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Comprehensive Blood & Cancer Center physicians and staff, who offer access to the world's most advanced cancer treatments, pledge more than thirty thousand dollars to the Haiti Relief Efforts.

Bakersfield, CA, January 20, 2010 — With the earthquake that hit Haiti, more than 2 million people are affected and have lost their day to day lives. The devastation – in lives lost, property destroyed, and families displaced – is immense. The critical needs in Haiti are great, but they are also simple: food, water, shelter, and first-aid supplies. As articulated by President Obama, as well as former Presidents Bush and Clinton, the best way concerned citizens can help is to donate funds that will go directly to supplying these material needs. The people of Haiti are starving and they need our help.

CBCC has heeded the call to duty. “Comprehensive Blood & Cancer Center physicians and staff have pledged more than \$30,000 to the Haiti Relief efforts” said Dr. Ravi Patel, the Managing Director of CBCC. The CBCC team has a history of reaching out to local communities in times of need. Dr. Patel feels strongly that “CBCC's success comes with a responsibility to help those less fortunate, particularly in times of dire need such as these. It is our great hope that our donation to the Haiti Relief Efforts will help alleviate some of the suffering in Haiti.”

The Bakersfield-based private cancer center's recent contribution to the Haiti Relief Fund represents a continuation of CBCC's commitment to public service. CBCC has contributed to the relief efforts of many prior major calamities, including the Tsunami, Katrina, and earthquakes in India. CBCC, along with its physicians and staff, have donated over \$250,000 to such relief efforts. Locally in California, CBCC has established a foundation for community wellness that provides cancer patients a variety of complimentary services, including transportation for their treatments and cancer education. CBCC also recently teamed with the American Cancer Society to start the first pilot for a Cancer Resource Hub, offering over \$100,000 for the new program overseas to educate people and physicians to better understand the early signs of cancer. Additionally, according to CBCC compliance director Randy Teach, “Since the late nineties, Comprehensive Blood & Cancer Center physicians and staff start the New Year by feeding the homeless in the community.” According to CEO Lynda Beaton, “CBCC is also a big sponsor for Relay for life, which raises more than 1.5 million for the ACS in Bakersfield.” CBCC has contributed more than \$650,000 to the American Cancer Society over the years. Since its new

location in late nineties, CBCC has helped uninsured patients with their needs in excess of about \$300,000 annually.

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ABOUT CBCC

Comprehensive Blood and Cancer Center (CBCC) -- one of the nation's largest freestanding, physician owned and operated comprehensive cancer center – is located on its seven-acre campus in Bakersfield, California.

Comprehensive Blood & Cancer Center (CBCC) was founded by Dr. Ravi Patel in 1984 with the sole mission of providing compassionate care for diagnosis, treatment, patient education and prevention of cancer using a state-of-the-art treatment approach. CBCC's facilities, located in Bakersfield, Calif., occupy more than 85,000 sq. feet. CBCC has been a leader in oncology in the areas of patient care, technology and clinical research. Since then the Center has grown to become the number one accrual site for UCLA and Bristol Myers Squibb. CBCC has enrolled more patients in clinical trials than Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSKCC), New York's large cancer research facility" said Jane Hobbs, Clinical Research administrator at UCLA. In the last decade all the cancer drugs (like Herceptin, Rituxan, Avastin, and many more) approved by FDA were part of a clinical trial at CBCC. It was the first clinical site in the U.S. for Veridex, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of J & J) to run Circulating Tumor Cells test for Colorectal Cancer. CBCC again was the first center in the world for Electronic Medical Records for Varian Medical Systems. CBCC's mission of "Changing lives with hope and innovation" has brought lot of firsts for CBCC in Kern County and in the Nation. It is a recipient of 2008 and 2009 HOPE Awards for Facility and Integration of Care for cancer patients. CBCC has the first freestanding Cyberknife facility on free standing comprehensive Cancer Center Campus in the world.

CBCC facilities treat more than 5,000 new patients per year and have more than 150,000 patient visits annually. About 300 nurses, technicians and support staff take care of cancer needs for the patients along with 20 plus physicians including Medical Oncologists, Radiation Oncologists, Head and Neck Surgeons, Infectious Disease Specialist, Reconstructive surgeons, Dermatologist and Pathologists. The many firsts like Stem cell Transplants, IMRT, 3DCRT, Mammosite, CyberKnife, Accuboot, Prostate seed Implants, Clinical Trials, Circulating Tumor Cells have been brought to CBCC, so that Kern County patients do not have to travel long distances for their care. CBCC has always been on the forefront of cancer care in the nation and its local community and will continue its mission of changing lives through hope and science by outsmarting cancer. Additional information is available on CBCC's website at www.cbccusa.com

CBCC has opened a center with Apollo Hospital Group in India and has contracts to open four more centers in India. www.cbccusa.in