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NEVHC LAUNCHES ANNUAL TOY DRIVE AND SANTA VISITS PROGRAM BENEFITING PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

Over 2,000 children are expected to receive a donated toy at an NEVHC health center

San Fernando, CA – Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC) launched its Annual Holiday Toy Drive and Santa Visits Program benefiting over 2,000 pediatric patients in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys. From December 6-15, children between the ages of newborn to ten will receive an unwrapped toy and a picture with Santa Clause at one of seven NEVHC health centers in the area. Currently in its 21st year of production, the toy giveaway is a holiday highlight for NEVHC pediatric patients and their families who reside in medically underserved communities throughout Los Angeles County and may experience financial hardship during the holiday season.

“It really feels like Christmas when Santa arrives at our health centers. Our youngest patients are so excited to receive a new toy and for our donors and staff it is such a positive experience to see their joy,” said NEVHC CEO, Kimberly Wyard.

Each donated toy has been carefully selected and matched with a young patient at one of seven NEVHC health centers which offers pediatric services. The health centers included in this year’s toy giveaway and Santa visits program include Sun Valley, Pacoima, Canoga Park, San Fernando, Van Nuys, Valencia, and Santa Clarita. At the giveaway at the Pacoima Health Center, NEVHC staff was joined by Anthem Blue Cross who took part in the holiday festivities by helping distribute toys, healthy snacks and meeting and their families during the event.

“Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal is proud to support NEVHC to ensure that all local residents have access to healthcare in their community, continue to live healthy lives, and have festive holidays” said Steve Melody, president of Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal Health Plan.

Ana Hernandez and her children have made NEVHC their medical home and were first-time participants in the toy giveaway. She stated, “It’s nice to know that [NEVHC] has these events and we thank everyone involved for the opportunity. Not just for us but for all the families as well.”

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The success of NEVHC's annual holiday toy drive is a result of the generous support provided by NEVHC staff, board members, community based organizations, elected officials and sponsors that include Anthem Blue Cross, Aerotek, Allstate, BMI Mechanical, Inc., Care1st Health Plan, Californians Allied for Patient Protection, Church of Hope, City of San Fernando, Entertainment Earth, E-Central Credit Union, Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, ITV Studios, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian c/o NBCUniversal, Office of Senator Bob Hertzberg, Pacific Federal—a Zenith American company, Provider Healthcare, San Fernando Police Department, Vubiquity, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Warner Bros. Consumer Products, Wesco Aircraft, and others.

The full schedule for the 2017 Holiday Toy Drive and Santa Visits program is as follows:

- **Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
Sun Valley Health Center, 7223 N. Fair Avenue, Sun Valley, CA 91352
- **Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
Pacoima Health Center, 12756 Van Nuys Boulevard, Pacoima, CA 91331
- **Friday, December 8, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
Canoga Park Health Center, 7107 Remmet Avenue, Canoga Park, CA 91303
- **Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
San Fernando Health Center, 1600 San Fernando Road, San Fernando, CA 91340
- **Wednesday, December 13, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
Van Nuys Pediatric Health Center, 7138 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA 91405
- **Thursday, December 14, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
Valencia Health Center: 23763 Valencia Boulevard, Valencia, CA 91355
- **Friday, December 15, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
Santa Clarita Health Center: 18533 Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91351

For more information, visit nevhc.org/donate/2017-toy-drive/

About Northeast Valley Health Corporation

With 14 licensed health centers, Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC) is one of the nation's largest community health centers. Incorporated in 1971, NEVHC is a non-profit Joint Commission accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). NEVHC's mission is to provide quality, safe and comprehensive primary health care to medically underserved residents of Los Angeles County, particularly in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys, in a manner that is sensitive to the economic, cultural and linguistic needs of the community.

For more information, visit nevhc.org.