



QUALITY AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT WITHIN REACH

In 2006, Universal Health Care Foundation played a pivotal role in propelling universal health care to the forefront of the state's agenda



– in the gubernatorial race, in the Legislature, in the press, and in the minds of the public. Our staff and partners – nationally and locally – provided statistics, stories and policy research that helped spur a vigorous statewide debate. As our annual report was being completed in 2007, everyone, including the governor, was talking about the need for quality, affordable health care for every man, woman and child in Connecticut. And Universal Health Care Foundation stood ready to act as a resource and a catalyst.

Our research last year has proved critical in shaping the debate. We released two reports, *Mapping Health Spending and Insurance Coverage in Connecticut* and *Health Care Coverage in Connecticut: Three Routes to Reform*. They showed advocates, business leaders and lawmakers that universal health care can be cost-effective and economically beneficial. This research informed, inspired and influenced a number of proposals, including two health care reform bills in 2007: one that would establish a state-administered health plan and another that would rely upon a purchasing pool.

In 2006, the Foundation launched *healthcare4every1*, a grassroots organizing campaign. We doubled the amount of our grants, awarding \$2.6 million to health care advocacy and labor organizations, and business and faith-based groups. We also beefed up our strategic communication efforts. We ran radio and television ads to raise public awareness of the health care crisis and the statewide campaign to push for bold solutions. In addition to our redesigned primary Web site, we built a campaign Web site for *healthcare4every1* where residents can tell their health care stories, learn about universal health care, and join the campaign. The response has been tremendous. The coalition – of consumers, advocates, and business, labor and religious leaders – is on the march in Connecticut. Residents want quality, affordable health care for everyone. Universal health care is now within reach. It has moved from vision to possibility. Let us not stop until victory is won.

¡Si Se Puede!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JAF', written over a white background.

Juan A. Figueroa, President

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut

A YEAR OF ACTIVISM & ACTION

MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIRS:



The promise of universal health care made 2006 an especially exciting year for the Foundation as the idea has taken hold across a broad spectrum of Connecticut communities. Residents want health care that meets the Institute of Medicine's requirements – that it be universal, continuous, affordable, accessible, sustainable and health-enhancing.

Labor, faith-based, community groups, and many progressive organizations have united to make universal health care their joint number one priority. Many business groups are joining in, frustrated with their inability to provide adequate, affordable benefits for their workers, or with the negative impact of spiraling health insurance costs on their ability to compete in the global economy.

Most people understand that real change is difficult to achieve, and fear of change sometimes leads to keeping the status quo. We are proud to be part of a broad and growing movement fighting to overcome the obstacles and the fear. More than any other issue, the struggle for universal health care crosses every political and social divide.

By finding our way to a more decent, just, and democratic health care system, we will find our way to a more decent, just, and democratic society.

Daniel E. Livingston, J.D.
Chair, Connecticut Health
Advancement and Research Trust



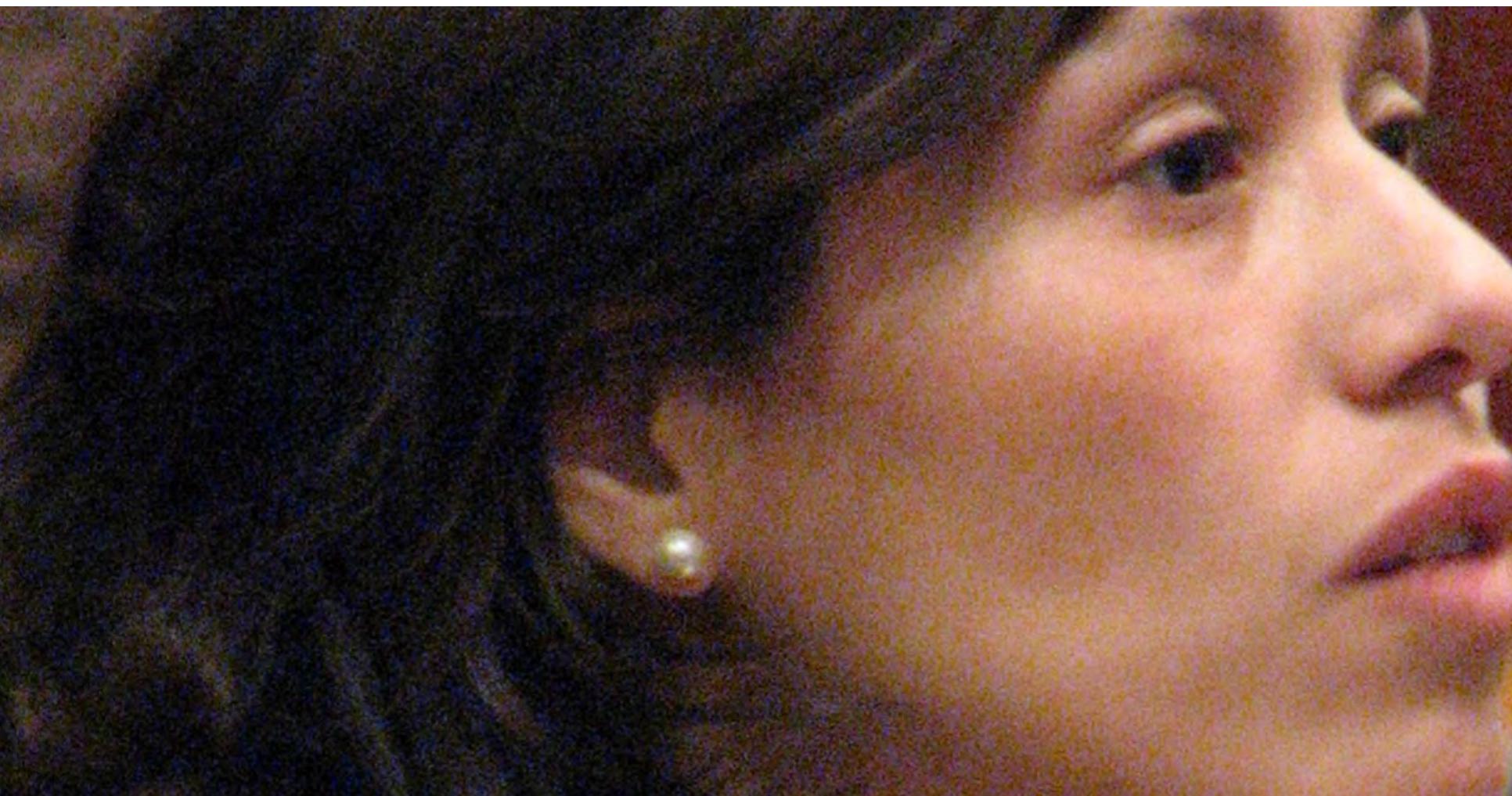
Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut (UHCFC) supports the mission of Connecticut Health Advancement and Research Trust (CHART), which is dedicated to assuring that the health needs of all Connecticut residents are met.

