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The Bonsai News

- December 2008 -

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 find out more about our \$600,000 federal grant to expand medical capacity, our newest Board member Rosalyn Vasquez, how you can help our TeenSMART Outreach Program, and much more.

Asian Pacific Health Care Venture awarded \$600,000 federal grant to expand medical capacity

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has awarded Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. (APHCV) \$600,000 for two years to expand its medical capacity to provide women's health and family practice services. Starting in September, this additional funding will allow APHCV to remodel its facilities and to hire three new full time clinicians, clinic support staff, and outreach/eligibility/interpreter workers to meet the needs of women and their family members.

[Read more about the how APHCV will focus its services with the new grant...](#)

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Meet APHCV's newest Board member, Rosalyn Vasquez

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Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. warmly welcomes the newest member to the Board of Directors, Rosalyn Vasquez, Esq. She was elected at the October 6th Board meeting and brings a wealth of experience and passion to the Board. Rosalyn graduated from Southwestern University School of Law and currently a Staff Counsel for the State of California, California Department of Social Services. Her prior community involvement includes being the President of the Thai Association of Southern California from 2003 - 2005, a founding Board member of the Tsunami Children's Foundation from 2001 - to present, and a member of the Thai Chamber of Commerce from 2005 - present. APHCV looks forward to the guidance and contributions of Rosalyn to our agency.

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TeenSMART Outreach Needs Your Help!

"The clients find your presentation comfortable and easy to talk and ask questions about in a relaxing atmosphere where they can joke and feel free to speak their minds, the best learning environment there is..."



March 15, 2008 - TSO staff outreach at John Marshall High School on St. Patrick's Day to promote teen pregnancy prevention and nutrition.

For the past 10 years Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc.'s REAL Youth Center's TeenSMART Outreach Program (TSO) has been conducting outreach activities to high-risk teens with the goal of reducing the risk of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. TSO aims to foster responsible decision making relevant to sexual health and reproductive behaviors, and increase access to family planning services. Since 2005, TSO has reached approximately 20,000 youth, including 1,100 new family planning patients, through innovative outreach strategies. During the 2007 - 2008 project year, evaluation of the program showed that 97% of youth felt that they can better protect themselves from pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections after participating in a TSO sexual education presentation. One female participant stated that the health educator "understood us and answered all our questions without judging."

[Read more to find out how state budget cuts have affected TSO...](#)

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APHCV Moves Towards Electronic Health Records With
i2iTracks

Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. is pleased to announce the receipt of health information technology grants from L.A. Care Health Plan, the Tides Foundation, and Building Clinic Capacity for Quality Phase II, a project of Community Partners, to implement i2iTracks, a Population Health Management Software system which integrates patient clinical data from our various patient databases. The software will automate tracking of patients' clinical outcomes and give providers quick access to patient data. This will help providers deliver more effective care by improving access to patient data at the point of care. Administrators will also have access to population health data to track population outcomes to develop new strategies. For example, i2i can track how many patients were tested for Hepatitis B and what was the positivity rate for the test. This data will allow APHCV to develop a profile of those patients who test positive, from which an outreach and education plan can be based on. i2i implementation will begin in December and will focus on diabetic patients and mammograms for women.

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Asian Pacific Health Care Venture partners with The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles for 5th Annual Health Fair



Marilyn Johns, Pilipino Community Outreach Worker, opens the health fair.



James Bon, Family Nurse Practitioner, talks to the media about the services APHCV provides.

October 22 - 24, 2008 - Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. partners with the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles to host the 5th Annual Pagpahalaga Sa Kalusugan Ng Pamilya Health Fair for the Pilipino community. Over 250 people participated in the two and a half day event. Medical screening services such as blood pressure, glucose, and bone density tests were provided. In addition, APHCV staff provided information regarding community resources available through APHCV such as enrollment assistance for public programs such as Medi-Cal, Medicare, and Food Stamps, and free pregnancy, HIV, and STD tests. Staff from the Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches was also present to register interested marrow donors.

APHCV would like to thank the following donors for supporting the health fair: Care 1st Health Plan, More Vision Eye Care, The Law Offices of Susana Chung, Vincent Sayoc, D.D.S., and Rolando Ragasa. We would also like to thank the following organizations for their donations and support: Balitang Amerika, Asian Journal Publication, Balita Media, Inc., Tribune U.S.A., Mobile Marketing Corp, Goldilocks, Bahay Kubo Natin, and Access Dental. APHCV appreciates the help of all our donors and volunteers, without whom this event would not be as successful.

