



Touro University Nevada

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Touro University Nevada announces additional \$90,000 grant to help families in crisis

LAS VEGAS – May 31, 2011 – Touro University Nevada (TUN) announced a \$90,000 grant today, from a private donor, to ensure the Stallman Touro Clinic at The Shade Tree Shelter will remain open and operating for several years.

The Stallman Touro Clinic, in partnership with The Shade Tree Shelter, is making a positive impact as a provider of health care to those in need in the Southern Nevada community. Many of the patients are residents of The Shade Tree, a shelter for local homeless women and domestic violence. The clinic, the first of its kind to be located inside a shelter, is a model of preventive care for underserved communities across the country.

On Tuesday, May 31, 2011 The Physician Assistant Foundation awarded the clinic with the annual \$10,000 Caring for Communities Grant for their service to women and children who are homeless or surviving domestic abuse situations.

“I am happy to announce that the donor has granted TUN a \$90,000 gift to operate the clinic for the next three years,” said Senior Provost and CEO Michael Harter, Ph.D. “This gift would not have been possible without the Caring for Communities grant and the national recognition it brought to our program. This is simply a case of generosity begetting more generosity and we at TUN are grateful for the continued commitment we are able to announce today because of the Physician Assistant Foundation’s generous grant.”

The Stallman Touro Clinic provides adult health care, preventive health measures, sick call services and women and pediatric services to patients. The clinic is staffed by faculty and students from Touro University Nevada’s Physician Assistant Program in addition to volunteers from the local community.

“Physician Assistant students and educators from TUN have provided health care services in this free on-site clinic since 2009,” said PA program director Vicki Chan-Padgett. “This is a wonderful partnership not only for the education of TUN PA students, but for the women and children at Shade Tree.”

About Touro University Nevada

Touro University Nevada (TUN) is a private, non-profit institution that was established to help address critical needs in health care and education and as a resource for community service in the state of Nevada. TUN opened its doors in 2004 with 78 medical students. Today, its home to more than 1,700 students, in a wide variety of degree programs in osteopathic medicine, physician assistant studies, education, nursing, occupational therapy and physical therapy. The university’s Henderson campus includes a full-service patient health clinic and multi-disciplinary Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. For more information on TUN, please visit www.tun.touro.edu or call 702- 777-8687.

About Physician Assistant Foundation

The Physician Assistant Foundation mission is to develop and allocate resources that empower the physician assistant profession to impact the health and wellness of the communities it serves. The PA Foundation provides grants to PAs and PA students who are making a difference in their local communities through the delivery of quality health care and provides student scholarships to help alleviate the heavy burden of cost of education. As the philanthropic arm of the AAPA, the PA Foundation contributes to the advancement of the physician assistant profession. For more information, visit www.aapa.org/pa-foundation.

About The Shade Tree

The Shade Tree is the largest homeless shelter in Clark County for women and children in crisis. Since 1990, The Shade Tree has served homeless and abused women and children, victims of domestic violence, victims of elder abuse, victims of street violence, veterans, educated professionals, homeless youth and the physically disabled. Its on-site animal shelter, Noah's Animal House, provides temporary boarding for the dogs and cats of clients. With 364 permanent beds, The Shade Tree provides more than 100,000 nights of shelter each year. For more information, visit www.theshadetree.org.

About the Stallman Touro Clinic

Utilizing a grant from a generous benefactor, Touro University Nevada partnered with The Shade Tree to establish a free medical clinic for residents of the shelter. The grant, which funded the initial set-up costs, was provided by the family of Andy Stallman. Mr. Stallman, a successful financial analyst, had a special affinity for the homeless and for animals. He set up a trust to provide funding for programs and projects that help the homeless, at-risk animals, or combinations of these. Since his untimely death in 2003, the family has administered the trust, and provided significant cash grants to finance such programs, not only throughout the US, but also in western and eastern Europe, Africa, the Mideast, and southern and southeast Asia.

Mr. Stallman and his family were familiar with the "homeless corridor" in Las Vegas. When the family learned of the interest that Touro University Nevada had in providing health care services to the homeless community, the grant was provided to support the endeavor.

About Touro College

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was chartered in 1970 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. Approximately 19,000 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Jerusalem, Moscow, Paris, and Florida. Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus, as well as Touro College Los Angeles and Touro University Worldwide, are separately accredited institutions within the Touro College and University System. For further information on Touro College, please go to: <http://www.touro.edu/media/>.

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