There is nothing more exciting than a movement that is moving fast in the right direction. Our movement in Connecticut for universal health care that meets the principles established by the Institute of Medicine is picking up speed, and we are very proud of all the effective work that Universal Health Care Foundation and our grantees have done this past year.

The inability of thousands of people in our state to obtain health care is one of the most urgent injustices we face. At Universal Health Care Foundation, we adopted a few important goals: We wanted to make sure that thoughtful and thorough information was available to the public and policy-makers so that everyone could understand the scope of the injustice and its causes. Next, we wanted to create models of universal health care systems that would really work – that would cover everyone and be affordable. And finally, we wanted to energize, support and amplify the voices of people from every walk of life in our state who want and need a fair universal health care system.

We have met this past year's goals with the help of many dedicated people – our talented staff, dedicated board of directors, experienced policy consultants, and most important, the grantees and people across our state who are working together for universal health care. We are all moving in the right direction, and we won't stop moving until we achieve our ultimate goal of quality, affordable, accessible health care for everyone.

Leslie J. Gabel-Brett, Ph.D.
Chair, Universal Health Care Foundation
of Connecticut



RESEARCH IN ACTION

BUILDING THE FRAMEWORK FOR SOUND POLICY

MAPPING CONNECTICUT'S HEALTH CARE TERRAIN

SMALL BUSINESS SURVEY

THREE ROUTES TO REFORM

THE REAL COST OF LIVING AND GETTING HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT: THE HEALTH ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY STANDARD

POLLS AND SURVEYS

BUILDING THE FRAMEWORK FOR SOUND POLICY

As part of its work to broaden public understanding of Connecticut's system of health care coverage and delivery, the Foundation commissioned several studies in 2006 that strengthened the case for universal health care. The facts, statistics, and analyses in these reports provided the tools with which to build sound universal health care policy that would ensure every Connecticut resident has access to affordable, quality health care.

MAPPING CONNECTICUT'S HEALTH CARE TERRAIN

In 2006, the Foundation released *Mapping Health Spending and Insurance Coverage in Connecticut*, a comprehensive economic study of the state's current system. The report by Jack A. Meyer, Ph.D. of the Economic and Social Research Institute and Jack Hadley, Ph.D. of the Urban Institute looks at health care spending, calculates direct and indirect costs of health care and identifies untapped potential funds. This report shined a light on the health care crisis and debunked many of the myths and misconceptions about universal health care. It showed the urgent need for change in Connecticut.

Among the report's findings for Connecticut in 2005:

- Health care costs reached almost \$15 billion. Yet, over 400,000 residents have no health care insurance. Hispanics and African Americans make up a disproportionate share of those uninsured. Adults age 19 to 29 are four times as likely to be uninsured as other age groups. Two-thirds of uninsured adults have jobs.
- In 2005, Connecticut spent \$572 million in direct health care costs on the uninsured, including \$221 million from the uninsured themselves. Indirect costs, such as lost productivity and lives cut short, ranged between \$652 million and \$1.3 billion. Covering every uninsured Connecticut resident would cost less than the state spends now on the uninsured in direct and indirect costs.