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This month's health topic: HIV/AIDS



September 18, 2008 - APHCV HIV program staff join other attendees at the US Conference on AIDS to form a human red ribbon.

Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. recognizes World AIDS Day on December 1st. APHCV's HIV Unit Staff will be encouraging all staff to wear red as a sign of support in the fight against AIDS. Facts and information about HIV/AIDS will be distributed to staff as well. APHCV continues to work towards increasing knowledge and reducing stigma about HIV/AIDS in the Asian and Pacific Islander community. Please read on to find more information about HIV/AIDS.

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is the virus that causes AIDS. HIV attacks the immune system and destroys a type of white blood cell called the T cells. This weakens the body's ability to fight disease. AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) is the final stage of HIV infection. It can take years for an HIV infected person to develop AIDS. The immune system of a person with AIDS is so weak that infections or diseases the body can normally fight off become life threatening.

- In 2007, the worldwide estimate of people living with HIV was 33 million and each year around 2.7 million more people become infected with HIV. About 2 million people died of AIDS.
- According to the CDC, Hispanics/Latinos are disproportionately affected by HIV, as they represent 18% of new HIV infections but are only 15% of the total U.S. population.
- Asian Pacific Islanders had the only statistically significant

increase in HIV/AIDS diagnosis rates in the US from 2001-2004

For more information, please visit the CDC's [website](#).

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How to help: Workplace Giving Campaigns

Support Asian and Pacific Islander communities through Workplace Giving Campaigns

Do you work for the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, Federal Government or Kaiser Permanente? Do you know someone who does? The Workplace Giving Campaigns for these organizations will occur this fall and Asian Pacific Health Care Venture hopes you will consider a payroll deduction donation to the **Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF)**. Every little bit helps and whatever amount you can give will be greatly appreciated.

APHCV is one of APCF's 29 member agencies that collectively serve hundreds of thousands of clients each year, the majority of whom live in low-income and immigrant Asian and Pacific Islander communities. Programs and services include after-school programs, child care, disabled assistance, health care, legal services, low income housing, senior services, violence prevention and much more. For more information on APCF and its affiliate agencies, please visit www.apcf.org.

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Asian Pacific Health Care Venture awarded \$600,000 federal grant continued:

APHCV will focus its services on reaching out to the Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Bangladeshi, and Latino communities in APHCV's service area, SPA 4, which encompasses Hollywood and the Greater Los Angeles Downtown Area, and a portion of SPA 2, which includes Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Panorama City. Both external literature and APHCV's own internal data show that these communities have higher risks and/or low utilization of women's health services. Patient census analysis also shows there is demand for appointments, as currently most patients wait 22-31 days before seeing a clinician. Additionally, a sizeable number of women who come in for family planning and prenatal care also need diabetes and hypertension related care, which suggests the need for a broader scope of health care. The proposed project will reach 2,467 new patients and encounters will be increased by 10,800 within two years. This represents a 25 percent increase in the total number of patients. APHCV is excited to work with HRSA to meet their shared goal of improving access to health care services for people who

are uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable.

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TeenSMART Outreach needs your help continued:

However, like many other health programs, TSO has been adversely affected by the recent California state budget cuts. The retroactive elimination of funding from the California Department of Public Health, Office of Family Planning has sharply reduced the staff time available to outreach to high-risk youth. The budget cuts also prevent TSO staff from accessing new venues. TSO staff are currently involved in state-wide advocacy programs to reinstate family planning funding. This includes participating in conference calls, working with the Los Angeles Regional Teen Pregnancy Collaborative to contact local legislatures about the about the importance of teen outreach and education. Upcoming activities include organizing legislative visits in December, a youth rally in February, and a post card campaign to legislators.

Please partner with APCHV and contact your local State Senator or Assemblymember about the need to continue funding for the Office of Family Planning's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs. Additionally, any donations to APHCV's REAL Youth Center are appreciated. APHCV's goal is to raise \$20,000 by January 31, 2008 to serve as bridge funds to continue the classroom presentations while advocacy efforts are implemented.

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Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. ([website](#)) 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 11,000 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 can be reached at (323) 644-3880. Medical appointments can be made by calling (323) 644-3888.

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