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Health to Hope Clinics support CSUSB Nursing Street Medicine program with generous gift

PALM DESERT, Calif. – Health to Hope Clinics has awarded a gift, totaling more than \$26,000, to the Nursing Street Medicine program at Cal State San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus.

The gift will be used to improve access to healthcare for traditionally underserved populations, increase mobile medical clinics, improve health-related infrastructure in the Coachella Valley and strengthen engagement of nurses and nursing students with the homeless, unsheltered and vulnerable populations in the Coachella Valley.

The CSUSB Nursing Street Medicine program includes collaborative partnerships with the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine, Well in the Desert, Desert Regional Medical Center family medicine residency program, Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church and Lutheran Social Services of Southern California.

"This generous gift from Health to Hope Clinics will provide support for us to continue our efforts to grow our Nursing Street Medicine program," said Diane Vines, Nursing Street Medicine program coordinator and CSUSB nursing faculty member. "We are providing much-needed healthcare services for homeless and unsheltered people in the Coachella Valley, and preparing our future nurses to understand the needs of this vulnerable population."

"Health to Hope is grateful for the local support of CSUSB and opportunity to partner and assist this organization that walks alongside our vulnerable population locally," said board vice chair, Matt List.

Contact Diane Vines at <u>diane.vines@csusb.edu</u> for more information about the CSUSB Nursing Street Medicine program.

The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus offers bachelor's and master's degrees, a doctorate in educational leadership, and teaching credentials and certificates. With more than 1,600 students, it is the Coachella Valley's four-year public university and plays a vital role in educating and training the region's growing population.

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