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## HEADLINE: CALIFORNIA HEALTH COLLABORATIVE ANNOUNCES NEW GRANT AWARD

The California Health Collaborative, a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization, seeks to help low income and under or uninsured individuals in Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Plumas & Tehama counties overcome barriers to timely breast care services through the Clinical Education, Coordination and Nurse Navigation (CECaNN) Program. In its second year of operation with continued funding by the Sacramento Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the Collaborative's CECaNN program recently received \$4,538 of a \$25,000 grant award to the California Health Collaborative from Sierra Health Foundation through its Responsive Grants Program. The grant was one of 28 awarded by the Sacramento-based private philanthropy, which promotes improved health and quality of life for the people of Northern California.

The California Health Collaborative has also been partnering with an increasing number of local community fundraisers in its service area to accomplish its mission and achieve its goals. Services for those that meet eligibility guidelines include navigation of the health care system, education regarding medical options, decision-making support, information and referral to local resources, and financial assistance with medical costs, as well as ancillary items such as transportation, child/elder care, food vouchers, utility bills, housekeeping, post-mastectomy products, wigs/head coverings, lymphedema garments, and overnight accommodations necessary to comply with treatment recommendations.

With the additional funds from Sierra Health Foundation, the California Health Collaborative has greatly increased its capacity to provide services in all five counties. The new grant strengthens the Program's capacity to reimburse for necessary medical services for a greater number of individuals who are high risk or have abnormal findings but have no other payer. Collection, analysis, and reporting of data from those additional services will ensure a broader assessment of where the Program needs improvement.

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