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Clínica Tepeyac Receives \$25,000 Grant from Avon Breast Health Outreach Program for The Breast Health Outreach Program

Local Organization Recognized With Support From National Program

Denver, CO/February 8, 2017 – The Avon Breast Health Outreach Program has awarded a \$25,000 one-year grant to Clínica Tepeyac to increase awareness of the life-saving benefits of early detection of breast cancer. It is the tenth year that the program has received funding from the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade to support its work on this important health issue, and in recognition of the program's excellence.

The Breast Health Outreach Program at Clínica Tepeyac will educate Denver area women and refer them to low-cost or free mammograms and clinical breast exams at Clínica Tepeyac or in their own communities. The vital program is integrated into the culturally responsive health care and behavioral health services that Clínica Tepeyac provides to the medically underserved in the Denver area.

In 2016 alone, the Breast Health Outreach Program at Clínica Tepeyac reached more than 1400 women with information about the importance of early detection of breast cancer and has referred over 300 women for mammograms and clinical breast exams. In addition, almost 250 underserved women were screened for breast cancer through mammograms and clinical breast exams.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women in the United States. According to the American Cancer Society, 3,640 new cases of breast cancer will be detected in Colorado this year and 540 lives will be lost. While advances have been made in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure, early detection still affords the best opportunity for successful treatment. Programs such as the Breast Health Outreach Program at Clínica Tepeyac help ensure that all women have access to early detection information and options, even poor and medically underserved women.

“We are proud that the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade shares our mission and has chosen to support our program. With these funds we will be able to provide breast

health outreach and education, provide referrals, navigate to screening, and screen hundreds of women for breast cancer. These are women who would most likely not learn about and be able to access breast cancer screenings and would therefore be at a higher risk to die from breast cancer. Avon provides funds to Clínica Tepeyac that help us save lives,” said Jim Garcia, CEO and Founder of Clínica Tepeyac.

Since 1993, the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade has awarded more than 1,800 grants to community-based breast health programs across the United States, including The Breast Health Outreach Program at Clínica Tepeyac. The Avon Breast Cancer Crusade awards funding to beneficiaries ranging from leading cancer centers to community-based grassroots breast health programs to support breast cancer research and access to care. Many programs are dedicated to educating underserved women about breast cancer and linking them to early detection screening services. Visit avonbhop.org for more information.

The Avon Breast Health Outreach Program is administered by Cicatelli Associates Inc. to support community-based, non-profit breast health programs across the country. The Fund's National Advisory Board selected The Breast Health Outreach Program at Clínica Tepeyac as one of 60 new grant recipients nationwide in the 2017 cycle of Avon Breast Health Outreach Program grants. These organizations were chosen based on their ability to effectively reach women, particularly minority, low-income, and older women, who are often medically underserved.

For more information on The Breast Health Outreach Program at Clínica Tepeyac, please call Juan Espino at (720) 274-2928. To learn more about the Avon Breast Health Outreach Program, visit www.avonbhop.org