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CHANDLER REGIONAL AND MERCY GILBERT MEDICAL CENTERS AWARD GRANTS TO LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ITS MISSION

CHANDLER and Gilbert, Ariz. (Jan. 20, 2010) – Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers, members of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) are proud to announce its Community Grants Program is providing \$201,616 in funding to 12 community-based non-profit organizations that support underserved populations in the Southeast Valley.

For nearly two decades Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers have been partnering with other non-profit organizations who are working to improve the health and quality of life in the communities it serves and whose efforts embody CHW's core values.

Grants were provided to: Arizona Foundation for Eye Health, Asian Pacific Community in Action, Catholic Community Services of Southern AZ – Valley Center of the Deaf, Chandler Christian Community Center, Chandler Education Foundation, Improving Chandler Area Neighborhoods, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation - Desert Southwest Chapter, Maricopa County Asthma Coalition, Mission of Mercy, Neighbors Who Care, Southwest Human Development, and PREHAB of AZ – A New Leaf.

“We are pleased to continue the tradition of partnering with organizations who share our same mission of ministering the poor and underserved,” said Martin Breeden, vice president of Mission Integration for Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers. “Each organization had to meet certain criteria and eligibility requirements prior to submitting a letter of intent and full proposal. The CHW Investment Committee reviewed the applications and selected the grant recipients.”

The CHW Community Grants Program is entirely funded by contributions from CHW's member hospitals. Grant awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 are provided to those whose programs involve collaboration with others. Since the program's inception in 1990, CHW has awarded nearly 1,800 grants totaling \$27.7 million

For more information on the Community Grants Program, please visit www.chwHEALTH.org/communitygrants.

About Catholic Healthcare West

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), headquartered in San Francisco, Calif., is a system of 41 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Founded in 1986, it is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit health care systems and the largest private hospital system in California. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. The CHW network of nearly 10,000 physicians and approximately 54,000 employees provides health care services to more than five million people annually. In 2009, CHW provided nearly \$1.2 billion in charity care, community benefit, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHEALTH.org. CHW facilities in Arizona include Chandler Regional Medical Center, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute, CHW Urgent Cares in Ahwatukee, Gilbert and Queen Creek, Warner Outpatient Surgery and the Arizona Orthopedic Surgical Hospital. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.chwHEALTH.org.

About Chandler Regional Medical Center

Chandler Regional Medical Center is a 225-bed, acute-care, non-for-profit provider of emergency care, maternal child services, cardiovascular services, wound healing, cancer treatment, diabetes treatment, and diagnostic services. It is located at 475 S. Dobson Road (corner of Dobson Road and Frye Road) in Chandler. For more information, please visit www.chandlerregional.org or call 480.728.3000. Chandler Regional Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities, please visit www.chwcareers.org/arizona. For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact the ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414.

About Mercy Gilbert Medical Center

Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is located at the intersection of Val Vista Drive and Loop 202 (south of Pecos Road and east of Val Vista Drive). Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is a four-story, full-service acute-care facility with 206 beds. For more information, please visit www.mercygilbert.org or call 480.728.8000. Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities, please visit www.chwcareers.org/arizona. For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact the ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414.