RESEARCH IN ACTION

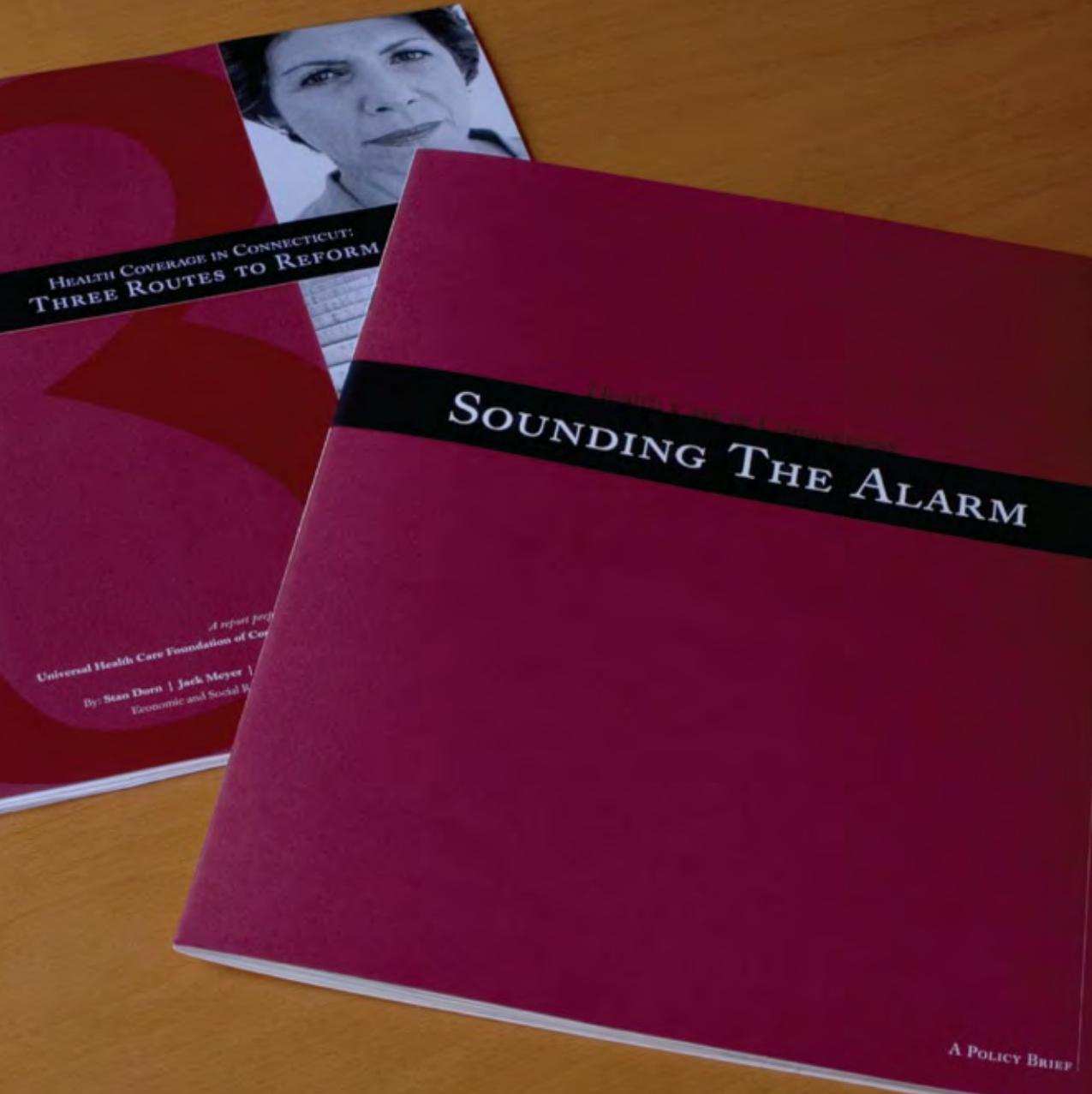
SMALL BUSINESS SURVEY

To deepen understanding of how the health care system affects small businesses, the Foundation's Small Business Health Care Network did a survey of 806 business owners with 100 or fewer employees. The resulting report showed how the costs of health care insurance or lack of health care insurance were negatively affecting small businesses.

Ninety-five percent of the survey respondents said that they regard the ability to provide health insurance as an important business issue. Fifty-two percent said providing affordable insurance is one of their primary business challenges. Eleven percent said it is their greatest business challenge. Other high-ranked issues, such as attracting and retaining good employees, were influenced by whether or not a business offered health insurance to employees.

More than 80 percent of small business owners believe that all residents should have access to health care, regardless of their ability to pay. Small business owners have important voices in solving the state's health care crisis. Their needs and concerns must be addressed if Connecticut's economy is to grow and compete effectively in the 21st Century.

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THREE ROUTES TO REFORM

The Foundation commissioned the Economic and Social Research Institute, the Urban Institute, and Jonathan Gruber of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to investigate possible approaches to health care that would cover everyone, be affordable, and be sustainable for Connecticut. The national research team developed three financing models based on Connecticut-specific data. The three plans are described on the following page. A complete report on the plans is available at www.universalhealthct.org.

RESEARCH IN ACTION

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CT Saves: All residents under 65 would be covered under a single health care plan while decreasing total state spending on health care by 5 percent.

2

CT Select Care Choices: The second option would use a state-run purchasing pool with a choice of insurance plans for the uninsured and increase cost a mere one-fifth of one percent.

3

A third option would expand and reconfigure state programs to insure all children and some adults, covering 96 percent of Connecticut residents at an increased cost of \$130 million.

The national research team measured each model against the principles outlined by the Institute of Medicine. The IOM has called for health coverage that:

- includes everyone;
- is continuous and portable regardless of changes in employment or marital status;
- is affordable to individuals, especially those with limited income;
- is affordable and sustainable for society; and
- enhances health and well-being.

All three approaches would lower health care costs per insured resident; spur the economy by increasing employment as well as the state's gross domestic product; lower health insurance costs for employers; and increase available household income for purposes other than health care.

THE REAL COST OF LIVING AND GETTING HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT:

THE HEALTH ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY STANDARD

To better understand the impact of health care costs on individuals and families, the Foundation sponsored an economic report produced by the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women of Connecticut and Crittenton Women's Union in Boston. Researchers developed a model that showed how different family types in different parts of the state – ranging from families with employer-sponsored insurance to those with no insurance – were affected by health care expenses.

The study looked at all costs: insurance premiums, lost income resulting from illness, a caregiver's lost earnings, and out-of-pocket expenses. For instance, this study found that a typical, healthy, insured family of four needed to earn an annual salary of at least \$55,876 to stay healthy and keep from being financially overwhelmed by acute illnesses. As circumstances change, the required minimum salary increases.

The statistics in this study quantified the ill effects of the state's broken health care system on individuals, society and the economy. The models in this report showed how easily ill health can devastate the quality of life and financial well-being of Connecticut families.

POLLS AND SURVEYS

As part of an ongoing effort to keep a finger on the pulse of residents' health care concerns the Foundation conducted two voter surveys. The findings revealed, among other things, that an overwhelming number of residents across party lines view fixing the health care system as a top priority. Many voters placed fixing the state's broken system above reducing taxes, creating jobs and improving public education. Voters said that they wanted state legislators to devote more time and resources toward correcting the problems in the state's health care system.

