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The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation Donates \$25,000 to Help Houston's Homeless

HOUSTON – The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation generously donated \$25,000 to Cathedral Health & Outreach Ministries (CHOM) in support of their programs that serve Houston's poor and homeless. CHOM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing social and health services to poor and homeless men, women, children, and youth living in the Houston area. The mission of CHOM is to respect the human dignity of the poor and improve their lives. CHOM is serving the poor and homeless through four distinct programs: The Beacon, a day center providing essential services



(food, clothing, laundry services, and shower facilities) and case management to help individuals address the root causes of their homelessness, and also includes the Homeless Youth Street Outreach Project, an off-site component that provides case management and licensed mental health counseling services to homeless youth; Brigid's Hope, a transitional residence serving homeless women who have left the Texas prison and jail system; Cathedral Justice Project, a legal aid program providing pro-bono legal services to the homeless; and Cathedral Clinic, a health clinic providing medical and mental health services to poor and homeless men, women, children, and youth.

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“We are really excited to have a partnership between CHOM and The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation,” said Tracy L. Burnett, LCSW, Executive Director for CHOM. “The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation, through its focus on human services, helps us tremendously as we work to carry out our mission of respecting the dignity and improving the lives of Houston's homeless, with an ultimate goal of guiding people to self-sufficiency. It is through the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation's donation that we are able to serve over 10,000 unduplicated individuals annually who are homeless, transitionally homeless, or at-risk for becoming homeless. To have the support of the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation is a great honor“

“We know first-hand the joy our team members receive from volunteering to support CHOM programs,” said Mark Praigg, Regional Marketing and Community Relations Manager for Wells Fargo. “The commitment of our team members is the basis of our support for CHOM.”

The mission of The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation is to build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life, and make a positive difference. We are a private foundation providing grants to eligible 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations to support these focus areas: education, community development, health and human services, arts and culture, environment, and civic.

If you would like additional information on CHOM, its programs, or volunteer opportunities, please contact Cydney Cameron at 713.220.9737.

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