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## **CIVIL RIGHTS ICON DOLORES HUERTA ANNOUNCED AS A SPECIAL GUEST AT NEVHC'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY GALA**

*Huerta will join community health advocates to raise support for Pacoima-based Women's Health Center*

**San Fernando, CA** – In celebration of 45 years of advocating for health care access for all, Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC) is proud to announce that Dolores Huerta, Founder & President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation and Co-founder of the United Farm Workers, will be a special guest at its 45th Anniversary Gala honoring “Champions for Quality Health Care.”

“Health care is a basic human right and I’m proud to join the Northeast Valley Health Corporation and other health advocates who promote this ideal,” comments Dolores Huerta.

A renowned community organizer and Latina civil rights activist, Huerta has worked for labor rights and to address social injustices for over 50 years. In 1962, she and Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers union. She served as vice-president and played a critical role in many of the union’s accomplishments. One of her earliest victories included securing Aid for Dependent Families (“AFDC”) and disability insurance for California farm workers in 1963.

“Dolores is a champion for laborers, women and children. Her history of advocacy is rooted in a commitment to improving the lives of some of the most vulnerable populations in our communities,” states NEVHC Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Wyard. “We are thrilled that she will join us to recognize the health care leaders who are helping us expand access to care for the medically underserved,” Wyard adds.

Huerta will join NEVHC honoree’s that include U.S. Representative Tony Cárdenas, James Garrison, President of Pacific Federal, LLC, a Zenith American Company, and Carol Kim, Vice President of Community Investments and Public Affairs at Health Net. Additional honorees include “Community Hospital Champions” Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, Olive View–UCLA Medical Center, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, and Valley Presbyterian Hospital.

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NEVHC's 45th Anniversary Gala will take place at the Taglyan Cultural Complex where nearly 500 community leaders, corporate executives, government officials, and NEVHC supporters will gather to celebrate the honorees and raise funds to support NEVHC's expansion of services for the Pacoima Women's Health Center. Proceeds from the event will support NEVHC's efforts to renovate, equip, and furnish a leased 6,300 sq. ft. annex located at the Pacoima Plaza into a health center with eight exam rooms and the capacity to provide 21,352 women's health visits for 3,577 patients in its first operating year.

To learn more about NEVHC's 45th anniversary gala, visit [nevhc.org/donate/gala/](http://nevhc.org/donate/gala/).

### **About Northeast Valley Health Corporation**

With 15 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. Learn more about NEVHC at [www.nevhc.org](http://www.nevhc.org).

### **About the Dolores Huerta Foundation**

The Dolores Huerta Foundation is a 501 (c)3 organization whose mission is to inspire and organize communities to build volunteer organizations empowered to pursue social justice. The foundation organizes at the grassroots level developing natural leaders by establishing Vecinos Unidos ("Neighbors United") chapters in California's Central Valley region including Arvin, Lamont, Weedpatch, Lindsay, Woodlake, Sanger, and Parlier. We create leadership opportunities for community organizing, leadership development, and civic engagement. DHF's Vecinos Unidos chapters work on policy advocacy in health and environment as well as education and youth development. Learn more about the Dolores Huerta Foundation at [www.doloreshuerta.org](http://www.doloreshuerta.org).

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