The Foundation's investment in Connecticut-specific research provided lawmakers, small businesses and advocates with the information necessary for productive debate and policy making.

Health Care Survey for Small Business

Dear Business Owner,

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The answers you provide will be confidential and we do not ask your name or your company name. Your answers from other business owners and presented on the website of the Foundation of Connecticut (UICF) insights into the current state of health care related to employer-sponsored health insurance. The results will also be distributed back to your organization or council so that they may use the information to serve you better. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

If you prefer to fill out the survey on-line, please go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=836581630407>

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Small Business Owners

1. Are you the owner and/or primary decision maker for the business?
 YES (1) NO (0)

2. What ONE category best describes your business?
 Agriculture (1)
 Construction (2)
 Finance/Real Estate (3)
 Gas/Manufacturing (4)
 Manufacturing (5)
 Non-Profit (10)
 Retail (11)
 Service (12)
 Wholesale (13)

3. Where do you do business?
(Check and Specify ALL that apply):
 Specific Towns and/or Cities (1)
Specify Town(s): _____
Specify State(s): _____
Specify State(s): _____
 Statewide (2)
 Regional (3) Specify: _____
 International (4)

4. What are the THREE largest challenges you face in your business?
(Check up to THREE options or add your own)
 Meeting a well-trained labor pool (1)
 Accessing capital resources (2)
 Accessing skilled employees (3)
 Accessing affordable health insurance for employees (4)
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5. Which ONE of the above is your BIGGEST challenge?
 Meeting a well-trained labor pool (1)
 Accessing capital resources (2)
 Accessing skilled employees (3)
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6. How important is employee health insurance in comparison to all other business issues?
 Very Important (2)
 Somewhat Important (1)
 Not Important (0)

7. Are you personally covered by any type of health insurance?
 YES (1) NO (0) (if no, skip to question 10)

8. If YES, where is your coverage from?
 Your Company Plan (1)
 A Private Plan (2)
 Government Plan (3)
 Family Plan through your spouse/partner's company plan (4)
 Other (5), Specify: _____

9. If YES, what type of coverage is it? (Check ALL that apply)
 Major Medical (1)
 HMO (2)
 Medicaid/MEDICAID (3)
 Medicare (4)
 Health Savings Account (HSA) (5)
 Other (6), Specify: _____

10. Does your business provide ANY employee health insurance?
 YES (1) NO (0) (if no, skip to question 10)

If your business does NOT currently offer employer-sponsored health insurance, skip to page 2, question 10.

Answer this set of questions ONLY if your business DOES OFFER employer-sponsored health insurance.

11. Where is your Employer-Sponsored health insurance from?
 Local (1)
 Private Agency (2)
 Insurance Agency (3)
 Government (4)
 International (5)
 Other (6), Specify: _____

12. What is eligible for health coverage?
 All full-time employees (1)
 All employees (2)
 Employees with a certain length of service (3)
 Employees with a certain salary level (4)
 All employees except those in a certain job category (5)
 Other (6), Specify: _____

13. What is the most significant barrier to providing health coverage?
 Cost of the insurance (1)
 Limited budget (2)
 Limited number of employees (3)
 Limited number of employees (4)
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14. What percentage of the employees who are eligible for health coverage are currently covered?
 0% (1)
 1-25% (2)
 26-50% (3)
 51-75% (4)
 76-100% (5)

15. What percentage of your total health care costs are covered by your employees?
 0% (1)
 1-25% (2)
 26-50% (3)
 51-75% (4)
 76-100% (5)

16. What are the Primary Care Physician (PCP) Co-Pay Amounts?
 \$0 (1) \$10 (2) \$20 (3) \$30 (4) \$40 (5) \$50 (6) \$60 (7) \$70 (8) \$80 (9) \$90 (10) \$100 (11) Other (12), Specify: _____

17. What are the Specialist Co-Pay Amounts?
 \$0 (1) \$10 (2) \$20 (3) \$30 (4) \$40 (5) \$50 (6) \$60 (7) \$70 (8) \$80 (9) \$90 (10) \$100 (11) Other (12), Specify: _____

18. Is there Prescription Drug Coverage?
 YES (1) NO (0)

19. Is there Dental Coverage?
 YES (1) NO (0)

20. Is there Mental Health coverage?
 YES (1) NO (0)

21. Is there Eye Care Coverage?
 YES (1) NO (0)

22. Is there coverage available for dependents?
 YES (1) NO (0) (skip to question 23)

Connecticut residents gather at the state Capitol during hearings on two health care reform bills to demonstrate their support for a health care system that provides coverage for everyone in the state.



CAMPAIGN IN ACTION HEALTHCARE4EVERY1



BROADENING THE COALITION

KEEPING THE FAITH

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MOVING FORWARD

BROADENING THE COALITION

In 2006, Universal Health Care Foundation made extraordinary progress toward building widespread political and public support for universal health care in Connecticut. Through our healthcare4every1 field campaign, we organized diverse individuals and groups of business, religious, labor, and health care leaders – all working together for universal health care.

We conducted forums and worked with community organizers to help them push for health care change. We educated and informed diverse groups of people on this issue.

KEEPING THE FAITH

We built on the ongoing effort to engage the faith community. A core group of faith leaders met throughout the year and hosted large gatherings to discuss common health care goals, focusing on the moral imperative of fixing the state's broken health care system.

DEEPENING THE POLITICAL DEBATE

During the 2006 election campaign, our allies hosted nonpartisan candidate forums to urge legislative and gubernatorial candidates to commit to work for comprehensive health care reform in 2007.

We made available to all political parties brochures with data and stories on Connecticut's health care crisis. During the fall campaign, this information provided the tools for politicians to make universal health care an issue that mattered to voters. As a result, universal health care was a frequent campaign topic, often raised during forums and in news stories about the November election.

