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CareSource Foundation Awards Grants

DAYTON, Ohio, June 1, 2009 -- The CareSource Foundation recently announced its second round of health grant awards for 2009. The Foundation funds grants throughout Ohio and, as a result of expanded operations, now provides grants to non-profits in Michigan's service areas. The CareSource Foundation invests in priority funding areas including critical trends in children's health, community health issues, special needs populations and issues of the uninsured. A total of \$155,880 was awarded this quarter to the following 24 organizations:

- **Akron Children's Hospital:** \$5,000 grant to support children in crisis through the collaborative "Children Who Witness Violence" program
- **American Diabetes Association of Michigan:** \$7,500 grant to support Camp Midicha, the largest camp in the nation for children and teens with diabetes
- **American Heart Association:** \$10,000 grant focused on decreasing risk factors for heart disease in women and minorities
- **Berrien County Michigan Health:** \$2,500 grant to support implementation of lead hazard control services
- **Children's Hunger Alliance:** \$12,000 grant to support the USDA Child Nutrition program which subsidizes food service for low-income students
- **East End Community Center:** \$8,000 grant to provide crises and case management services to recent Latino immigrants and their families
- **Four Oaks Early Intervention:** \$3,000 grant to support services and operations of three behavioral health centers operated by the Greene County Board of Mental Health
- **Healthy Moms & Babes:** \$7,500 grant to provide mobile health and education services to low-income, high-risk women including pregnancy screening, referrals, parenting classes and social services
- **Holt Street Miracle Network:** \$4,000 grant to support meals to 120 low-income children
- **Linda Vista Project:** \$5,000 grant to support a residential transition facility and case management services for homeless women and children
- **Michigan State University Extension Program:** \$5,880 grant to incorporate a nutrition education curriculum into Saginaw's elementary schools in partnership with the countywide "Saginaw Steps Up" children's health initiative

- **National MS Society:** \$3,000 to provide short-term homecare and adult daycare for individuals with significant disabilities as a result of multiple sclerosis
- **OhioHealth Foundation:** \$8,000 grant for the “Wellness on Wheels” mobile health services for urban Columbus residents
- **Open M Free Clinic:** \$5,000 grant to support comprehensive nutrition, housing, safety, job skills, self-sufficiency and health care for residents of urban Akron
- **Otterbein Homes:** \$5,000 grant to provide benevolent care for senior citizens who are no longer able to pay the full cost of nutrition or medical CareSource
- **Planned Parenthood of NE Ohio:** \$7,500 grant to help significantly reduce sexually transmitted diseases in teens living in Akron, Canton and Cleveland
- **Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan:** \$10,000 grant to provide overnight shelter to 450 families with significantly ill children
- **South Community:** \$4,000 grant to support therapeutic programs for children with severe behavioral health diagnoses
- **UHCAN of Ohio:** \$15,000 grant to advocate for high quality, accessible and affordable health care for all Ohioans
- **Wellness Connection:** \$5,000 grant to assist low-income, uninsured and unemployed individuals to obtain medication for heart, cancer, diabetes and hypertension health issues
- **YMCA Dayton:** \$10,000 grant to expand the regional Youth and Fitness initiative including summer meal programs for at-risk children
- **YMCA of Grand Rapids:** \$5,000 grant to support 4,000 children enrolled in the “Activate America” program designed to decrease rates of childhood obesity and chronic diseases
- **Youth Challenge:** \$5,000 grant to provide adaptive sports opportunities for children with disabilities in northeast Ohio
- **Zepf Mental Health Center:** \$3,000 grant to target domestic violence issues of clients engaged with the Center’s vocational, aftercare, substance abuse and behavioral health services.

The CareSource Foundation was developed to provide strategic healthcare solutions for the underserved through grants, outreach, medical expertise, community partnerships and volunteerism. For more information on the foundation, visit www.caresourcefoundation.com.

About CareSource

CareSource offers a full spectrum of services for the administration of public-sector health care programs. Among these services are general administration, including claims processing, case and medical management, provider relations, decision support informatics, quality improvement, and regulatory compliance; member services, including a member call center and 24-hour nurse advice line; and financial consultation and turnaround.

CareSource also provides services to nonprofit managed care plans that serves over 731,000 Medicaid and special needs consumers in Ohio and Michigan. For more information about CareSource, visit www.caresource.com.

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