



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CCHA Receives Grant for Providing Care to Region's Underserved**

Coastal Carolinas Health Alliance (CCHA) is pleased to announce that it has received a grant from The Cannon Foundation to fund collaborative efforts around primary care for the medically underserved population in our region. The \$175,000 grant award will cover the costs of purchasing a mobile unit and upfitting its interior to serve as a multi-care space. CCHA will partner with Manos Unidas, a subsidiary of Black River Health Services, to provide primary care to the target population of people who do not currently have a primary care physician or “medical home.”

Angelica Santibanez-Mendez, who is Manos Unidas’ Program Director/Outreach Nurse, looks forward to launching this shared initiative with CCHA and what it’ll mean to improving patient care. “This is exciting news!” she said. “We had mobile clinic last night in tents, and the wind kept blowing everything away! It was very frustrating, so we are SUPER anxious and excited!”

Yvonne Hughes, CCHA’s CEO, echoed Angelica’s sentiments, and expressed her appreciation for this generous award. “On behalf of the CCHA team,” said Yvonne, “I would like to thank The Cannon Foundation and recognize their investment in bettering the lives of people in this region. We look forward to the work ahead and our partnership with Manos Unidas!” Barb Biehner, CCHA’s Director of Operations, will work closely with the Manos Unidas team as well as other regional resources to provide program oversight and services as needed.