VISTA—The S. Mark Taper Foundation has awarded Vista Community Clinic a $25,000 grant to support reproductive health education and services to teens. The grant will allow the clinic to hire a health educator to provide outreach to teens in Vista and Oceanside through the CHOICES Teen Clinic.

“We are so grateful to the S. Mark Taper Foundation for its support,” said Nannette Stamm, Director of Vista Community Clinic’s Health Promotion Center. “A dedicated outreach worker is essential for us to be successful in reaching teens who need our services the most. The grant will ensure that we have this resource.”

Since it opened in 1996, Vista Community Clinic’s CHOICES Teen Clinic has provided free, confidential reproductive health education and services to youth ages 12 to 19. Teens receive access to and education about birth control; testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases; and pregnancy testing. In 2012, CHOICES Teen Clinic served more than 2,000 area teens deemed at high risk for teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

CHOICES Teen Clinic partners with several North County school districts to promote its services. The clinic also utilizes social networks like Facebook to spread the word about reproductive health, teen pregnancy prevention and sexually transmitted diseases.

To learn more about CHOICES Teen Clinic, call (760) 631-5000, ext. 7148 or (760) 522-2173.

About Vista Community Clinic: With five locations in the cities of Vista and Oceanside, Vista Community Clinic provides high-quality, low-cost healthcare to more than 57,000 uninsured and
low- to moderate-income members of the North County community. One in four Vista residents and one in eight in Oceanside receive care from Vista Community Clinic. For more information, please call (760) 631-5000 or visit www.vistacommunityclinic.org.