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*Peninsula Community Foundation
Awards Major Grant to Underwrite Health Care for Uninsured*

East Palo Alto— In February Ravenswood Family Health Center received a major grant of \$300,000 from Peninsula Community Foundation; \$275,000 came from one of the Foundation's Endowment Fund and the balance from the Sand Hill Foundation, one of its Donor Advised Funds. Recognizing that Ravenswood Family Health Center is an anchor in the community with essential core services and the stability of established long-term partnerships, the Board of the Foundation awarded a grant for core support at its January meeting. The grant will underwrite a portion of the \$1 million annual cost for uncompensated health services for a rising number of uninsured patients. In 2005 RFHC projects that at least 59% of patients treated will have no health insurance. Luisa Buada, RFHC's CEO and the Board of Directors are exploring new partnerships that could be mutually beneficial and secure long-term support to offset uncompensated medical and dental care services.

Peninsula Community Foundation is a founding partner of the Clinic. Sterling Speirn, President and CEO of PCF, led a campaign to raise \$1.8 million from PCF donors to fund site development, engineering and design costs for two modulars, one for the clinic, the other for a Community Resource Center which now houses four nonprofits. That strategic investment produced the kind of synergy among nonprofits that PCF envisioned, and greatly reduced the cost of operations for nonprofits. In the course of a year, an estimated 8,500 people will receive health care, and another 5,000 benefit from services offered by the nonprofits in the Resource Center.

Ravenswood Family Health Center is a nonprofit community health center that provides comprehensive primary health care to all ages. Its mission is to ensure that everyone has access to the best health care, regardless of ability to pay.

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