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**CALIFORNIA PACIFIC MEDICAL CENTER TEAMS UP WITH COMMUNITY
TO LAUNCH BAYVIEW CHILD HEALTH CENTER
New clinic brings health services to underserved neighborhood**

(San Francisco, March 28, 2007) A new children's health center is opening up, bringing high quality, affordable health care to a community that in the past has often been overlooked. The community is Bayview Hunters Point. Despite having the highest density of children in San Francisco, and the highest rates of asthma and other childhood diseases, up till now there has been only one full-time pediatrician in the area.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom will be joined by Supervisor Sophie Maxwell and other community leaders in a ceremony at 11.30 am this Saturday, March 31st, to mark the official opening of California Pacific Medical Center's Bayview Child Health Center.

"Promoting access to healthcare for children of low income families is a primary mission of the McKesson Foundation and we're thrilled to be able to support this important effort," said Marcia Argyris, Vice President of Community Relations for McKesson Corporation and President of the McKesson Foundation. "Thanks to the amazing efforts of CPMC and the United Way, the children of Bayview Hunters Point will have access to excellent care, right in their own neighborhood."

The clinic will provide a wide range of services including physical exams, well-baby care, urgent care appointments, nutrition education, referrals to specialists, even weight management classes and mental health services.

These services are available to every child in the community regardless of whether they have medical insurance or can afford to pay. That is due to generous funding from the McKesson Corporation, California Pacific Medical Center Foundation and United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA). They hope the CPMC Bayview Child Health Center will serve not just as a medical center, but also as a hub for community activity and civic resources.

"The opening of the Bayview Child Health Center is the result of years of collaborative planning and the dedicated involvement of an incredibly diverse team from CPMC and the community," said Dr. Nadine Burke, Medical Director of the new clinic. "Improving health in this neighborhood is not going to be easy, and it's not going to happen overnight, but we are all committed to doing our part. We're off to a great start."

"United Way is very excited to partner with California Pacific to help bring this desperately-needed children's health center to Bayview Hunters Point" said Anne Wilson, CEO of United Way of the Bay Area. "Just as every child has the right to a good education, every child has a right to quality healthcare."

The new clinic will ensure that neighborhood children get the care they need – especially critical preventative care – so that they are happier, healthier and can achieve their full potential in school, and in life.”

The CPMC Bayview Child Health Center is located at 1335 Evans Avenue. The Grand Opening Celebration will take place **March 31st** from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be free food, fun and entertainment for the kids.

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At San Francisco’s California Pacific Medical Center, we believe in the power of medicine. We research the most up-to-date treatments, hire the most qualified individuals, and practice the most modern, innovative medicine available. We deliver the highest quality expert care, with kindness and compassion, in acute, post-acute and outpatient services, as well as preventive and complementary medicine. But we also believe that medicine alone is only part of the solution. That’s why we look intently at each individual case and treat the whole person, not just the illness. It’s why we go beyond medical care and provide our patients with things like disease counseling, family support and wellness treatments. As one of California’s largest private, community-based, not-for-profit, teaching medical centers, and a Sutter Health affiliate, we are able to reach deep into our community provide education, screening and financial support in some of the city’s most underserved neighborhoods. Because medicine can transform a body. But going beyond medicine can transform a life. www.cpmc.org

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