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GVNG AND BENEVOLENT IMPACT PPE BRIDGE, LLC PARTNER TO SUPPLY CRITICAL PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO NORTHEAST VALLEY HEALTH CORPORATION

• Donation will support continued delivery of health care services and expansion of COVID-19 testing for patients in underserved communities at high risk of COVID-19 exposure.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC), one of the largest community health centers in the country serving the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys, received a generous donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) for COVID-19 relief efforts through a multinational collaboration spearheaded by <u>Dominic Kalms</u>, President and C.E.O. of <u>GVNG</u> and <u>Kirsten Curtis</u>, C.E.O of <u>Benevolent Impact PPE Bridge, LLC</u>.

NEVHC has operated on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing comprehensive health care services and expanding access to COVID-19 testing services for communities that are disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I simply couldn't believe the extent of our national PPE shortage in America and I don't think people really understand how bad the situation is at our hospitals so I decided to do something with my network and resources. Now through my nonprofit project EndCovid-19.org we have distributed thousands upon thousands of masks, face shields, and other critical PPE to hospital and medical clinics across our nation, including of course to NEVHC," stated Dominic Kalms, President and CEO of GVNG.

Kirsten Curtis, CEO of Benevolent Impact PPE Bridge went on to state "Thanks to a team of civically minded volunteers, including the founders of Benevolent Impact and GVNG, we were able to organize and secure critical PPE for NEVHC and other organizations across the country to ensure that they can safely care for their patients and community."

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The donation of 4,000 3-ply surgical masks, 1,000 face shields, and 600 N-95 masks helps NEVHC provide safe COVID-19 testing and continue to provide health care services to a patient population in which 47% are managing a chronic disease such as diabetes, asthma, or obesity, placing them at higher risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19.

"Partnerships with charitable organizations are more important than ever in ensuring that NEVHC can provide comprehensive health care services and testing to our community. We are proud to partner with Benevolent Impact PPE Bridge and GVNG to provide our staff with the PPE needed to safely care for our patients through the COVID-19 pandemic," stated Kim Wyard, CEO of NEVHC.

NEVHC continues to expand its COVID-19 testing capacity for patients in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys during COVID-19. It most recently opened a second drive-through testing site at the Valencia Health Center, located at 23763 Valencia Boulevard, Valencia, CA 91355, in addition to its drive-through testing site at the San Fernando Health Center located at 1600 San Fernando Road, San Fernando, CA 91340.

About NEVHC

With 16 licensed health centers serving over 83,000 patients yearly, 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 nevhc.org.

About GVNG

GVNG is a venture backed technology company which helps employees, individuals and corporations take control of their charitable giving and amplify their impact through its GVNG Charitable Account, which combines the best features of donor-advised funds (DAF) and crowdfunding tools, powered by the GVNG technology platform.

About Benevolent Impact PPE Bridge

Benevolent Impact PPE Bridge works to ensure that those who are battling COVID-19 are well armored, by facilitating a Personal Protective Equipment Bridge which actively connects hospitals, clinics and medical professionals with suppliers who manufacture and distribute necessary equipment.

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