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A unique partnership that brings smiles to kids faces.

KHAIR is a special partnership between Community Health Network of CT Foundation, Inc., Community Health Network of CT, Inc. and the Clifford Beers Clinic. KHAIR aims to serve at-risk children through a unique program in which children are paired with hair stylists or barbers who will commit to monthly appointments for one year. The participating salon will also provide free product and direction for routine hair maintenance. KHAIR strives to provide these children with the dignity and respect they deserve, and enhance their levels of confidence they might not otherwise receive.

Feeling good about yourself, that is, taking care of your appearance, helps you take better care of the other important things in life, like doing well in school, having friends, and feeling valued and loved.

Violence, poverty, racism, poor education and many other things we don't like to think about affect, many of our children in the community. There are thousands of children in

Connecticut who are not living with their parents or relatives. In their short lives, these children have often experienced hard times. These events affect the way children feel about themselves and how they see their place in the world.

That is where KHAIR comes in. We believe all children deserve to be cared for and experience joy. We believe it is important for every child to feel good about themselves. We want to provide children who may not have that special person who cares about their appearance or who supports their self-esteem to have the opportunity to be treated special and encouraged to be the best that they can be.

Contact Marisol Alvarez at 203-949-4045 for more information regarding this program.



Highlights from the 2007 Golf Tournament

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for those individuals and corporations that supported our 2nd Annual CHNCT Foundation Golf Classic. The results exceeded our expectation. We are happy to announce that \$29,000 was raised to support our health care initiatives for children and families statewide.

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The 3rd Annual CHNCT Foundation Golf Classic

will take place at the TPC on August 25, 2008.

We would like to encourage organizations to consider a sponsorship for the Foundation's tournament by selecting a sponsorship package located on our website. All sponsorship proceeds will benefit the Foundation's numerous programs that focus on building healthier communities in Connecticut. Benefits to you as a sponsor would include exposure to various members of the health care delivery system in Connecticut and a chance to network during what will no doubt be a great day on a true championship golf course. More importantly, you would be a key supporter of an organization whose goals are directly related to improving health care for those who need help the most, right here in your local community.

Please contact Tressa Spears at 203-949-4101 or visit www.chnctfoundation.org for more information.

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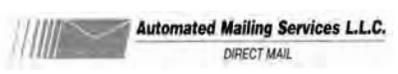
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A Modern Tea

A Modern Tea is an initiative that coincides with the American Heart Association's "Go Red For Women Day" -- it is not your typical tea party; however, it's an afternoon tea that aims to delight the five senses. The afternoon includes information on the benefits of massage, aromatherapy, dance, music, nutrition, healthy lifestyles, and of course there's tea; all of which contribute to healthy hearts.

The third annual tea will be held on Sunday February 3, 2008 at The Inn at Longshore, in Westport, Connecticut from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The highlight of the event will be a story told by a survivor on the subject of how cardiovascular disease has affected her life. However, most women are not lucky enough to survive to tell their story. According to the American Heart Association's 2006 statistics, almost 500,000 women die annually from cardiovascular disease - 6,300 are women who reside in Connecticut. Passing this vital information along to the individuals at this event will create the first steps necessary in heightening awareness of this disease.

This program will provide high-quality, culturally appropriate nutrition and health education to increase healthy behaviors. Our long-term vision is to create a partnership model for effective future collaborations among health care organizations, which will improve the overall health and longevity of the target population.

Please contact Jacqueline Buster at 203.949.4006 for information regarding the Modern Tea.

Highlights From A Modern Tea 2007



A Jessica McClintock dress



Artwork by Karen Rossi



Red dress fashion show



A donation to the American Heart Association

Community Health Network of CT Employee Contributions

At Community Health Network of Connecticut, Inc., we believe in making a difference in our community. This means giving a little of ourselves to improve the quality of life for all of us. CHNCT employees pledged a total of \$5,527 in 2007. These funds will be utilized to support our different health care initiatives throughout the state.

The 2007 Contributors to The Foundation are:

Marisol Alvarez
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Thank you!

The Community Health Network of CT Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce that a grant has been awarded for each Community Health Center (CHC) in the amount of

\$3,200.00.

The monies provided are to benefit each CHC as follows:

Charter Oak, Hartford, CT – Charter Oak will use the funds to purchase **HgbA1c machines** to enable providers to perform a blood test for all diabetic patients. The HgbA1c blood test shows how well diabetes has been controlled during the previous two to three months. This will allow for a real time accurate picture of the patient's disease status and will indicate the appropriate treatment plan. They will also utilize the funds to assist uninsured patients with their co-payments for prescription drugs at their 340B Pharmacy.

Fair Haven Community Health Center, New Haven, CT – Fair Haven Community Health Center will utilize the funds to help with two distinct projects: **The Clinicians' Library** and **Internet Access**. The center has recently become a 'wireless site' so that clinicians can work in any area of the center, as well as offsite and still be connected to the internet. The funds will also be utilized to purchase furniture for the newly expanded Pediatric Room furniture.

Generations, Willimantic, CT – Generations will be reaching several milestones over the next several years that will need to be promoted through updated public relations materials to better serve their members. A new healthcare facility will be built in Willimantic and the center will soon celebrate their 25th anniversary. The funds would be utilized to pay for the printing to **market the new facility and the printing costs for the 25th anniversary annual report**. The center has been unable to pay for the annual report since 1999.

Hill Health Center, New Haven, CT – The Hill Health Center requested support to continue the **patient medical interpretation services** through the Language Line Service. The service provides telephone interpretation for their patients who have limited proficiency in English.

Optimus Health Care, Inc., Bridgeport, CT – Optimus Health Care, Inc. requested the funds to purchase forty-one (41) **Baby Trend Flex-Loc car seats** to be distributed through a Community Car Safety Seat Education and Distribution Program. This program will be implemented during Safe Kids Week celebrated in April 2008.

The Optimus' Prenatal Coordinator will provide the child safety seats to low income parents enrolled in their Obstetric program.

Southwest Community Health Center, Bridgeport, CT – The organization has opened a new-state of the art health center facility located on 968 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport. With this new facility, Southwest will be able to further expand access to health care by serving an additional 3,500 individuals per year. **Their primary objective is to provide market services to broader Bridgeport service area in order to attract and retain patients.**

StayWell Health Center, Waterbury, CT – Staywell requested funds to purchase an **Urisys Urine Analyzer** for the Women's Health Services Department. The test results will indicate early hypertension during pregnancy. As early identification is best to improve birth outcomes. The center will also hold a **Child Development Based Field Trip**. This trip will offer the opportunity for isolated families to experience a positive activity with their children at a location that would otherwise be out of their reach.



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and wish you a New Year of
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