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## More Than \$730,000 Awarded to Non-Profit Agencies by Kaiser Permanente Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers

**FONTANA, CA, August 1, 2014** – Continuing its strong commitment to supporting the communities it serves, Kaiser Permanente announced today a total of \$731,500 in Community Benefit grants to 62 non-profit organizations in San Bernardino County. The grants support organizations and community health clinics that provide free and/or low cost programs and services to the underserved and uninsured.

"Improving the health of the communities we serve has always been a central part of our mission," said David Quam, MD, Area Medical Director and Chief of Staff. "By investing significant resources into these critical programs, we are helping more people live well and thrive."

Kaiser Permanente San Bernardino County Area's grant funding is informed by the organization's tri-annual Community Health Needs Assessment. Grants were awarded to organizations in one of four community health need categories: Health Care Access and Utilization; Chronic Conditions (Obesity, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease); Mental Health/Substance Use; and Economic Instability (Food Security, Education Attainment, Unemployment).

"The Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers' community health partners are filling critical gaps by providing physical, mental, and dental care – as well as new programs and services – needed by the community," said Annie Russell, Chief Administrative Officer.

"Kaiser Permanente strives to help eliminate health disparities and build healthier communities," said Greg Christian, Executive Director, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals/Health Plan, Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers. "We couldn't do that without strong partnerships like the ones we have with these organizations in San Bernardino County." Programs supported by Community Benefit help families receive primary care, dental and mental health care, teach people how to manage chronic diseases, promote preventive care, provide healthy eating and active living education, and support basic needs such as employment training, food security, housing and transportation.

Among the 62 community benefit grant recipients, some are:

- Adelanto Elementary School District
- Al Shifa Clinic
- Arrowhead United Way
- Assistance League of Redlands
- Central City Lutheran Mission
- City of Fontana
- Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino
- Foothill Family Shelter
- High Desert Homeless Services
- Inland Empire United Way
- Inland Valley Hope Partners
- Kids Come First Community Health Center
- Mary's Mercy Center, San Bernardino
- Ontario-Montclair School District
- Rim Family Services
- SAC Health System
- Victor Valley Rescue Mission
- Well of Healing Mobile Clinic

Monetary grants are just one way Kaiser Permanente helps ensure that good health extends beyond our doors. Community Benefit focuses not just on grant dollars but also includes donating resources, including surplus medical equipment, furniture, food and supplies, and donating our time and expertise through volunteerism – everything from physician volunteers at non-profit community clinics to painting and sprucing up local clinics – to improve lives in the communities we serve.

## **About Kaiser Permanente**

Kaiser Permanente's San Bernardino County Service Area has provided comprehensive, affordable health care to the Inland Empire for more than 70 years and serves 460,000 members. The San Bernardino County Service Area includes the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals in Fontana and Ontario, and medical offices in Fontana, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Colton, Claremont, Montclair, Chino, San Bernardino, Victorville, Redlands, and Upland.

Kaiser Permanente is committed to helping shape the future of health care. We are recognized as one of America's leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans. Founded in 1945, our mission is to provide high quality, affordable health care services to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We currently serve more than 3.7 million members in Southern California. Care for members and patients is focused on their total health and guided by their personal physicians, specialists and team of caregivers. Our expert and caring medical teams are empowered and supported by industry-

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