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**Quality treatment and health education:
giving uninsured families a start at healthy lifestyles**
*The WHO (Women Helping Others®) Foundation awards \$10,000 to
Glendale Healthy Kids*

Glendale, CA – In 1993, the Glendale Memorial Hospital Foundation recognized a desperate need to extend quality health and preventative care to the uninsured children of the working poor. Glendale Healthy Kids was then created and now works in collaboration with volunteer healthcare professionals, community members and organizations to provide children of low-income, underinsured families with access to proper healthcare and to provide preventative health education to the community.

One integral part of Glendale Healthy Kids is the Referral and Education program. Within this, children are referred by school nurses, parents, coaches and others for chronic or emergency health conditions ranging from medical to dental, vision and even mental health conditions. Case manager nurses then provide assessment with language, transportation, and additional family needs taken into consideration, then contacts a volunteer healthcare provider for an appointment and treatment, at which GHK pays all costs. In addition to treatment and care, much importance is placed on preventative care and health education.

"The state of the economy hits single parents particularly hard," said Executive Director Camille Levee. "If employers don't provide health insurance for dependents, it costs a minimum of \$800 per month. Glendale Healthy Kids provides a safety net of free healthcare for children who qualify as low income, or underinsured. These funds will allow us to not only provide additional referrals for healthcare, meeting a growing need, but will also provide program supplies to assist with education of moms in the areas of oral health, asthma and nutrition."

WHO is proud to grant this organization \$10,000 for its Referral and Education program. This grant will go directly to providing 8000 tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, and flossers, as well as prescriptions, eyeglasses and asthma education booklets.

The WHO Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that was founded in 1993 and born from the philosophy of Women Helping Others. For 15 years, WHO has been giving and making a difference by supporting community-focused charities that serve the overlooked needs of women, children and families. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$3.5 million to over 332 organizations throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

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