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VCC RECEIVES MAJOR FUNDING TO IMPROVE LIVES OF LOW-INCOME DADS IN NORTH COUNTY

VISTA, CA—Vista Community Clinic (VCC) has received a five-year, $2.5 million federal grant to assist low-income men succeed in the work force, become self sufficient and forge close relationships with partners, children and family members.

The New Pathways for Fathers and Families grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Family Assistance and the Administration for Children and Families, will allow VCC to provide integrated and coordinated services, and case management to improve the lives of low-income fathers. The just-launched program will be known as Dads’ Club or Club de Padres. It will be staffed by a team of case managers, a workshop facilitator and a program supervisor.

Participants in Dads’ Club will have access to a variety of services and resources that will help them climb out of poverty and unemployment. Program features include:

- Guidance on how to improve engagement with partners, children, family members, and the community.
- Employment training and skills development to improve job opportunities and upward economic mobility.
- Referrals to social services agencies and programs to address mental health, substance abuse and trauma.
- Workshops in character building, communication, parenting and conflict resolution.

In addition, VCC will provide free enrollment assistance for health insurance and services such as CalFresh and CalWORKs. Those in need of mental health services will be connected to behavioral health providers at VCC and other behavioral health professionals in North County.

“We are extremely grateful to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for providing us this great opportunity to serve low-income men of North County, improve their lives, and those of their children and family members,” said Vista Community Clinic CEO Fernando Sañudo. “From our work of more than 40 years with low-income populations in the area, we know there is a great need for holistic, wrap-around services for dads to succeed in the work force and in fatherhood. We have a great set of partners in the community. We look forward to collaborating with them to improve the lives of North County residents.”

VCC’s partners in Dads’ Club include County of San Diego HHSA, North County Solutions for Change, North County Career Center, North County Lifeline, Community Housing Works, Vista Unified School District, Oceanside Unified School District, Vista Adult School, North County Career Center, Center for Community Solutions and Interfaith Community Services.
VCC ran a similar program from 2007 to 2012, also known as Dads’ Club. The program served more than 600 low-income men in the five-year period with case management and services to help them become self sufficient and improve their parenting skills.

ABOUT VISTA COMMUNITY CLINIC

With five locations in the cities of Vista and Oceanside, VCC provides affordable, high quality health care to more than 57,000 residents of North San Diego County. Services offered by VCC include primary care, pediatrics, prenatal and women’s health, optometry, dental care, chiropractic services and behavioral health. VCC also offers a wide array of innovative health education programs for all community residents and free health insurance enrollment services. VCC is recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level 3 (highest) Patient-Centered Medical Home. For more information, please call (760) 631-5000 or visit www.vcc.clinic.

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