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Foundations Make Significant Investment in NASBHC's Future

February 5, 2008 – The National Assembly on School-Based Health Care (NASBHC), the national voice for school-based health centers (SBHCs), has received two major grants totaling more than a half million dollars. NASBHC works to assure that all children receive high-quality, comprehensive health care and contributes to social change.

The Atlantic Philanthropies, a foundation dedicated to bringing about lasting changes in the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, has awarded NASBHC \$500,000 to strengthen organizational capacity. SBHCs are typically located in schools attended by students who historically have the greatest health care disparities. They are perfectly positioned to bolster Atlantic's goal of ensuring that all middle-school-aged children get the support they need, including comprehensive health services.

The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, dedicated to improving community health in Cincinnati and 20 surrounding counties in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, awarded a grant of \$75,000 to increase NASBHC's capacity to provide technical assistance to new SBHCs in Cincinnati and the surrounding region. With the funds, NASBHC will improve existing tools and upgrade the website functionality of its technical assistance resources.

John Schlitt, Executive Director of NASBHC, said, "We are committed to serving the public and helping children and families access high-quality health care. Having support and recognition from foundations dedicated to improving access to health care for all populations validates our mission and values. We couldn't be more excited to begin this work."

*The **National Assembly on School-Based Health Care** is a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to promote and support school-based health centers to assure that all children receive high quality, comprehensive health care.*

*The **Atlantic Philanthropies** are dedicated to bringing about lasting changes in the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. Atlantic focuses on four critical social problems: Aging, Disadvantaged Children & Youth, Population Health and Reconciliation & Human Rights. Programs funded by Atlantic operate in Australia, Bermuda, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United States and Viet Nam. To learn more, please visit <http://www.atlanticphilanthropies.org>.*

*The **Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati** is an independent 501(c)(4) social welfare organization dedicated to improving community health. The foundation awards grants to non-profit and governmental organizations for programs and activities that improve health in Cincinnati and 20 surrounding counties in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio.*