

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Health Insurance Brokers and Agents Raise Money for Local Charities**

California Association of Health Underwriters is proud to announce that local chapters raised \$100,574 this year with the assistance of CAHU CCF, through events including a fashion show, golf tournaments and Holiday Meetings.

“Volunteers from many chapters gave generously of their time and talents, and made it happen,” said Dierdre “Dede” Kennedy-Simington, CAHU Charitable Community Foundation president. “They really showed their dedication. Their good works and community involvement demonstrated their desire to help and improve the world around them, which is on many levels the essence of what insurance brokers do professionally,” she said.

The money raised was distributed to a variety of charitable causes chosen by the chapters responsible. The Orange County Association of Health Underwriters – through its Original Celebration of Women in Business Luncheon and Fashion Show and One Heart at a Time Golf Classic – contributed \$64,882 to New Hope Grief Support Community and \$28,790 to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The North Coast Association of Health Underwriters contributed \$889 to Relay for Life and \$2,593 to the Santa Rosa Junior College Nursing Program.

The San Diego Association of Health Underwriters contributed \$1,035 to the Rady Special Needs Clinic, and the Ventura Association of Health Underwriters gave \$2,385 to the Wood Gutzke Pediatric Ward at Ventura County Medical Center.

CAHU Charitable Community Foundation’s mission is to assist 15 individual state chapters in fund raising. The Foundation helps identify needs, solutions and assists with implementation. In addition, it strives to provide consumers, providers of healthcare, government entities, insurers and field underwriters with timely, accurate and reliable information in the area of healthcare, available types of insurance, and the principles, functions and applications of each type of insurance.

The California Association of Health Underwriters, a State Chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters, represents more than 2,500 professional health insurance agents and brokers who provide consumer advocacy and health care insurance for hundreds of thousands of Californians.

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