

CMA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES INCREASED FUNDING FOR MEDICAL STUDENT-RUN CLINICS

Thanks to funding from The Doctors Company Foundation, the CMA Foundation is pleased to announce that grants up to \$2,000 are available to medical student-run clinics. The funding for the medical student-run clinics is also supported by *Hoops for Health*, a medical student-run fundraiser.

In addition, the CMA Foundation continues to offer grants to support health-related educational, advocacy, community service, and other outreach programs that enhance the well-being of California communities. These grants average \$250 to \$1,000.

Grant Application Materials

Grant application materials are available on the California Medical Association Foundation website: <http://www.thecmafoundation.org/projects/minigrant.asp>

Examples of medical student-run clinic grants funded in 2009 include:

University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine

The Screen Now and Prevent Program (SNAPP) is Keck's first and only student-run free health clinic. SNAPP opened on January 10, 2007 and will continue to operate on the second Tuesday of every month. The clinic currently offers screenings for common conditions, education about lifestyle changes and free prescription pharmaceuticals. SNAPP is run at St. Camillus Church, across the street from Los Angeles County Hospital. For the many medical students who volunteer for SNAPP, this experience in the privilege and responsibility of patient care will help craft a new generation of socially conscious and compassionate doctors.

Loma Linda University, School of Medicine

With a strategic partnership with Social Action Community Health System (a group founded by medical students 35 years ago), the students at LLU reopened a student-run clinic in the Norton neighborhood in Southern California. The one-year anniversary of the clinic opening was marked by an expansion in services, from once monthly to two evening clinics per month, with double the number of staff. The clinic's bilingual services reflect the cultural heterogeneity of the area's population. This clinic provides young medical professionals with pragmatic understanding of patients' realities. It develops skills for delivering efficient and economically feasible medical interventions, a facet of medical training which is often overlooked in other settings.

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