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Groundbreaking on Grapevine

Vista Community Clinic expands to meet growing demand

North County San Diego, CA – July 17, 2008 – On Thursday July 31st, Vista Community Clinic will host a **groundbreaking ceremony** for a new primary care clinic. This new facility will be a **healthcare safety net for over 16,000** local residents.



What: Ceremony followed by Reception
Date: Thursday July 31st
Time: 5:30pm
Where: 134 Grapevine, Vista CA

The **San Diego County Board of Supervisors** forecast a growth in demand such that by 2025 an additional twenty-one community clinics will be required in the county.¹ The new facility located on Grapevine will replace a smaller, inadequate, leased facility on Thunder Drive, and will **help meet the forecasted increase in demand** by serving an additional 7,000 to 8,000 patients, for an **annual site total of 16,000 patients in 50,000 visits.**

*“With the **number of uninsured rising every day**, our new clinic will help keep people in preventative care and out of Emergency Rooms. Collectively, our 51,000 patients **contribute significantly to the local economy**; and they cannot do that when they are sick,”* said Dr. Kelly Motadel, Medical Director.

The surrounding neighborhood is a federally designated **Health Professional Shortage Area**, indicating an extreme shortage of medical professionals available and willing to serve low-income, uninsured residents. The new 12,000 sq foot facility will allow for

Vista Community Clinic:

51,000 patients per year seen in
200,000 patient visits.

1 in 4 Vista residents
1 in 10 Oceanside residents

Nearly 70% are uninsured
Less than 30% have MediCal.

Nearly 80% of patient families
earn less than the federal poverty
level - \$21,200 for a family of
four.

The clinic receives an average of
869 monthly referrals from Tri-
City Medical Center’s Emergency
Department.

¹ http://www.abarisgroup.com/files/SDCHCSN_Study_Core_Report_9-18-06b.pdf

six full time physicians and nurse practitioners, expanding **pediatrics, family medicine and obstetrics services**. The location and innovative building design will increase patient access to laboratory, pharmacy and health education programs.

Combining primary health care with extensive community health outreach, Vista Community Clinic and the new Grapevine site is making North County a healthier place to live and work- for all of us.

About Vista Community Clinic

Vista Community Clinic is a private nonprofit provider of high quality comprehensive primary health care and health education with a focus on those in need because of economic, social or cultural barriers. Primary care services include obstetrics; pediatrics; family and internal medicine; women's health and family planning services; dental; and preventive services such as childhood immunizations and screenings for diabetes and asthma. Vista Community Clinic operates five clinic sites in the cities of Vista and Oceanside. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (760) 631-5000 or visit www.vistacommunityclinic.org.

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