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Developing Health: Houston

Health Center Locations:

Overview

“Developing Health” is a new, three-year \$25 million program providing grant funding and GE employee volunteer support to non-profit health centers across the United States. Recognizing the urgent issues related to cost, quality and access of health care for underserved populations in the United States, GE Foundation launched the “Developing Health” program which aims to increase access to primary care for underserved populations in targeted communities. In April 2010, the GE Foundation awarded \$1.25 million in grants across five partner community health centers in Houston, TX.



Houston Sites

Legacy Community Health Services-Westheimer & Legacy Community Health Services-Southwest (received \$250,000 each):

Legacy Community Health Services is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Houston, providing low-cost or no-cost primary healthcare and specialized healthcare services to over 20,000 men, women and children each year. Legacy’s focus is on the underserved citizens in the community – those who, without these services, would either go untreated or place additional strain on already overburdened hospital emergency rooms. Programs offered by Legacy range from primary care and wellness services to eye care, case management, social services, and HIV prevention and education. Legacy Community Health Services formed as the result of a merger of the Montrose Clinic and The Assistance Fund in 2005. Katy Caldwell has led as Executive Director of Legacy since 1996.

Spring Branch Community Health Center (received \$250,000):

The Spring Branch Community Health Center, is a nonprofit corporation formed in June 2003 to reduce health disparities by creating a neighborhood-based health center. The health center is located in the Spring Branch medically-underserved area on the western edge of Houston in Harris County. Spring Branch Community Health Center began providing health care services in May 2004 and became a Federally Qualified Health Center in September 2005. The Spring Branch target area is largely a minority, low-income area dominated by Hispanics who speak Spanish as their first language and over half of the community has incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level. Services include family medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, vaccinations, counseling, social services and health education. Marlen J. Trujillo is the Chief Executive Officer of the Spring Branch Community Health Center and was one of the community leaders that founded the health center in 2003.

Good Neighbor Healthcare Center (received \$250,000):

Good Neighbor Healthcare Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) United Way health care agency that originated in the 1960s to provide health care services to residents of Houston’s Fourth Ward. Since that time, it has grown to provide care for over 100 patients per day. Good Neighbor Healthcare Center is proud of its long history of providing services in a caring,

culturally sensitive environment. Patient fees are charged on a sliding scale based on household size and income. All patients are welcome, regardless of where they reside. Services include dental, education, vision, family medicine, behavioral health and prenatal care. GNHC is located near downtown Houston and is led by Executive Director Janet Donath.

El Centro de Corazón Eastwood Clinic (received \$250,000):

El Centro de Corazón (El Centro) is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit community-based Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), serving the East End of Houston/Harris County, Texas. The East End, an inner-city neighborhood contiguous to downtown Houston, a predominantly Hispanic community, is one of the poorest in the city. El Centro was established in June 1994 as a community-based social service organization for families in the East End. Services offered at the Eastwood site include primary care, dental, behavioral health and psychiatric services, health and nutrition education, case management and medical referral, eligibility and insurance enrollment, after hours and weekends services. Mary Jo May founded El Centro de Corazón in 1994 and has served as its CEO since that time.

Volunteer Support

Created by GE Foundation and the GE Corporate Diversity Council, Developing Health will be lead by GE's Affinity Networks and employee groups, which include the Asian Pacific American Forum, Women's Network, Hispanic Forum, African American Forum, the Veteran's Network and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance. The Affinity Networks and employee groups will partner with non-profit health centers and offer volunteer support and business best practice sharing, in order to help clinics reach underserved populations and enable access to primary care. For more information on Developing Health, visit: http://www.ge.com/foundation/developing_health.jsp

About the GE Foundation

The GE Foundation, the philanthropic organization of the General Electric Company, works to solve some of the world's most difficult problems. In coordination with its partners, it supports U.S. and international education, developing health globally, the environment, public policy, human rights and disaster relief. In addition, the GE Foundation supports GE employee and retiree giving and involvement in GE communities around the world. In 2008, the entire GE family — including businesses, employees, retirees and GE Foundation — contributed more than an estimated \$237 million to community and educational programs, including more than \$100 million from GE Foundation. For more information, visit <http://www.gefoundation.com/>.



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