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Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc. Celebrates National Health Center Week with Groundbreaking Ceremony

August 14, 2013 – Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc., (TVHC)

On Wednesday, August 14, 2013, the unincorporated areas of Ashland/Cherryland celebrated the groundbreaking of a new site for Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc.(TVHC). The groundbreaking ceremony coincided with National Health Center Week of August 12-17, and commenced at 2pm at 16110 East 14th Street, San Leandro, CA.

Confirmed speakers at the groundbreaking included Juan Gomez, TVHC Board Member, David B. Vliet, CEO for TVHC, the Honorable Nate Miley, with an invocation given by the Reverend Doctor Arlene Nehring, Senior Pastor, Eden United Church of Christ.

“We are committed to expanding quality affordable healthcare access for those who need it most. This Gold-Leeds level facility brings together two critical needs for this community: healthcare and enabling services” declared Gomez. “We are excited to work with the Community on this exemplary project that will be environmentally sustainable and will also have a significant economic impact. The site is expected to house 81 employees.

“While our economy is making some strides toward resurgence, the slow recovery is still taking a toll on the residents of the unincorporated areas”, said Vliet. “TVHC is proud to play an important part in helping our community have increased access to quality, affordable culturally competent care, regardless of their status or ability to pay.”

"All of us at Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center believe that all people have a right to quality health care, regardless of their ability to pay. Every day, we provide free and low-cost care with dignity and respect to hundreds of uninsured Alameda County residents. Building this new facility will allow us to continue expand on our

ongoing commitment to serving the wonderful people of Alameda County, especially those in the unincorporated areas of Ashland, Cherryland, and San Lorenzo."

Once the two-story, 20,000 square ft. health facility opens in the spring of 2014, TVHC anticipates a minimum of 7,200 patients will be served within the first full year of opening. This new health care home will include clinical and enabling service space that will offer primary and behavioral healthcare services--as well as social and supportive services to TVHC's patients and clients.

In its 42 years TVHC leads the community in Primary and Preventive Care and strives to be foremost in fully implementing the complex, sweeping changes, of Health Reform by 2014, which includes how healthcare is delivered and financed. The current landscape of healthcare in central and southern Alameda County portrays many challenges. These challenges include those now facing St. Rose Hospital, long an important provider of much needed inpatient and related care to the residents of our community.

This latest effort is one singular example of TVHC's ongoing, outstanding commitment to excellent service, and to the health and wellbeing of the people and the communities we serve.

Major Funders for this event included:

Alameda Health Consortium, Measure A
County of Alameda, HCSA - Measure A
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Joseph & Vera Long Foundation
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In addition to the above major funders, numerous individuals, including 100% of the Board of Directors, members of the Executive Team and other donors, have also contributed to date to the project.

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About Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc. (TVHC) For 40 years, TVHC's multi-disciplinary clinical, programmatic, and administrative staff has delivered quality, culturally and linguistically appropriate health care and social services to approx. 15,000 patients and clients annually in Alameda County.. TVHC continues to provide exceptional care that improves the well being of individuals, and of our communities.