

# Vista Community Clinic to raise money with home tours

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**VISTA** — The fundraising Holiday Homes Tour that Vista Community Clinic has held for two decades will be especially important this year as more people lose their jobs and health insurance, organizers said this week.

The tour will be held Sunday and will feature four decorated

homes, including a custom-built “green” house touted as proof that energy efficiency can be elegant.

Janette Leigh Kimmel, who owns the house with her husband, said she was glad to help the clinic while teaching people about environmentally friendly construction.

“It’s a great opportunity,” she said. “I know the that the clinic

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can probably use the additional funds because of the situation we’re facing with the economy right now.”

The tour will highlight the house’s solar panels, natural lighting and drip irrigation.

Participants will also be able to get information about sustainable building.

“We’re hoping that (we) can teach tourgoers about green living,” said Jenny Jones, the clinic’s spokeswoman.

time to help decorate the homes.

The homes were chosen from more than a dozen that had been offered for the event, Jones said.

The nonprofit Vista Community Clinic provides health care for the needy in Vista and Oceanside. Demand for services at its five locations could increase as the economic situation worsens, said Barbara Mannino, the clinic’s chief executive officer.

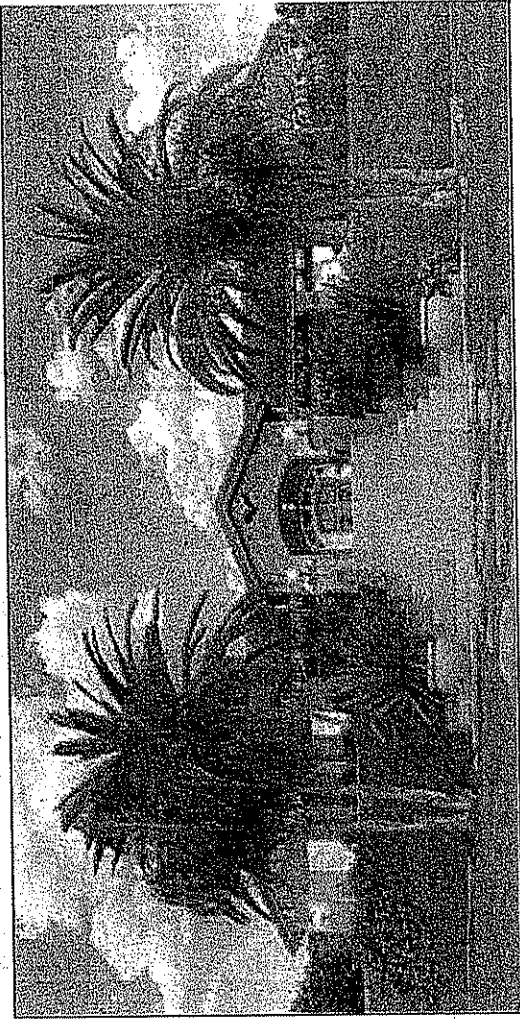


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**This Italian-inspired estate is one of the homes that will be featured in the Vista Community Clinic’s Holiday Homes Tour on Sunday. The event is a fundraising effort for the clinic.**

This will be the 22nd year the clinic has organized the home tour. Participation has grown over the years, Mannino said.

Last year, more than 500 people attended, and the clinic raised more than \$100,000.

The money raised this year will pay for services for needy children and go toward opening a new facility next spring on Grapevine Road in Vista.

Most of the money raised

will go toward the clinics Kare for Kids fund, which pays for services for children whose families make too much to qualify for public assistance but not enough to afford health insurance. Each year, the clinic serves roughly 11,000 children, Jones said.

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets are available online at [www.vistacomcommunityclinic.org](http://www.vistacomcommunityclinic.org).