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### **Casino Royale Raises \$36,000 in Support of VCH Teen Health Programs**

North Hollywood, CA--- On Wednesday March 9, 2016, 190 guests participated in Valley Community Healthcare's (VCH) James Bond-themed fundraiser that raised over \$36,000 in support of the Comprehensive Adolescent Services program.

Valley Community Healthcare is recognized for its award-winning Peer Workforce Development and Teen Clinic, which offers adolescents aged 12-19 a confidential, teen-sensitive environment for free reproductive healthcare and education, and access to primary care services on a no/low cost basis. Since it began in 1992, the Workforce Development program has assisted over 200 local teens gain valuable work experience with over 37% continuing to work at VCH while attending college. Records show that 98% of the program participants graduated high school, 81% pursued higher education, and 38% returned to work in the healthcare field.

Justine Evans, a Teen Clinic alumna, shared her experiences with the guests, including that she had recently graduated from California State University, Northridge, and is planning to pursue a master's degree in Public Health. Seen at the event were LA City Councilman, Paul Krekorian; John Holland, Wells Fargo, Woodland Hills; James Lau, MD, Area Medical Director, Kaiser Permanente, Panorama City; Pat Anderson, Owner, Anderson Trophy, North Hollywood; Mark Goldberg, VP, USI Insurance Services; John Rindlaub, Sr. VP. Marketing, Health Net; Rasheea Hall, Sr. VP Standards & Practices, Fox Broadcasting; Carol Kim, Director Public Health, Health Net; Paul Van Duine, Sr. Director, Provider Network Operations & Strategy, L.A. Care Health Plan; Barbara Zelinski, Chief Administrative Office, Kaiser Southern California Region; Michael Tou, Director, Government Relations, Providence Health & Services, Southern California; VCH Board Chair Marilyn Amis, MD, Director, Risk Management, Kaiser Permanente, Panorama City; VCH Board Member, Kim Pretti, and "James Bond" accompanied by "M."

For over 45 years, Valley Community Healthcare has been dedicated to enhancing the well-being of the San Fernando Valley community by providing high quality, culturally sensitive primary medical care and related health services to those in need. With two centers located in North Hollywood and North Hills, the Federally Qualified Healthcare Center provides local families access to comprehensive treatment and health management under one roof, regardless of their ability to pay.