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**Community Healthcare Network expands Transgender Program to Queens Health Center in Jamaica**  
\$595,000, four-year grant from The Paul Rapoport Foundation makes new program location possible

**NEW YORK, NY** - Community Healthcare Network (CHN) is excited to announce the expansion of its Transgender Program to its Queens Health Center located in Jamaica thanks to a generous \$595,000, four-year grant from The Paul Rapoport Foundation Inc. The grant is one of the five largest ever awarded by the foundation.

"CHN has been providing specialized care to transgender people since 2002 at our Bronx Health Center and we are thrilled to be able to provide care to more people by expanding the program to Queens," said Catherine M. Abate, CHN president and CEO.

Begun October 1, the Queens Transgender Program is modeled after the Bronx Health Center program and includes: targeted outreach to identify high-risk transgender individuals and their partners, weekly education and support groups, skills-building focused on behavior change, and individual-level behavioral interventions such as the CDC's "Healthy Relationships," TWISTA and VOICES/VOCES.

It is anticipated the program will provide care to 60 individuals during its first year and at least 120 individuals at the end of four years.

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**About Community Healthcare Network:**

Community Healthcare Network (CHN) is a not-for-profit organization providing access to affordable, culturally-competent and comprehensive community-based primary care, mental health and social services for diverse populations in underserved communities throughout New York City. CHN serves more than 65,000 individuals a year who would otherwise have little or no access to critical health care. CHN is composed of 10 federally qualified health centers and is accredited by the Joint Commission. To learn more about CHN visit our website at [www.chnnyc.org](http://www.chnnyc.org).

**About The Paul Rapoport Foundation Inc:**

The Paul Rapoport Foundation envisions a world free of discrimination toward any group or individual. In this context, the Foundation's mission is the achievement of full equality for the LGTB community, in all of its diversity. And to this end it focuses particularly on the nexus between racial and economic justice. Established in 1987, the Foundation plans to spend out all of its assets by 2014. To learn more about The Paul Rapoport Foundation visit their website at [www.paulrapoportfoundation.org](http://www.paulrapoportfoundation.org).