



"Partnering with local communities to improve the lives of children in need."

## CAVU Funds Dental Clinic Expansion

This month CAVU made a new investment into our most recent partner, Boston's South End Community Health Center (SECHC). The investment of \$9K for dental services capacity expansion will allow South End's 1300 pediatric dental patients to receive comprehensive dental care more quickly and effectively, and will allow the health center to serve a greater number of underserved patients.

With no other community health centers in the South End, SECHC fills a critical void in dental care for the underserved. According to SECHC Dental Director Jason Arandia, DMD, "Recent health care reform has dramatically increased the patient pool seeking services in CHCs... the current wait time for the next available appointment is 8 weeks. The waitlist for enrollment has approximately 800 new patients."

CAVU's funding will work in partnership with a grant from the Rich Family Foundation for construction of an additional treatment room - an addition which will allow currently unused donated equipment to be put to use in serving the community. This opportunistic investment will allow a small amount of funding to improve health services for thousands of underserved children and their families.

## CAVU Seeking to Increase Program Activity

In 2006 CAVU was able to establish a strong foundation for working with local communities to address pediatric health needs. By supporting successful programs at three Community Health Centers (CHCs), CAVU has become well-positioned to make substantial progress toward our mission of opportunistically identifying and supporting innovative community programs and services that enhance the healthcare of underserved children.

In order to continue in this positive direction, CAVU is looking to increase our number of health center partners in 2007, and to increase our programmatic activity with each partner institution. These new investments will also serve to diversify CAVU's funding patterns beyond our customary 3-year, \$150K commitments. While CAVU will continue to seek opportunities to form long-term partnerships with community health centers, we will also fund short-term projects with high ROIs, such as the dental clinic expansion at South End Community Health Center (see above).

By diversifying and expanding our program funding CAVU will be able to have the greatest impact on the health of underserved children. If you know of a health center or program which is a good fit with CAVU's mission, we encourage you to contact us at 978-342-2366.

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## CAVU Spotlight

### CAVU Sets Direction for 2007 with New Strategic Plan

As 2006 winds to a close CAVU has set out a strong course to sustain and increase our impact on pediatric health. The four goals included in our 2007 strategic plan are to:

1. Expand and diversify program funding and reporting to further demonstrate that CAVU's value is unique among non-profits.
2. Strategically expand and enhance CAVU's organizational governance.
3. Streamline CAVU's operations while maintaining a focus on our institutional partners.
4. Expand and stabilize CAVU's revenue streams by diversifying funding sources and enhancing existing fundraising methods.

The 2007 strategic plan was developed by CAVU's staff and Board of Directors with input from investors, partners, and pro-bono consultation.

We have already begun working toward these goals in keeping with our long-term vision: that CAVU will be a catalyzing force within local communities to enable quality healthcare services for children and families in need. We look forward to continuing to work with all of you toward that vision.

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