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**SAMARITAN HOUSE RECEIVES \$260,000 GRANT FROM
THE PENINSULA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT**

San Mateo, CA- FEBRUARY 7, 2017: Samaritan House is pleased to announce that it has received a \$260,000 grant from the Peninsula Health Care District's (PHCD) Community Grants Program. This grant will support Samaritan House's mission to mobilize the resources of our community to help those among us who are in need.

"PHCD is proud to provide financial support for the 2017 community grant recipients as they work tirelessly to provide services that improve the health and wellness of District residents and empower our community with their impactful, innovative programs," said PHCD Board Chair Lawrence Cappel, Ph.D.

At the ninth annual Community Partners Awards Ceremony on February 1, 2017, PHCD awarded the 2017 grants to 30 local organizations. In addition, each organization had an opportunity to recognize a key volunteer who helps support their mission and makes a significant contribution to the community. Samaritan House recognized Dr. Sophie Cole for her volunteer service at our San Mateo Free Clinic providing quality healthcare to our neighbors in need.

"Dr. Sophie Cole has been volunteering steadily at the Samaritan House San Mateo Free Clinic for over 17 years and is a superb physician. She cares deeply about the patients and the community. She is very active in our community with a variety of causes. In addition to providing direct care to our patients, Dr. Cole serves an active role on our Board of Directors and on our Clinical Advisory Committee. She is a voice for healthcare in the underserved communities." – Jason Wong, M.D., Samaritan House Medical Director

Every year, PHCD awards grants to local organizations that address local health priorities and help carry out the vision of the District. Community Grant recipients are chosen based on a review of local health care needs and the evolving priorities of District communities. In 2017, Samaritan House is one of 30 local organizations to receive a grant from PHCD, a community investment of \$2 million. Since 1996, PHCD has invested more than \$50 million to local organizations through the Community Grants Program.

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About Samaritan House:

Since 1974, Samaritan House has become San Mateo's leading non-profit that brings a new level of hope, dignity, and empowerment to people living in poverty as they fulfill immediate needs and guide people toward self-reliance. Recognized as a role model in the community, Samaritan House is the largest direct-to-client food distribution agency in the county. Other free services include shelter and housing assistance; medical and dental clinics; clothes for children; personalized case management and much more. The entire community benefits from Samaritan House's steadfast mission to mobilize all available resources and work hand in hand to break the cycle of poverty.

About the Peninsula Health Care District:

Founded in 1947, the Peninsula Health Care District serves the communities of San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo and Foster City by supporting the unique health and wellness priorities of our vibrant Peninsula communities, and safeguarding access to health care services, today and in the future. PHCD fulfills its commitment to the community through oversight of District assets and infrastructure, planning for future health care needs, and investing taxpayer dollars in local health-focused organizations and programs. To learn more about PHCD, visit www.peninsulahealthcaredistrict.org.