CAMPAIGN IN ACTION HEALTHCARE4EVERY1

TALKING ONLINE

We launched our campaign logo and Web site, www.healthcare4every1.org, to increase public recognition. An early addition to that site was the “Tell Your Story” feature, which asked people to share their experiences with the failing health care system. The Web site received more than 12,000 visits in 2006.

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BROADCASTING OUR BELIEFS

To encourage dialogue and build awareness for change, the Foundation commissioned three television commercials that were viewed 10.8 million times. Our community education marketing campaign grew in the fall with the launching of radio and print ads that reached out to communities of color. A total of 490 radio messages were aired on 7 major radio stations, and 800 messages aired on 10 Latino and African American stations.

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MOVING FORWARD

Throughout the year, the Foundation amassed an increasingly vocal statewide coalition. As the 2007 Connecticut General Assembly considers various proposals to improve health care coverage, we are well-positioned to inform and support lawmakers who are working toward the goal of universal health care.

**These aren't statistics. They are
real people and real stories
behind the disturbing statistic of
407,000 uninsured and countless
underinsured Connecticut residents.
Nicole and the others you will
read about on these pages are our
friends, our neighbors, our relatives.**

They could be any one of us.

In 2006, Universal Health Care Foundation, through our statewide advocacy campaign, [healthcare4every1](#), collected stories from across the state that tell the very personal consequences of our health care crisis. Hundreds of individuals logged on to our campaign Web site to tell their stories. Hundreds more filled our "Tell YOUR Story" cards, which were distributed and collected at a variety of events across the state. We reach out so that people who have never had a chance to tell their stories can finally be heard.

The uninsured and the underinsured are people who play by the rules. Most hold jobs and pay taxes. Many buy what insurance they can afford. Their stories invoke outrage – from legislators, from the media, from decision-makers, and from the general public.

In the wealthiest state in the world's wealthiest nation, can we tolerate having residents who must choose between rent and health care? Who can't afford to treat their diabetes, their heart condition, their cancer? Who die prematurely because they have no health insurance?

People are scrambling to get care or scrimping to pay for the right care. Those without health insurance put off getting proper care until it is "too little, too late". They get sicker and need more expensive and more complicated treatment. They miss work more often and are less productive when they are at work.

YOUR STORIES OUR STORIES

Even with asthma, she must risk being uninsured.

Nicole Bass is a single mother working as a contract employee. So she has no health insurance. But she does have asthma. Even with high deductibles, self-insurance would cost \$450 to \$1,200 per month for her family. She goes without and risks being unable to afford a doctor when she or her three children need one.

Meet More of OUR Neighbors:



Food or medicine? You can only pick one.

Marta Calderon lives in Bridgeport and cares for her grandson. On an income of about \$20,000, she pays for rent, food, utilities and her grandson's basic needs. Her insurance co-pay for doctor's visits and medicine was raised again last fall. So she asked herself again and again: Should I buy food today, or medicine? She has diabetes, high blood pressure and a heart condition. But, of course, she chooses food – for her grandson's sake.



Succeeding in business but not in health care.

Caroline and Richard Mrozinski have run a successful home improvement business for 15 years. This Gaylordsville couple takes pride in “paying our share of taxes and then some.” But they cannot afford the high cost of health insurance. So when Caroline broke two bones this year, their lack of insurance meant mounting medical debt. A special grant finally covered emergency room costs. But costs of the orthopedist and recovery care were huge. When the stress of illness led to depression, she couldn't afford the \$275 a month for the medication the doctor recommended. Why can't this hard-working couple get quality health care?



Judging health care—it's better in the Dominican Republic.

Adalberto Rodriguez knew what he had to do when his mother needed heart surgery. He sent her to a doctor in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. The owner of a New Haven convenience store and an only child, he now buys health insurance for his mom – in the Dominican Republic. It's one-quarter the cost of insurance here. But as sole proprietor of his Grand Avenue business, he can't leave to be with her when she's seriously ill. He can only make sure she gets the complete care he can afford – because it's outside the U.S.

YOUR STORIES OUR STORIES



Being uninsured costs more than you think.

West Hartford small business man Kevin Galvin would like to buy health insurance for his employees. But with the cost at \$600 to \$1000 per month per employee, it would be difficult to pay those costs and still make a profit. The young employees he has now use the emergency room for their health care instead of paying high uninsured costs to see a family physician. So they spend the day in a hospital emergency room instead of an hour with the family doctor. During the first week of school last fall, when kids brought home lots of germs, 30 percent of his staff took time off to visit the emergency room.

healthcare4every1.org

Get educated. Get talking. Get active.

The statewide advocacy campaign, healthcare4every1, is committed to organizing an active, vibrant, and diverse network of concerned citizens in order to build public and political support to achieve universal health care in Connecticut.

- I'd like to:
- Join the Campaign
 - Tell MY story
 - Receive the Newsletter

Please print:

Josephine Farlinks
Name
2 Cottage Walk
Address
Meriden
City
Connecticut
State & Zip

Tell YOUR story:

Please keep your story as brief as possible, stick to the issues of how a lack of affordable quality health care has touched your life, and fill in the form completely.

For several years, I was a stay-at-home Mom. When my husband died of a heart attack three years ago, I had to go back to work. Working two part-time jobs, I make enough money to pay the bills, too much to qualify for state assistance and not enough to pay insurance premiums. Annual physicals and other prevention steps I once took for granted are out of the question now. I feel so vulnerable. If something happens to me, who will take care of my twin girls?

Did you hear about us?

Commercials Radio Ads

YOUR STORIES OUR STORIES

healthcare4every1.org

Edúquese... Hable... Manténgase Activo (a)

Por favor mantenga su historia lo más breve posible, enfóquese en los asuntos sobre cómo la falta de asistencia médica económica de calidad ha afectado su vida, y llene el formulario en su totalidad.

