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CoastHills Community Foundation donates \$1,000 to support the Mission Hope Cancer Center

As a way of honoring the memory of CoastHills' Business Member PD Patel, the CoastHills Community Foundation donated \$1,000 this week to the Mission Hope Cancer Center. This new comprehensive cancer center is targeted to open in the Summer of 2010 in Santa Maria.

Upon completion, this all-in-one cancer care center will serve all of a patient's oncology needs under one roof, here on the central coast. Currently, this type of care can be found only at larger centers such as in Los Angeles or San Francisco. This center is the dream of cancer survivor Atul Patel and his late father PD Patel, who lost his battle with cancer in July of 2009.

Treatment is exhausting, " says the younger Mr. Patel, whose cancer is in remission. "Patients often have chemotherapy and radiation therapy appointments on the same day, but on opposite sides of town. When you are in a wakened state, it's difficult to drag yourself from one place to another."

The new center will be a UCLA network practice, and will include three full-time UCLA nurses on staff. Services will include doctor visits with medical and radiation oncology, surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy, plus comprehensive lab capabilities and procedures. Added Mr. Patel, "The Central Coast community deserves the best cancer care available today."

About the CoastHills Community Foundation:

The CoastHills Community Foundation, a 501©3 organization established in 2005, has a straightforward mission: Serve the Underserved. Fueled by staff, member, and

community donations, the foundation provides funding to organizations that provide critical supplies and financial literacy to those who need it the most.

About CoastHills Federal Credit Union:

CoastHills currently serves more than 64,000 members in Northern Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo County with 11 branches and a full-service call center. With assets of more than \$600 million, CoastHills is one of the largest, independently owned financial institutions on the Central Coast.