

## **Health Coverage Foundation**

### **Annual Report August 2009**

The HCF has made three grants during the past year and is considering the second phase of one grant.

#### **Community of Hope**

December 4, 2008: The Health Coverage Foundation announced a one year grant to Community of Hope of \$100,000 for outpatient mental health services to low income residents of the District.

Health care providers at Community of Hope expect to use the grant to provide care to over 1,700 additional visits to patients with incomes below 300 percent of the federal poverty level. The grant would allow Community of Hope to grow its mental health program by expanding their specialty staff to include a contract psychiatrist and additional case workers. The clinic will provide a range of psychiatric services on-site such as diagnostic assessment, therapy, and medication therapy to their already diverse patient base. The first check for \$50,000 was delivered on December 4 with an interim report due back to the Foundation within six months. That report was delivered 6/29/09.

Community of Hope has provided health care, housing, and education to homeless and low-income families in the District of Columbia since 1980. Its family practice clinic in Adams Morgan (2250 Champlain St NW) provides over 11,000 medical visits and 2,500 dental visits per year.

In July, Marlys Bromberg visited the clinic to see what progress they had made and was pleased to learn that they had hired a bi-lingual psychiatrist and were interviewing candidates for a part-time therapist position. These new resources have allowed for life changing differences to patients in need of mental health services. Instead of paying the second phase of the grant, we have decided to wait until later in the Fall to see what commitments have been made but we fully expect the clinic to be able to see more patients and provide these new outpatient behavioral health services

#### **Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara**

May 18, 2009: The Foundation approved a grant of \$10,000 to the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara to help the nuns in their Washington, DC area convents retain private health plan coverage.

We are also happy to report that one of contributors matched this grant.

## Foundation for Health Coverage Education's Coverage For All

FHCE and its Coverage For All hotline is a very exciting project:

May 18, 2009: The Health Coverage Foundation announced a grant of \$50,000 to the Foundation for Health Coverage Education's Coverage For All program which operates a nationwide hotline program to help the uninsured find coverage options. Recent national press on this national effort has resulted in a steady increase in calls to Coverage for All's Help Line as well as visits to their website. The hotline has had up to 89,000 calls per month from uninsured individuals and families nationwide who are seeking information on available health insurance coverage.

On a personal note, Marlys and I were very pleased that our housekeeper, a single mother from El Salvador who is now a US citizen, called the FHEC hotline for help because she couldn't find affordable coverage and was counseled by a Spanish speaking person in California. She is now applying to Kaiser and it appears she will be able to get coverage. It was a good experience and test of our grant recipient. Their website [www.Coverageforall.org](http://www.Coverageforall.org) is worth visiting.

### Financial Report

At the current time we have \$340,000 in our money market fund.