



Grantee: UC Davis Health System Student Runs Clinics – Imani Clinic

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Program: “Imani Clinic Healthy Breast Program”

Program Summary:

Imani Clinic opened in 1994 in Sacramento’s Oak Park community to address the health needs of uninsured, low-income African Americans living in the area. The clinic is open on Saturdays and provides culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate care to its patients. Affiliated with the UC Davis School of Medicine and the Sacramento County Department of Health & Human Services, the clinic relies solely on volunteer community physicians and UC Davis medical students provide patient care, while trained UC Davis undergraduates and community volunteers assist with clinical administrative tasks. Utilizing a Promotores Model of outreach, Imani Clinic’s Healthy Breast Program will provide healthy breast education, awareness and screening to 1,500 primarily African-American women served by the clinic and assure that 200 receive mammograms. Studies have shown that community-based interventions are much more successful in reaching the women targeted by this initiative than conventional methods. Promotores visit women who have been referred to them by other community women. They conduct small presentations in varied settings such as a woman’s living room, an apartment building patio, community room or church. Participant Survey/Questionnaire data will be gathered, entered into a database and utilized in the future to provide reminders for annual mammograms and follow-ups.