** (\$9,100), and **Family Support Network** (\$4,988).

This year’s Gold Fund for Health program was targeted to reach Hispanic and Vietnamese American women in Orange County at highest risk of developing cervical cancer. The projects funded are at **Laguna Beach Community Clinic** (\$10,000) and **Nhan Hoa Comprehensive Health Care Clinic, Inc.** (\$15,000).

The HealthCare Foundation for Orange County joined the Orange County Community Foundation in a program called “Protecting Children’s Health” to provide funding for projects and programs to protect children’s health in Orange County. The programs funded were **Camp Fire USA Orange County** (\$15,002), **Children’s Hospital of Orange County/Community Action Partnership of Orange County** (\$10,000), **St. Joseph Hospital** (\$29,497), and **Young Men’s Christian Association of Anaheim** (\$12,000).

In addition to the grants program, the Foundation continues to support training and technical assistance for those addressing the health needs of low-income families. Training sessions are coordinated with CalOptima (MediCal providers), The Coalition of Orange County Community Clinics, and The Nonprofit Resource Center for Orange County.

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