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## Developing Health™: Fairfield County

### Overview

“Developing Health” is three-year \$50 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 to 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 December 2010, the GE Foundation awarded \$1.25 million in grants to five health centers in Fairfield County. Each of the five health centers will receive \$250,000 over two years. Fairfield County is the tenth location in the U.S. to receive grants through the Developing Health initiative.



### Fairfield County Sites (received \$1.25 million)

#### Community Health Center, Inc. (Norwalk and Danbury)

Since 1972, Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC) has been one of the leading healthcare providers in the state of Connecticut, building a world-class primary health care system committed to caring for uninsured and underserved populations. CHC is focused on improving health outcomes for its more than 130,000 patients as well as building healthy communities. Currently, CHC delivers service in 173 locations statewide, offering primary care in medical, dental and behavioral health services.

#### Optimus Health Care, Inc. (Stamford and Bridgeport)

Optimus Health Care, a Federally Qualified Health Care Center, is the largest provider of primary health care services in Southwestern Connecticut. With a dozen JCAHO accredited, comprehensive community health centers located in Bridgeport, Stratford and Stamford, Optimus provides complete health care services, regardless of race, income and insurance status.

#### Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. (Bridgeport)

Since 1976, Southwest Community Health Center has delivered comprehensive health care services to residents of Bridgeport, CT. Medical, dental and behavioral health services are delivered to low-income residents from 18 sites. Southwest is accredited by the joint commission and serves over 20,000 clients annually.



Beth Comstock, chief marketing officer for GE

## Volunteer Support

Created by GE Foundation and the GE Corporate Diversity Council, Developing Health will be led 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 will partner with the selected non-profit health centers and offer volunteer support and business best practice sharing, in order to help health centers reach underserved populations and enable access to primary care. For more information on Developing Health, visit:

[http://www.ge.com/foundation/developing\\_health.jsp](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 2009, the entire GE family — including businesses, employees, retirees and GE

Foundation — contributed more than an estimated \$220 million to community and educational programs, including more than \$100 million from GE Foundation. For more information, visit [www.gefoundation.com](http://www.gefoundation.com).

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Pictured from the left: Mark Masselli, CEO of Community Health Center, Inc., Dr. Nwando Olayiwola, chief medical officer for Community Health Center, Inc., Katherine Yacavone, CEO of Southwest Community Health Center, Inc., Mayor Bill Finch, City of Bridgeport, Bob Corcoran, president of GE Foundation, Beth Comstock, chief marketing officer for GE, Ludwig Spinelli, CEO of Optimus Health Center, Inc., Deb Elam, chief diversity officer for GE.