Cuéntenos su cuento:

CUANDO PERDÍ MI TRABAJO (UEGO QUE LA EMPRESA REDUJO LA FUERZA LABORAL, MI ESPOSA Y YO LO VIMOS COMO LA OPORTUNIDAD DE CREAR NUESTRO PROPIO NEGOCIO. NUESTRA COMPAÑÍA HA SIDO TODO UN ÉXITO PERO EL COSTO DE SEGURO MÉDICO ES UNA AMENAZA. EL AÑO PASADO, RECIBIMOS UN AVISO QUE LA PRIMA ANUAL AUMENTARÍA \$17,000 \$17,000 SOBRE LA CANTIDAD DE \$12,000 QUE YA PÁGAMOS. MI ESPOSA SEGURA QUE EL AVISO ERA UN ERROR, PERO NO, FUE LA REALIDAD.

¿DE DÓNDE OBTENDRÉ YO ESA CLASE DE DEUDA?

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GRANTS

ADVOCACY GRANTS

ORGANIZING GRANTS

ORGANIZED LABOR GRANTS

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE NETWORK

PRESIDENT'S GRANTS

GRANTMAKING ORGANIZATION SUPPORT

ADVOCACY GRANTS

Center for Children's Advocacy

Medical Legal Partnership Project

\$25,000 to fund the positions of the Medical-Legal Partnership attorneys and allow them to engage in health care advocacy on the individual and systemic levels.

Connecticut Association for Human Services

Connecting CAHS Network to the Universal Health Care Campaign

\$50,000 to connect the campaign for universal health care in Connecticut with networks of community-based social services providers and providers of early care and education.

Connecticut Center for a New Economy

Campaign 2006

\$99,088 for community organizing and leadership development efforts and advocacy for the right of health security, as well as to engage key faith leadership to participate in a health care strategy group.

Connecticut Citizens Research Group

Health Care for All

\$200,000 to create a field organizing structure that will provide outreach, training and mobilization in communities throughout the state.

Connecticut Health Policy Project

Consumer Health Action Network

\$75,000 to continue to expand its Consumer Health Action Network and provide policy analysis and comparison of alternative universal health care proposals.

Connecticut Oral Health Initiative

Oral Health for All

\$15,000 to mobilize the members of the dental profession to participate in the campaign for universal health care.

Connecticut Parent Power

Connecticut Parent Power Action Project

\$100,000 to educate and mobilize the parents in communities statewide around access to health care, and to train and develop parent delegates representing members in these communities to act as local leaders of the universal health care campaign.

Connecticut Primary Care Association

Community Health Centers

\$125,000 to mobilize the Community Health Centers' Statewide Advocacy Network and engage clinicians in health care policy reform.

Democracy Works Inc.

HealthMatters: A Community Education, Outreach and Mobilizing Initiative

\$115,748 to promote education, outreach, skill building and mobilization of African Americans, Latinos and immigrants in New London/Willimantic, Stamford, Danbury, New Haven, Hartford and Waterbury.

Greater Hartford Interfaith Coalition for Equity and Justice

GHICEJ Health Care Project

\$50,000 to support the work of the GHICEJ Health Care Task Force, mobilizing members of Hartford area congregations to work on health care access.

Grow Jobs Connecticut

GrowJobsCT Care Initiatives Action Plan

\$83,150 to educate and mobilize CT AFL-CIO affiliated union members about universal health care, conduct outreach, education and mobilization of business interests about advantages of universal health care, and expand understanding of the economic development aspect of universal health care.

Hispanic Health Council

Latino Policy Institute

\$100,000 to integrate policy objectives into all aspects of the Council's work and allow the Hispanic Health Council to advance Latino health policy issues in local and state decision-making processes.

Legal Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut

Campaign Advocacy

\$45,000 to educate consumers and providers on existing health care rights, policy alternatives and opportunities to participate in policy discussions as well as to advocate on public policy and implement public strategy.

National Association of Social Workers, Connecticut Chapter

Social Work Mobilization Project

\$75,000 to fund an education project to organize around universal health care among social workers and other social services workers, and their clients, with an emphasis on mental health within universal health care.

One Connecticut

Organizing Advocacy for Universal Health Care

\$100,000 to identify health care concerns and educate constituents through regional events statewide and identify leaders for universal health care.

Online Journalism Project

Connecticut Online Health Care Journalism Project

\$50,000 to support statewide health care breaking news and in-depth analytical reporting, with a focus on affordability of care and efforts towards reform.

ORGANIZING GRANTS**Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition**

Mobilizing the Community for Health Care Access

\$100,000 to build a base of informed Bridgeport constituents supporting universal health care: hold house meetings, develop a cadre of parent leaders prepared to mobilize others for action, and organize community-wide, gubernatorial and legislative forums.

Christian Community Action

HAVENNetwork Initiative

\$81,834 to expand the HAVENNetwork Initiative, working with uninsured, homeless and otherwise disenfranchised members of the New Haven Community.

Citizens for Economic Opportunity

Citizens for Economic Opportunity and Connecticut Alliance for Retired Americans

\$130,000 to mobilize workers and retirees of major unions on employee-sponsored health insurance and universal health care.

Grand Avenue Village Association

GAVA-Community Organizing on Universal Health Care

\$84,506 to educate diverse small businesses on Grand Avenue in New Haven and develop community leaders and individuals committed to the universal health care campaign.

John J. Driscoll United Labor Agency

Health Information Program

\$5,000 to advocate effectively for changes to improve health care access.

Meriden Children's First Initiative

Healthy Meriden Action Project

\$50,000 to strengthen parent-school leadership on health issues, build family, school and community leadership partnerships, develop community leadership and mobilize consumers and connect local efforts to the overall health care system.

