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Tracy Family Practice Receives \$100,000 from Sutter Health

Tracy, California, October 22, 2008 - Sutter Tracy Community Hospital recently endorsed – and helped secure – \$100,000 in grant funding for Tracy Family Practice operated by Community Medical Centers, Inc. The grant represents a portion of the \$2.5 million that Sutter Health awarded in October to 26 medical and dental care centers across Northern California which serve large percentages of low-income, uninsured and underinsured patients.

“Today’s challenging economic times pose an even greater difficulty on the working poor, the uninsured, farm workers, homeless persons and other vulnerable populations,” said Sutter Tracy Community Hospital CEO Dave Thompson. “This grant will help those most in need by maintaining or expanding access to services provided by Tracy Family Practice clinics, over 50% of the clinics patients have no form of health insurance.”

“Through the *Community Clinic Access to Care Grant Program*, we’re pleased to further support local health clinics that are providing vital services to individuals and families in need,” said Sutter Health CEO and President Pat Fry.

Tracy Family Practice, one of eleven clinics operated by Community Medical Centers, Inc., will help increase primary care clinic access in Tracy, by providing expanded hours of operation, offering support services such as health education and case-management services targeting residents with chronic diseases.

Sutter Tracy Community Hospital is a full-service, acute care hospital that offers a wide array of inpatient and outpatient services. Founded in 1948 by a group of community residents and business members, the hospital became an affiliate of Sutter Health, Northern California’s leading non-profit provider of health care services and programs, in 1993. Visit us on the web at www.suttertracy.org.

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