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**Health care**

## Oakland foundation donates 500,000 condoms

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Oakland's **Flowers Heritage Foundation** has donated half a million condoms to nonprofit organizations in San Francisco, Miami, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, as part of an effort to distribute 1 million condoms annually to protect those "vulnerable to the HIV/AIDS epidemic," said Executive Director Gregory Edwards.

So far in 2009, it's donated 100,000 prophylactics to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Stop AIDS Project, 200,000 to the Florida Department of Health, 100,000 to Washington, D.C.'s Department of Health, and 100,000 to the Center for Community Ministry in San Juan, Puerto Rico, says the East Bay nonprofit, which aims to identify gaps in health-care services and close disparities.

The condoms distributed so far this year are valued at \$55,000 and shipping costs were nearly \$5,000.

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