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American Psychiatric Foundation Announces Recipients of 2006 Awards for Advancing Minority Mental Health

Awards Honoring Mental Health Programs

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ROCKVILLE, Md., May 30, 2006 – The American Psychiatric Foundation (APF) has named four nonprofit organizations as the recipients of the third annual APF Awards for Advancing Minority Mental Health. The awards were presented at the 2006 APF Annual Benefit in Toronto on Saturday, May 20. Each organization was presented a plaque, along with an award of \$5,000 in honor of their work and commitment to advancing minority mental health. Three certificates of recognition were also presented. The awards are made possible through an unrestricted educational grant from Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc.

The following organizations received an award:

- **Asian Community Mental Health Services** of Oakland, Calif., is receiving an award for providing access to culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services to underserved Asian and Pacific Islander communities in California's Alameda and Contra Costa counties.
- **The Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic** in Los Angeles, Calif., is being honored for its First Steps Program, which addresses the mental health needs of multi-ethnic, underserved families of South Central Los Angeles who have infants and toddlers at risk for requiring mental health or special education services. A treatment team develops partnerships with parents to enhance positive parental attachment behavior that enhances children's social and emotional development.
- **La Clínica del Pueblo** in Washington, D.C., is being recognized for its Mental Health Program that works in the Latino immigrant community in Washington, D.C. to de-stigmatize mental health disorders and the need for treatment. The program provides culturally appropriate outpatient mental health and substance abuse services to more than 800 Latino immigrant clients of all ages.

- **Central Clinic Empowerment for Success**, located in Cincinnati, Ohio, is receiving an award for its Empowerment for Success Young Men's Group which addresses the mental health needs of African American teens and assists them in developing strategies to reduce the risk of being a victim of a violent crime.

The three certificates of recognition were presented to Henry Acosta, M.A., M.S.W., L.S.W.; University of Texas at Brownsville, Community Counseling Clinic; and Mount Sinai Hospital Assertive Community Treatment Team.

"We are proud to support the Awards as part of our commitment to help eliminate health disparities among underserved populations," said Hiromi Yoshikawa, chairman and chief executive officer of Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc. "Otsuka congratulates the award recipients and applauds their efforts toward advancing minority mental health."

The APF Awards for Advancing Minority Mental Health honor psychiatrists and mental health programs that are undertaking special efforts to increase public awareness of mental health care, increasing access to mental health services, and enhancing the quality of care for underserved minorities, especially those who suffer from severe mental illness.

"Underserved minority communities face significant barriers to quality mental health care," said APF Executive Director Steven A. Rubloff. "We are pleased to join again this year in partnership with Otsuka to honor the outstanding work of these organizations that are working each day to improve the mental health of so many people."

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About the American Psychiatric Foundation

The American Psychiatric Foundation is the philanthropic and educational arm of the American Psychiatric Association. The mission is to advance understanding that mental illnesses are real and can be effectively treated. For more information on the American Psychiatric Foundation, please visit www.psychfoundation.org.

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