Dear Neighbor,

The Foundation for Community Health (FCH) not only serves the towns we have listed, but many of the surrounding towns located in the northwest corner of Connecticut and the greater Harlem Valley in New York (see the map below). Our primary work has focused on improving local Oral Health, Mental Health and Access to Services by making grants, conducting research, building coalitions, and raising awareness about needs and services through communications and advocacy work.

Since inception, the FCH has awarded over $3 million in grants that have helped many in our community. For example:

- The FCH Prescription Assistance Fund has distributed $677,700 to date to help middle class families and seniors buy needed medications.
- The 7th Grade Student & addressing online Cruelty
- Thousands per year make use of the local door-to-door transportation services.
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- You will find a complete list of the grants we made in FY 2009 later in this report.

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Message from the Executive Director

Towns served by Foundation for Community Health

Gifts & Planned Giving

To learn about donating to the Foundation, setting-up a donor fund or leaving a legacy that will enable us to continue our efforts of improving the health and well-being of the people in our community for the future, contact Nancy Heaton at 860.364.3157 or nanny@fchealth.org.

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[Map of towns served by Foundation for Community Health]
In addition to funding almost $600,000 for health and human service projects in 2009, the Foundation spearheaded a number of activities and educational programs aimed at improving access to health services for people in our community.

Ongoing Community-based Projects:

Transportation – The Foundation has been exploring alternative solutions to transportation issues in our service area. A task force has been formed with concerned parties to identify and discuss options for developing collaborative and multi-modal transportation services in northeast Dutchess County. Neilson/Noyes Consulting Associates was commissioned by the Foundation to conduct a transportation feasibility study on easten Dutchess. The findings and recommendations will be used to enhance existing transportation and for planning new services. We are working with the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development, Transportation Council, and coordinating with the service needs to help design routes and schedules that will serve our area.

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Educational Presentations:

OPENVIEW – OI Health Programs, Inc. donates Dental and Human Service and Human Services Workshops at the Dutchess County Fair. As a result, the Dutchess County Fair has been able to offer workshops to the community.

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