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The George Gund Foundation Commits \$30,000 to Provide Health Care to the Indigent

Grant funding supports continual increased demand for affordable health care among Cleveland's poorest

Cleveland, Ohio – The George Gund Foundation recently granted \$30,000 to Care Alliance Health Center to support the continued provision of medical, dental and supportive services to homeless and public housing residents in Cleveland.

“When people are lining up before sunrise on the first of the month to see a dentist, we know we have to keep pressing forward to find ways to meet an ever-growing need for services. The face of homelessness and poverty is changing,” said Megan Havey, manager of development at Care Alliance. “The Gund Foundation’s commitment is an affirmation that our patients deserve the care we offer, and is a tremendous step toward sustaining the services our patients so desperately need.”

Care Alliance is a nonprofit, federally funded health center dedicated to serving the needs of homeless, public housing and uninsured residents of Cuyahoga County. In 2011, Care Alliance served more than 9,600 people, two-thirds of whom were homeless. Intensive outreach efforts and strong partnerships with other agencies allow Care Alliance to deliver medical care to people on the fringes of society.

What began in 1985 as Cleveland’s “Health Care for the Homeless” program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has grown to encompass primary medical care, comprehensive dental care and supportive services to address chronic homelessness and poverty in Cleveland. Through strategic partnerships with other safety net agencies, and through the support of foundations, corporations and residents of the community, Care Alliance continues to be a medical home for those who may not have a home. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, the organization is able to offer services to patients of all ages on a sliding fee scale based on income.

Those who want to help can donate time, money or expertise by visiting www.carealliance.org and clicking on “Donate.”

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