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VISTA COMMUNITY CLINIC PRESENTS 29TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOMES TOUR
DEC. 6 EVENT BENEFITS HEALTH SERVICES FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

VISTA, CA—It’s the perfect kickoff for the holiday season. It’s a great source of holiday decorating ideas. It’s fun, it’s festive and benefits health care for children in need.

Since 1986, thousands of visitors have enjoyed the opportunity to tour some of the most beautiful homes in San Diego North County featured in the annual Vista Community Clinic (VCC) Holiday Homes Tour. The event, a holiday tradition for many in San Diego County and beyond, is a benefit for the VCC Kare for Kids Fund to provide medical services to underprivileged children.

The 29th Annual Holiday Homes Tour will be held Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015 from 10 am to 4 pm. The tour features four spectacular homes in Vista decorated for the holidays by a team of professional designers. Also featured in the tour is the historic Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, considered to be one of the best preserved historic structures in the state.

A highlight of this year’s event is the Holiday Bazaar featuring the work of local artisans. Visitors can browse through dozens of vendor booths featuring chocolate, jewelry, handbags, art, home décor and other gift items.

A gourmet food truck will provide breakfast, lunch and beverages for purchase. Between 4 and 6 p.m., tour guests can enjoy a complimentary glass of wine and hors d’oeuvres at the Art Beat on Main Street art gallery on Main Street in Vista.
Tickets to the tour are $20 in advance and $25 on the day of the tour. To purchase tickets, visit www.vcc.clinic/hht or call 760.631.5000 x1139. On the day of the tour, tickets can be purchased at the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, 640 Alta Vista Drive, Vista.

Holiday Homes Tour is made possible by the generous participation of North County homeowners; event sponsors; by a talented team of designers; and dozens of other volunteers who assist VCC in every aspect of the planning and execution of the tour.

Beppie Mostert, a San Diego interior designer and owner of Living Design Interiors, is part of the volunteer design team. The designers give many hours of their time and talent to plan and create elegant displays of holiday décor in the featured homes. Mostert has been involved in the tour since 2008.

“Honestly, it’s a rewarding experience, a time for giving back and a time to reflect,” Mostert said. “I am truly honored to be associated with a worthy cause as this and will be for years to come.”

ABOUT KARE FOR KIDS FUND

Each year, more than 11,000 children in San Diego North County receive high quality pediatric care at VCC, thanks to the Kare for Kids Fund. The Fund was established in 1986 to carry out the clinic’s promise to never turn away a sick child. It covers the costs of services to children whose families do not have health insurance or cannot afford the care. VCC relies on the generosity of community residents, businesses and foundations to carry out its promise of care to children. Holiday Homes Tour is a major source of funding for Kare for Kids.

ABOUT THE HOMES

The 2015 Holiday Homes Tour features four homes in Vista, each unique in design, décor and architecture as well as the historic Rancho Buena Vista Adobe.

REIMAGINED HACIENDA

With extensive remodeling, Alison and Lenny Comma have created their dream home with a Spanish hacienda look and feel. Artful tiles, a wine room with wrought iron railings, handcrafted furniture made in India and China, Mexican and Native American art, and fireplaces with reclaimed railroad ties are just a few of the many standout features in their expansive and graceful Vista residence. The couple has chosen natural material throughout the home including hardwoods, natural stone and oil-rubbed bronze. The kitchen has custom cabinets, Spanish tiles and woodwork on the ceiling. Their sons’ bedrooms reflect their interest in surfing, music and athletics. A pool with a dramatic waterfall feature, patios, plants and trees create a tranquil outdoor space.

A FAMILY HOME, BUILT BY FAMILY
Ten years ago, when long-time Vista residents Rudy and Teri Lopez set out to build their home, they drew on the construction expertise of their family members. Two years in the making, the result of the family endeavor is a beautiful one-story Spanish contemporary home with a solid mahogany front door, travertine floors, large windows and distressed alder cabinets. The kitchen is the heart of holiday festivities that draw Lopez family members from San Diego and Orange counties, and Arizona. It has a six-burner stove, double convection ovens and granite counter tops. The centerpiece of the backyard is the pool surrounded by king, queen, sego and pygmy date palms. Red, orange and yellow hibiscus shrubs add bursts of color.

LIGHT, ART, SPACE AND WARMTH

Since moving to their spacious Vista residence last year, former New York City residents Lauren and Matthew Lieberman have added some very special touches to make the home uniquely their own. The entrance, framed by olive trees, leads to a living room with high ceilings and rustic wooden beams. Its white walls are dotted with art work created by Lauren and the couple's two young daughters. Comfortable and casual, the home’s interiors are filled with family heirlooms and furniture that Lauren has found in thrift shops and flea markets. The girls' rooms have a whimsical feel with furniture painted with chalk paint. The large balcony offers spectacular views of the sunset and July 4 fireworks in Brengle Terrace Park. Beautiful palms and tropical plants dot the expansive backyard.

ANCHORED IN MAINE

Doreen Quinn has captured the warmth, character and memories of her Maine childhood in her beautiful Victorian home with a carefully chosen mix of family heirlooms and estate sale finds, many of them more than 100 years old. Visitors to her home will find a hutch made in Pennsylvania, a French armoire, an Irish church pew, a Victorian dining table, a Persian anniversary rug, New England folk art, and black and white photos by a New England photographer. While keeping with the original architecture, the kitchen has been remodeled with soapstone countertops, white subway tile, a white apron sink, and new cabinet knobs and faucets. The serene outdoors are dotted with many porches, fruit trees, and rose, raspberry and blueberry bushes.

REVISITING THE PAST

Considered to be one of the best preserved historical sites in the state of California, the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe has been a part of Holiday Homes Tour since 1986. The sprawling historic residence was built in the mid-1800s and home to many prominent local families and Hollywood personalities. As graceful today as in its early years, the adobe has a carefully tended garden, an art gallery and more than 20 rooms decorated with period furnishings and art that evoke the life and times of 19th century California. Today, Rancho Buena Vista Adobe is a popular destination for visitors and school groups eager to learn about the region’s history, and a sought after locale for weddings.
About Vista Community Clinic
With five state-of-the-art locations in Vista and Oceanside, VCC provides affordable, high quality health care to more than 57,000 residents of San Diego North County. Services offered by VCC include primary care, pediatrics, prenatal and women’s health, optometry, chiropractic care, dental health and behavioral health services. VCC also offers a wide array of community health education programs which are free and open to all community residents. VCC is recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level 3 (highest) Patient-Centered Medical Home. For more information call 760.631.5000 or visit www.vcc.clinic.