Environmental Health Coalition is one of 16 innovative non-profit organizations based in San Diego and Imperial Counties to receive unrestricted funding

San Diego, CA (June 18, 2012) – Alliance Healthcare Foundation (Alliance), a nonprofit organization working to advance health and wellness for those in need in San Diego and Imperial Counties, announced today that it will fund 16 local organizations through its Mission Support Grants program with awards totaling $1,000,007.

To be considered in the competitive application process, local organizations were asked to demonstrate past and planned innovations, collaboration with other organizations and their unique role in improving health and wellness across our region. More than 80 non-profit organizations applied for Alliance’s Mission Support Grants program and 16 grants between $30,000 and $100,000 were awarded. Grant recipients were chosen through a detailed process involving Alliance’s board of trustees, organizational leadership and program committees.

"We were thrilled to see so many worthy organizations apply for our Mission Support Grants program, which is designed to help non-profits in San Diego and Imperial Counties," said Nancy Sasaki, executive director of Alliance. "Selecting 16 was a difficult process, but the recipients set themselves apart by demonstrating excellence in 13 areas, including leadership, quality, sustainability and cost per client."

Four of the 16 local non-profit organizations that received grants valued at $100,000 each include:

- Environmental Health Coalition (http://www.environmentalhealth.org/) - Environmental Health Coalition (EHC) builds grassroots campaigns to confront the unjust consequences of toxic pollution, discriminatory land use, and unsustainable energy policies.
- ElderHelp of San Diego (http://www.elderhelpofsandiego.org/) - ElderHelp provides personalized services and information for San Diego’s growing population of seniors to help them remain independent and live with dignity in their own homes. Services include companionship, transportation, home sharing, and other support services.
- Horn of Africa Community in North America (http://www.hornafrica.org/) - Horn of Africa is the leading community-based organization representing and advocating for the comprehensive and diverse needs and opportunities of African refugees and immigrants in San Diego, with a particular emphasis on refugees from Somalia.
• Somali Family Service of San Diego (http://www.somalifamilyservice.org/) - Somali Family Service, guided by its community champions, helps Somali and other African families in becoming responsible, independent and contributing members of San Diego through its programs that promote health, educational and economic success, and leadership efforts.

"Support from Alliance Health Care Foundation will help Environmental Health Coalition ensure that every family has clean air to breathe and a healthy home in which to live," said Environmental Health Coalition Executive Director Diane Takvorian. "It enables EHC to continue our advocacy for sustainable and healthy neighborhoods for our kids and our environment."

The remaining 11 Alliance Mission Support Grant recipients include:

• Bayside Community Center (http://www.baysidecc.org/)
• Info Line of San Diego County (http://www.211sandiego.org/)
• A New Path (http://anewpathsite.org/)
• Operation Samahan, Inc. (http://www.operationsamahan.org/)
• San Diego Organizing Project (http://www.sdop.net/)
• San Diego Youth Services (www.sdyouthservices.org)
• St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc. (http://www.svdpv.org/)
• Survivors of Torture, International (http://www.notorture.org/)
• Neighborhood House Association (http://www.neighborhoodhouse.org/)
• UCSD Student-run Free Clinic (http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/)

About Alliance Healthcare Foundation
Alliance Healthcare Foundation (Alliance) works to advance health and wellness for the most vulnerable – the poor, working poor, children and homeless in San Diego & Imperial Counties. We look for ways to collaborate with nonprofit, government and community agencies to further this goal. For more information visit www.alliancehealthcarefoundation.org.

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