Progressive America Fund

Working Families Health Care Organizing Project

\$5,000 to participate in change leading to universal health care coverage specifically focused on employee health care issues.

United Action Connecticut

Universal Health Care – Everyone, Right Now

\$100,000 to organize the faith-based communities in Eastern and Central Connecticut around health care access and health disparities by training leaders to reach out to individuals and mobilizing them for public actions.

United Connecticut Action for Neighborhoods

Caring Family Coalition

\$100,000 to expand the base of the Caring Families Coalition working for universal health care, maintain participation among seniors and expand the number of uninsured and underinsured participating in the coalition.

ORGANIZED LABOR GRANTS

American Federation of Teachers – Connecticut

Labor for Universal Health Care

\$25,000 to organize their members in the healthcare4every1 campaign.

Communication Workers of America

Labor for Universal Health Care

\$25,000 to educate members and retirees on the need for universal health care.

CSEA SEIU – Local 2001

Labor for Universal Health Care

\$25,000 to organize state-subsidized family-licensed and license-exempt day care providers around the issue of universal health care in Connecticut.

International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers – District 26

Labor for Universal Health Care

\$25,000 to educate, organize and mobilize members on universal health care.

New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1199

Labor for Universal Health Care

\$25,000 for a campaign to educate members on health care issues and mobilize its membership for universal health care.

SEIU – Connecticut State Council

Labor for Universal Health Care

\$25,000 to develop an educational and motivational program for its members regarding universal health care.

SEIU – Local 32BJ

Labor for Universal Health Care

\$25,000 to mobilize labor in the healthcare4every1 campaign.

Teamsters Local 559

Labor for Universal Health Care

\$25,000 to advance the universal health care issue in Connecticut.

United Auto Workers – UAW Region 9A

Labor for Universal Health Care

\$25,000 to educate and mobilize UAW active and retired members about universal health care.

United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 371

Labor for Universal Health Care

\$25,000 to mobilize labor in the healthcare4every1 campaign.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE NETWORK

Bridgeport Regional Business Council

Health Care Council

\$15,000 to empower a business-based collaborative that will work towards universal access to health care and will participate in the campaign for universal health care.

Business Council of Fairfield County

Small Business Health Care Network

\$15,000 to develop and refine the understanding of small business members' needs as they relate to health care access, to educate these members about health care access and build linkages among small business leaders.

Business Council of Fairfield County

Feasibility Assessment: Formation of Network of Association Networks

\$5,000 to explore the feasibility of establishing a business network that will explore health care access options, examine wellness programs and foster linkages between small and larger business leaders.

Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut

Health Care Educational Outreach Program

\$15,000 to educate the region's business community about health care access and community health care needs and to ascertain the health care needs of this community.

Chamber of Commerce of Northwest Connecticut

Northwest Access Initiative

\$10,000 to initiate the Chamber Health Council Northwest Access Initiative which will establish and train speakers on the topic of increased access to health care, conduct a needs analysis, develop a resource directory and participate in the Small Business Health Care Network.

Community Economic Development Fund

Micro Enterprise Resource Group

\$30,000 to facilitate the participation of the Micro Enterprise Resource Group in the Foundation's Small Business Health Care Network.

Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce

Community Needs Assessment for Health Care

\$15,000 to coordinate monthly meetings for the Health Services Committee, to coordinate forums and to manage surveys and other mailings to business partners.

Greater New Haven Business and Professional Association

Small Business Health Care Network: Health Care Advocacy

\$30,000 to increase community outreach efforts on behalf of the Small Business Health Care Network and the healthcare4every1 campaign.

Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Health Care and Business

\$15,000 to expand the ability of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce's Health Care Council to promote broader health care access and provide health care education to the business community.

Greater Waterbury Black Business Association

Community Organization Project

\$48,014 to engage Greater Waterbury Black-owned and micro-businesses in learning about and informing short-term and long-term solutions to the health insurance crisis for small businesses.

Greater Waterbury Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Health Care Council Advocacy Project

\$15,000 to work with the Metro Chambers of Commerce and the Foundation to educate the business community on health care access issues that affect the business environment.

Meriden Chamber of Commerce

Meriden Chamber Health Care Council

\$2,000 to create and support the work of a Health Care Council.

Metro Chambers of Commerce

Metro Chamber Universal Health Care Research Project

\$20,000 to this consortium of chambers of commerce to promote the involvement of business in the discussion of universal health care.

National Association of Women Business Owners – Connecticut

2006–2007 Health Care Small Business Network

\$40,000 to expand outreach and partnership with the business community and to educate business leaders about the issues connected with universal health care.

PRESIDENT’S GRANTS**Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition**

\$1,000 to support printing of the report, “The Cost of Prescription Drugs: It Matters Where You Live.”

Capitol Region Conference of Churches

\$7,500 to The Capitol Region Conference of Churches to support the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance’s Rev. Martin Luther King Program.

Connecticut AIDS Bike Tour

\$10,000 to raise awareness about AIDS/HIV in Connecticut and fund supportive services, case management, prevention education and housing for people with AIDS and their families.

Connecticut Association of Directors of Health

\$5,000 to support pre-testing of the Health Equity Index as a way to measure and address health inequities throughout the state.

Connecticut Center for a New Economy

\$5,000 to support a meeting on faith, social action and health care to mobilize the faith-based community to get involved in the universal health care issue.

Connecticut Center for Patient Safety

\$10,000 to support the effort to require reporting of hospital acquired infections and make this information easily accessible to the public.

Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc.

\$5,000 to support a public education campaign to promote children’s healthy growth and development.

Hispanic Professional Network, Inc.

\$7,500 to educate Hispanic Professional Network members about universal health care and encourage their involvement in the campaign.

