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Deadline: April 15, 2008

The Center for Community Health Leadership (<http://misyscenter.com/>), an organization sponsored by Misys Healthcare Systems (<http://www.misyshealthcare.com/>) to facilitate the development of health information pathways by building connected communities, has announced the opening of its grant-application process. The center invites professionals from physicians' practices, health information exchange organizations, hospitals, and home health agencies interested in sharing clinical data for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes to submit proposals on behalf of their community. The grant program was launched in June 2006 to spearhead the widespread adoption of electronic health records at a local level, where health care is actually delivered. Medical organizations within the selected community will receive a grant of EHR software and services for community physicians and will be given access to connectivity solutions from Misys to facilitate data exchange between area clinicians. Successful applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to sharing clinical data among community health organizations in an effort to decrease healthcare costs, increase practice efficiency, and improve care delivery to its residents. Visit the Misys Healthcare Systems Web site for further information and application instructions. RFP Link: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10011469/misyscenter>

5. Alzheimer's Foundation Offers Grant for Innovative Service  
Deadline: May 15, 2008

As demand increases nationwide for support services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (<http://www.alzfdn.org/>) has announced that it will be accepting applications for the Brodsky Grant, a \$30,000 award to an innovative program or service that improves the lives of those affected by the brain disorder. Through the grant, AFA seeks to fund a program that is innovative, meets the greatest need, and can be successfully put into practice and later replicated in other communities. The grant process is open only to AFA's nonprofit member organizations. In addition to the Brodsky Grant, AFA awards grants twice a year, in the spring and fall, to multiple AFA member organizations in support of programs and services that improve quality of life for individuals with dementia and their families.

To find out more about AFA membership and AFA's grant programs, visit the foundation's Web site.

RFP Link: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10011461/alzfdn>

6. American Journal of Health Promotion Invites Nominations for Robert F. Allen Symbol of H.O.P.E. Award  
Deadline: April 25, 2008

Presented annually by the American Journal of Health Promotion (<http://www.healthpromotionjournal.com/>), the Robert F. Allen Symbol of H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Through Empowerment) Award honors individuals who have worked to promote cultural

diversity within health promotion or who have demonstrated significant achievement in serving the health promotion needs of underserved populations. National prominence or celebrity status is not a criterion for the award. The purposes of the award are to: 1) reward those who have devoted their careers to serving underserved populations and promoting cross-cultural harmony; 2) disseminate innovative and effective strategies to promote cross-cultural harmony; and 3) increase the attention directed toward these efforts within the health promotion community.

Award winners will be selected from nominations submitted by peers.

The award winner will receive a cash prize of \$3,500 and a commemorative plaque. Visit the Web site of the American Journal of Health Promotion for complete award program information.

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