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NEVHC CELEBRATES EXPANSION OF VAN NUYS ADULT HEALTH CENTER DURING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

Van Nuys, CA – In celebration of National Health Center Week, Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC) showcased its recently relocated, state-of-the-art Van Nuys Adult Health Center -- a 9,000-square-foot facility that features 10 exam rooms. This allows NEVHC to not only be the medical home for its HIV and Hepatitis C patients, but also to meet the growing demand for primary health care services for adults. NEVHC celebrated this year's theme of "Celebrating America's Health Centers: The Key to Healthier Communities," through an array of activities and events including staff, patient and community engagement efforts.

Today, over 100 civic, business, healthcare, and community partners came together at NEVHC's Van Nuys Adult Health Center Open House to recognize the value and impact of community health centers. The Keynote Speaker, U.S. Representative Tony Cardenas, addressed the importance of supporting health centers and fighting for access to quality healthcare in the community. Several other representatives from government offices, donors, NEVHC board members, staff and supporters attended and toured the Van Nuys Adult Health Center.

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"NEVHC is proud to participate in National Health Center Week annually and we are pleased to take this opportunity to dedicate our newest health center," said NEVHC CEO Kim Wyard.

"Community health centers were born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960s. Today, more than 50 years later, we continue to advocate for the right to health care for all."

NEVHC is grateful to partner with 29 National Health Center Week event sponsors. The Platinum Sponsors of the event include: Arthur J. Gallagher & Company; Health Net; and Valley Presbyterian Hospital. The Gold Sponsors of the event include: Intertex General Contractors; Kaiser Permanente; L.A. Care Health Plan; Pacific Federal, LLC - a Zenith American company; MedPOINT Management; and The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC).

One of the Platinum Sponsors, Health Net, presented a \$65,000 check to NEVHC at the event. This is a new grant award from Health Net to support a Family Medicine Care Coordinator at the Van Nuys Adult Health Center. The Family Medicine Care Coordinator will work with patients to detect and manage chronic and acute disease complications and to develop goals for healthier lifestyles.

During the event, NEVHC presented the "Visionary Award" to Ardis Moe, M.D., for her visionary and inspiring work in serving HIV and Hepatitis C patients at NEVHC's Van Nuys Adult Health Center. Dr. Moe is an Infectious Disease Specialist, who also maintains a clinical practice at the UCLA Center for AIDS Research and Education (CARE) Center. Since 2015, there have been 24 NEVHC patients with Hepatitis C that have been treated and cured, thanks to Dr. Moe's vision.

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National Health Center Week is being celebrated by community health centers nationwide to highlight their proven success at providing access to high-quality, affordable health care to the medically underserved population. Today, health centers are a critical part of the nation's health delivery system serving 25 million individuals in 9,800 urban and rural communities across America, including serving more than 7.5 million children, nearly 1.2 million homeless individuals and over 300,000 veterans. One in 13 people living in the US is served by a health center. NEVHC is one of California's 1,200 health centers serving 6.2 million people or one out of seven Californians.

NEVHC is a nonprofit, Federally Qualified Health Center serving the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys. NEVHC provides health care in communities with a known shortage of health professionals to care for local residents, including some of the most vulnerable who are medically underinsured or uninsured. For the past 44 years, NEVHC has strived to reduce barriers to care and improve health outcomes for all patients by providing safe, quality health care with comprehensive medical, dental, behavioral health, nutritional counseling and health education services. The 14 primary care health centers within the NEVHC network provide 300,000 patient visits annually and are Joint Commission accredited.

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