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**ACT OF KINDNESS BENEFITS DIABETIC PATIENTS AT CORNELL
SCOTT – HILL HEALTH CENTER**

*Yale Undergrad Organizes Fundraiser to Help Diabetics Receive Free Medical
Supplies*

New Haven, CT. — Nimit Jain, a student at Yale University, recently held a fundraiser on the university's campus to raise money for New Haven's diabetic community. An estimated 500 people turned out for the event and \$1,500 was raised. All the proceeds went to the Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center pharmacy in the form of \$100 vouchers.

Jain founded the Yale Undergraduate Diabetes Forum in 2009 with the goal of raising money for diabetics who can't afford to buy their supplies and strengthening the diabetic community on campus. Having started a brand new organization, Jain partnered with fellow Yale students Uyen Phan, Jean-Luc Mosley, Michael Laskin, Bucky Knight and Edward Bryn Pitt to help him organize his first fundraiser.

Jain knew the Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center was the ideal choice to help him quickly achieve his goals. The Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center pharmacy's participation in patient assistance programs, including programs that allow uninsured patients to receive discounted medications, is one reason for this partnership. The discounted prices, in addition to the vouchers, would mean patients would be able to maximize the amount of supplies they are able to receive. Another reason for the

partnership is the long history of collaboration between the Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center and Yale.

An event was held at the Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center to present the vouchers. During his speech, Jain stated, “I knew I had to do this... that it was my duty to do this. My personal experiences with Type 1 diabetes, which include not only leading the life of a diabetic but also authoring a book on diabetes and counseling many fellow Type 1 diabetics in India on their diet, had assured me that there could be no bigger joy... or duty than to help out other fellow diabetics.”

Seven diabetics attended the luncheon event and each received a \$100 voucher toward supplies from the center’s pharmacy. These vouchers allow patients to obtain various diabetic supplies such as test strips, insulin, lab tests, applicators, glucose tabs, syringes and alcohol swabs. Some patients used their entire voucher that afternoon with one patient commenting, “without this voucher, I wouldn’t be able to buy my strips this month.”

Dedicated to personal interaction with the diabetic community, Jain will continue to work with the Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center and is already planning another fundraiser in the fall of 2010.

The Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center is the oldest and among the largest community health centers in Connecticut. The center provides integrated medical and behavioral health solutions throughout the greater New Haven area and the Naugatuck Valley with the goal of improving the health status of patients and the community at large. The Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center has been a leader in community healthcare innovation for over 40 years. Learn more at www.hillhealthcenter.com.

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