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SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS RECEIVES \$10,500 TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE HIGH-QUALITY CARE

Foundation recognizes health center as vital member of California's safety net

San Francisco, CA (October 7, 2015) - Blue Shield of California Foundation announced today that it is awarding \$10,500 in unrestricted funds to Santa Cruz Community Health Centers. As a longstanding ally to safety net providers across the state, the Foundation trusts that Santa Cruz Community Health Centers will put these flexible funds to their highest and best use in the service of California's most vulnerable populations.

"We are committed to providing core operating funding to support the community health centers working on the frontlines of California's vibrant healthcare safety net," said Peter Long, PhD, president and CEO of Blue Shield of California Foundation. "Our continued investment in the Santa Cruz Community Health Centers reinforces our confidence in their ability to respond to challenges and opportunities while continuing to ensure access to care to low-income residents in Santa Cruz County.

The Foundation is proud to partner with California's safety net providers through this grant, and other philanthropic investments in community health centers across the state.

About Blue Shield of California Foundation

Blue Shield of California Foundation is one of the state's largest and most trusted grantmaking organizations. Our mission is to improve the lives of all Californians, particularly the underserved, by making health care accessible, effective, and affordable, and by ending domestic violence. To learn more, visit www.blueshieldcafoundation.org.

About Santa Cruz Community Health Centers

Our mission is to improve the health of our patients and the community and advocate the feminist goals of social, political, and economic equality. Driven by a 40-year commitment to health care as a human right, Santa Cruz Community Health Centers is a leading nonprofit provider of high-quality, affordable and comprehensive health services in English and Spanish to all ages, gender identities, ethnicities, abilities and

sexual orientations, regardless of their ability to pay. We operate two clinics: the Santa Cruz Women's Health Center and the East Cliff Family Health Center.

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