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## ***CCHC receives 2007 breast cancer screening grant from the Susan G. Komen For The Cure Foundation***

*Huntington Beach, CA - Community Care Health Centers (CCHC)*, the largest stand-alone nonprofit health center in Orange County, received the second largest 2007 grant from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation in the county. A formal award ceremony was held on December 7, 2006 at the Costa Mesa office of the Foundation's Orange County Affiliate. CCHC's *Breast Cancer Early Detection and Care Program* was awarded \$150,000 in grant funds to provide culturally-competent case management in breast health designed to increase access to quality standard of care in Orange County.

The goal of CCHC's *Breast Cancer Early Detection and Care Program* is to provide professional breast cancer screening and case management services to all low-income, uninsured women who are residents of Orange County detected to have or be at-risk for breast cancer, including those slightly above 200% of the federal poverty line. Women from all age groups will be served by the project, including those under the age of 40 years. Services for 2007 will be delivered in multiple sites: Huntington Beach (1 site), Orange (1 site), and Santa Ana (2 sites). The project is based on a Center for Disease Control model promoting ongoing breast cancer screening, case management, program monitoring and improvement, and collaborative work with local stakeholders engaged in women's health issues.

"The *Breast Cancer Early Detection and Care Program (BCEDCP)* began 20 years ago as a referral project. Since then, it has grown into the largest community-based breast care project in Orange County. In fact, CCHC's breast care project remains one of the very few comprehensive women's health programs in the county that provides breast cancer outreach and education, screening, re-screening and diagnosis, and post-diagnosis case management services to the uninsured and low-income," says Marti Whitford, MSN, FNP, CCHC's Director of Clinical Services. "We are grateful for the Komen Foundation's unwavering support of our community program. Their partnership is critical in sustaining our ability to provide professional services to local women."

Approximately 1,200 women at-risk or currently suffering from breast cancer are served annually by BCEDCP, and with CCHC's 4 new women's health clinics in Central Orange County, 1,700 women are projected to be served by the end of 2007.

To find out more about how CCHC is addressing the growing need for health care in Orange County, please call Selina C. Hudgins at (714) 500-0217, or email her at [shudgins@cchcoc.org](mailto:shudgins@cchcoc.org).

### **About Community Care Health Centers**

In the fall of 1969, 10 mental health interns came together to address the overwhelming health care need in Orange County. Each person put \$20 on the table and for \$200 they opened a store front office and what is now Community Care Health Centers was born -- its chartered mission: to lead in providing high quality, affordable, accessible health care to people in need. This mission remains the same today. CCHC is a critical component of Orange County's health care safety net, and is one of the leading non-profit health providers in the county to combine 'wrap-around' services with core medical services such as primary care, obstetric and gynecologic care, pediatric care, mental health, dental care, and pharmaceutical services -- thus providing a true 'medical home'. CCHC is the only Federally Qualified Health Center "Look-Alike" in Orange County.