



ASIAN PACIFIC HEALTH CARE VENTURE, INC.
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The Bonsai News - February 2011 -

Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. (APHCV) welcomes you back to the "Bonsai News", our quarterly newsletter where you can learn the latest news about APHCV. Please read on to learn more about the latest battle to save community health centers and how you can help.

Saving Our Community Health Centers

The House of Representatives will be voting very soon on a bill that cuts \$1.3 billion in health center funding. These cuts will impact every health center in the country and those that received expansion grants under the economic stimulus bill will be hit particularly hard. It is estimated that nationwide these cuts will result in health centers being unable to treat 11 million people. Specifically, this cut means:

- Eliminating health centers' capacity to serve 11 million patients over the next year.
- Ending funding for 127 new health centers (which includes APHCV's Belmont Health Services/Wellness Center) in underserved districts across the country whose residents have long waited for access to doctors and health care services.
- Ending funding of Increased Demand for Services (IDS) grants which have allowed health centers to expand to serve 3.3 million new patients in the last year and a half.
- Raising costs in the overall health care system, and the Medicaid program specifically, by billions of dollars as patients who lose access to primary care seek care in emergency rooms and have worsening health.
- Devastating effects on the communities and patients who most need access to care - patients with diabetes, heart disease and HIV/AIDS, pregnant women and children - leaving them with literally nowhere to turn in their community for health care.
- Forcing health centers to lay off thousands of employees in rural and urban underserved communities nationwide, at a time when states are cutting nearly \$90 million in financial support to health centers due to their own fiscal crises,

**APHCV Recognizes
 November - January
 Donors:**

Avon Foundation for Women
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Pfizer, Inc.
 \$10,000

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Caregiving Legacy Award



Congratulations to the Asian Pacific Islander Dementia Care Network on its receipt of the *Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Award*. The Asian Pacific Islander Dementia Care Network is a collaborative between Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc., Little Tokyo Service Center, Chinatown Service Center, Partners in Care Foundation, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, the L.A. Caregiver Resource Center and the Alzheimer's Association, California Southland Chapter. Using an award-winning, evidence-based program, the Asian Pacific Islander Dementia Care Network provides community awareness and culturally and linguistically appropriate family caregiver support program services that assist low and moderate income Asian older adults and their caregivers to access services that help maintain independence and quality of life.

For its part, Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. is specifically targeting members of the Pilipino community dealing with issues around Alzheimer's Disease through the Pilipino Family Care Giver Program. The program offers limited respite services, information and assistance, referrals to legal services, home visits, diagnostic referrals to clinical services, counseling, support groups, and case management for low to middle-income families caring for loved ones suffering from Alzheimer's Disease or other forms of dementia, or those experiencing significant trouble with memory and thinking such as problem solving, doing complex tasks and making sound judgments.

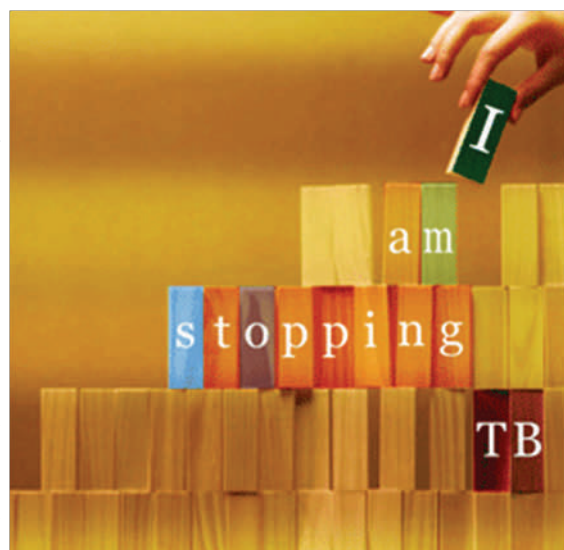
Through support from the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, the Family Caregiver Alliance has been recognizing organizations and programs that seek to improve issues facing caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's Disease. The Asian Pacific Islander Dementia Care Network received one of three 2011 *Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Awards* for its work providing services and support to diverse/multicultural communities.

World Tuberculosis Day

Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. (APHCV) is partnering with the Tuberculosis Coalition of Los Angeles County in preparation for World TB Day on March 24th.

Did you know that 80% of all TB cases are concentrated in just 22 countries? That is staggering considering there are over 9 million new cases of TB each year. For the most part, TB disproportionately affects people in Africa and Asia, infecting over one-third of the world's population. And unlike other diseases or conditions, tuberculosis, if not properly treated, has the ability to become resistant to various drugs and treatments. This strain, known as Multi Drug Resistant TB (MDR-TB) now accounts for over half of all TB cases in the world.¹

This year, APHCV is "ON THE MOVE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS," helping to bring awareness that tuberculosis today remains an epidemic in much of the world, including here in our own communities. In 2007, there were 816 cases of TB identified in Los Angeles County. Of those, over 40% of cases were among the Asian and Pacific Islander community, an increase of three percentage points from the previous year.² Visit the [Stop TB Partnership](#) website to get more information on the global effort to eliminate TB and find out what you can do in your community.



1. World Health Organization, 2011.
2. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, 2007

APHCV Participating in the Komen Race for the Cure

On March 6, 2011 Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. is participating in the Komen Race for the Cure. Each year Susan G. Komen for the Cure® hosts the Komen Race for the Cure all over the country helping to raise awareness of women's breast cancer and help raise funds to support local breast health programs. This year, the Komen Race for the Cure in Los Angeles will take place at Dodgers Stadium and APHCV has put together a team to do our part in the fight against breast cancer. To join our team, visit the APHCV Team Page or show your support by making a donation. Together we can make a difference!



APHCV's New Website!

Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. is excited to announce the launch of its brand new website! Catch up on the latest news from APHCV, find out which of APHCV's many programs work for you and get information on how to make an appointment or sign up for a class. Visit us at www.aphcv.org.

Special thanks to the Taproot Foundation for their generous support in putting together an amazing team to redesign the APHCV website. Visit the site credits to see our pro bono team of consultants.

Saving Our Community Health Centers (continued)

leaving health centers with no way to continue to serve their existing patients and communities.

- Halting the expansion of the cost-effective, high quality, patient-directed health center model of care and undermine the solvency of the network of health center homes that ensures our most hard-hit communities and families get the critically important primary and preventive care they need.

The House continues debating the Continuing Resolution - HR 1 - Friday, February 18th or even through Saturday, February 19th. APHCV really appreciates all the help we can get from you. Call the Capitol Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121 or email using this [alert](#). Tell them to vote NO on the Continuing Resolution and **NO TO CUTS TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM!**

Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. (www.aphcv.org) located in Hollywood and serving the greater Los Angeles area, is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides culturally competent health education and primary care services to 12,000 patients annually, more than 75% of whom are uninsured. APHCV provides its health education and health care services in ten Asian languages (Thai, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Khmer, Japanese, Bengali, Mandarin, Cantonese, Indonesian, and Korean), English and Spanish. APHCV administration can be reached at (323) 644-3880. Medical appointments can be made by calling (323) 644-3888.