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La Clínica Raised over \$4 Million for the San Antonio Health Center Expansion Project

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OAKLAND, CA – In January 2007, La Clínica started the Capital Campaign for the San Antonio Neighborhood Health Center Expansion Project with a goal to raise \$3.7 million dollars in two years. However, in merely 14 months, we have exceeded our fundraising expectations.

Over 1,350 Foundations, Corporations and Individuals contributed generously to the San Antonio Neighborhood Health Center Capital Campaign including The Kresge Foundation in Troy, Michigan. La Clínica de La Raza was awarded a \$300,000 Challenge grant award. Its Capital Challenge Grant Program awards an organization a financial grant if it raises an agreed upon amount of funds from private sources.

"We are delighted to have played a role in La Clínica's successful campaign to expand the San Antonio Clinic", says Bill Moses, Program Officer and Education Team Leader at The Kresge Foundation. "La Clínica has been both an anchor in this neighborhood and a leader in providing high quality health care services to low-income persons in the East Bay for decades. We are proud of our long association with La Clínica."

The San Antonio District of Oakland is one of the most economically disadvantaged areas of the East Bay, with over 70 percent of patient household income below the federal poverty line. In addition, many of La Clínica patients lack sufficient health coverage. In response to the desperate need to expand services in the San Antonio community, La Clínica decided to expand its facilities and make health care available to more people. Once the expansion is completed, the San Antonio Neighborhood Health Center will be able to provide medical care to 5,000 more patients annually, nearly an 80% increase.

La Clínica's expansion project will allow the SANHC to continue providing high quality, culturally sensitive health care to the area's diverse population. It will also have a significant impact on the health of the overall community through an increase in patient visits a reduction in costly use of emergency rooms for primary health care treatment.

The San Antonio Neighborhood Health Center has been a part of La Clínica for 25 years, serving as a clear example of the reach and effectiveness of the organization's approach to health care. La Clínica serves as the medical home to the East Bay's uninsured and underserved. Our 25 clinical sites are located in Alameda County, Solano County and Contra Costa County. For more information about La Clínica, please visit us at www.laclinica.org.