Meriden Children’s First Initiative

\$4,500 to support organizing in the Meriden faith-based community around the issue of universal health care.

National Medical Association/IMHOTEP

\$5,000 to IMHOTEP, the Connecticut Chapter of the National Medical Association, to convene African American, Latino and other minority physicians at two events in Hartford and New Haven to address the issue of universal health care.

GRANTMAKING ORGANIZATION SUPPORT**National Network of Grantmakers**

\$5,000 to support the production of a DVD that features the stories of people of color in the philanthropy community, to promote constructive change and the advancement of people of color in the field of philanthropy.

University of Connecticut Foundation

\$3,150 to fund a presentation and dialogue at the Hispanic Health Council on HIV/AIDS and universal health care attended by UCONN School of Social Work students and HIV/AIDS patients and service providers.

OUR INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The mission of Universal Health Care Foundation is to promote health in a manner consistent with its core values of social and economic justice. We use this as a guiding principle in everything we do, including in the investments we make. Therefore, we developed a purposeful strategy that balances fiscal prudence, social responsibility, mission correlation and shareholder advocacy and leads to investment in companies that:

- Foster social and economic justice and corporate citizenship.
- Enhance the quality of life in the communities in which they operate, create quality jobs and respect unions.
- Promote the advancement of women and people of color and develop just policies and practices for all employees; provide safe and healthy working conditions; offer health benefits; do not hire children or contract with factories with child employees; respect the right to form or join trade unions; respect the right to strike; and provide all workers with equal remuneration for equal work.
- Provide products and services in ways that preserve and/or improve our natural environment and enhance the health of the community.
- Demonstrate ethical standards for protecting and supporting human rights in the global marketplace.
- Maintain outstanding health care programs that advance the mission of the Foundation.

Additionally, we avoid investing in organizations that:

- Ignore human dignity and equality by operating with standards that are in conflict with the protection and support of human rights and the promotion of participation and collaboration by all sectors of society.
- Grow, manufacture or sell tobacco or tobacco-related products.
- Endanger the environment.
- Employ unjust policies and practices that promote unfavorable employee relationships.
- Maintain policies and practices that deny reproductive rights.

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REVENUES AND GAINS		
Net Interest & Dividend Income from Investments	663,959	671,545
Net Realized Investment Gains	832,848	2,799,606
Net Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses)	3,787,726	(952,067)
Miscellaneous Revenue	61,445	
Total Revenue and Gains	5,345,978	2,519,084
EXPENSES		
Management & General	879,899	508,642
Program Grants	3,170,448	1,747,747
Research	294,284	481,251
Strategic Communications	1,300,412	298,107
Convening	60,411	74,864
Total Expenses	5,705,454	3,110,611
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	(359,476)	(591,527)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	50,780,493	51,372,020
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$50,421,017	\$50,780,493

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ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	377,509	1,236,293
Due from CHART	7,310	6,910
Prepaid Expenses & Deposits	48,026	32,156
Investments	50,796,065	50,182,220
Fixed Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	224,882	177,450

TOTAL ASSETS

\$51,453,792

\$51,635,029

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	314,747	159,612
Grants Payable	718,028	644,924
Deferred Income	–	50,000

Total Liabilities & Deferred Income

1,032,775

854,536

Unrestricted Net Assets

50,421,017

50,780,493

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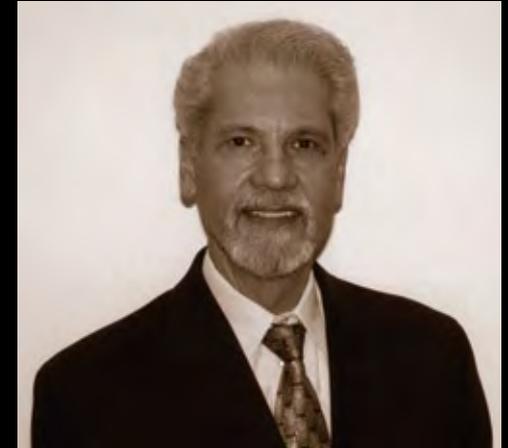
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Renae Reese is the Hartford Director of the Connecticut Center for a New Economy. She joined the CHART board in September, 2001. In her board work she utilized her experience in public health and community organizing and her passion for community change. Renae was an active and dynamic member of the Program Committee and brought a thoughtful analysis and new perspective to the Committee's deliberations.

Julio Morales, Jr, Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus of the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. He joined the CHART and Foundation boards in December, 2002. Julio guided the Foundation in its work with a powerful vision of social justice and meaningful diversity. As Vice Chairman of the CHART board, and as a member of the Program Committee, Julio helped to shape the Foundation's grantmaking program.

Many thanks to both Renae and Julio for their past service and future accomplishments!

MISSION

The mission of Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut is to serve as a catalyst that engages people and communities in shaping a health system that provides universal access to quality care and promotes health in Connecticut. We believe that health care is a fundamental right and that our work is part of a broader movement for social and economic justice.

OUR HISTORY

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut (then Anthem Foundation of Connecticut) was created in 1997 after receiving \$40.8 million from Anthem Health Plans as part of a settlement agreement in a lawsuit brought against the for-profit when it merged with the non-profit Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Plan.

In 2004, the board of directors voted to change the Foundation's name to more accurately reflect its mission and vision. The Foundation recommitted itself to ensuring high quality, affordable health care for everyone in the state. In 2006, it launched a statewide advocacy campaign to achieve universal health care in Connecticut. The Foundation has awarded approximately \$6 million in grants since 2002.

OUR VISION

Connecticut will have a system of affordable, high quality health care that is accessible to all Connecticut residents. People and communities will be healthy and live in a just society that focuses on prevention and the health of all people. The health care sector will be ethnically and racially diverse and a good place in which to work, valuing employees and consumers.

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