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ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY NORTH HILLS WELLNESS CENTER EARNS SILVER LEED CERTIFICATION

Joint Project by Los Angeles County and Los Angeles School District Set to Open

North Hills, CA 91343---Valley Community Healthcare announced that their new, state-of-the art North Hills Wellness Center at 9119 Haskell Avenue/Nordhoff Street, North Hills has received a Silver Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification. LEED is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. Built as a joint project by Los Angeles County and Los Angeles School District, planners took energy use, water use, indoor environmental quality, material selection and the building's effects on its site into consideration in their design of the 14,000 sq. ft. health center.

With the opening of the North Hills Wellness Center, Valley Community Healthcare provides lower income families, the underinsured, and those newly-insured under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) with access to a wide-range of primary care services including prenatal, pediatrics, women's health, optometry and dental in two convenient neighborhood locations. Located adjacent to Monroe High School the Center also provides the 2500 students of the school with specialized adolescent health services and workforce development opportunities.

At the Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday evening, April 16, 2015 Valley Community Healthcare's President and CEO, Paula Wilson and Chairman of the Board, Carlos E. Garcia, will personally acknowledge the public's financial support that made it possible to fully equip and furnish the entire facility. Supervisor Sheila Kuehl will give the keynote address.

ABOUT VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

Valley Community Healthcare (formerly Valley Community Clinic) is a non-profit, neighborhood network of community health centers, dedicated to enhancing the well-being of the community by providing high quality, culturally sensitive primary medical care and related health services to those in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Since its establishment in 1970, the organization has expanded its medical services and community outreach programs. It became a major HIV/AIDS resource, providing testing and education in the 1980s, and ten years later launched the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project that brought national recognition as a leader in adolescent services that are now an integral part of its Valley Teen Clinic program.