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**President Obama's Senior Advisor Tours
La Clínica's San Antonio Neighborhood Health Center**

On March 5th, a top confidant to President Obama got a close look at how federal stimulus dollars are being put to use. Senior Presidential Advisor Valerie Jarrett toured La Clínica's San Antonio Neighborhood Health Center with Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Jane García, La Clínica's CEO. The tour was followed by a press conference to highlight federal stimulus funding for Community Health Centers.

Valerie Jarrett praised La Clínica San Antonio, calling it proof positive that the Recovery Act funds are being well-spent:

"In an area where the population is struggling each and every day to make ends meet, and doesn't have insurance, you provide an opportunity for them to have the most important care, whether its helping children with immunizations, whatever the issues are, you guys help them right here," said Valerie Jarrett about La Clínica.

The press conference came to an end with remarks from Lois Watkins, a patient at the San Antonio Neighborhood Health Center. "To us seniors, it's a blessing, La Clínica is a godsend," said Mrs. Watkins. She is a Medi-Cal and Medicaid recipient who has been receiving comprehensive health care at La Clínica since 1985.



(From left) Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Senior Presidential Advisor Valerie Jarrett, CEO Jane García, and Director of Planning Anita Addison

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Message from the Chief Executive Officer

President Barack Obama signs landmark health care reform bill into law!



Jane García, CEO

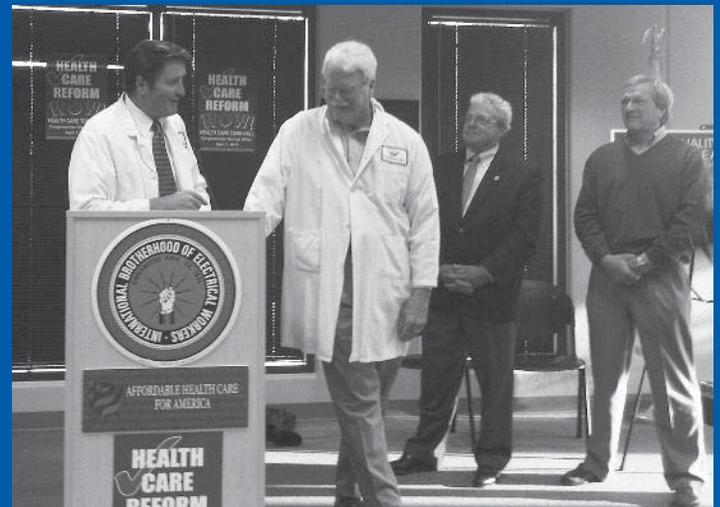
After a year of debate and grassroots advocacy efforts to ensure health care coverage for 32 million Americans, Congress brought a landmark health care reform bill to fruition. “The bill I am signing will set in motion reforms that generations of Americans have fought for and marched for and hungered to see,” said President Barack Obama.

The health care reform legislation appropriates \$11 billion in new funding for community health centers over the next five years, of which \$1 billion will become available in the 2011 fiscal year. As part of the \$11 billion, \$1.5 billion has been appropriated for community health center construction and renovation. Health reform ensures that community health centers continue providing the care that so many in our low income communities need and allows us to invest in equipment, facility expansion and electronic health record convergence. This funding will help us create new sites, stimulate new jobs and renovate existing sites. Ultimately, this will allow us to see more patients.

As a nation, we have taken a giant step towards ensuring that Americans can access affordable and comprehensive health care coverage. La Clínica has witnessed the urgent need for fundamental health reform every single day in the faces of our patients, who for too long were left behind by our broken health care system.

Health reform will prevent Americans from choosing between paying bills or buying their prescriptions. Under new legislation, insurance companies will no longer be able to drop a person’s coverage when they get sick, place lifetime limits or restrictive annual limits on the amount of care a person can receive, and they will no longer be able to deny coverage for pre-existing conditions. As a community health center, we are delighted with the passage of health care reform. This will allow us to expand the health care services available to our current patients and also extend health care to communities that have not had basic primary care services.

As a community health center, we are a viable health care option for many. And as health reform provisions begin to take effect, we will stand ready to continue serving those that need health care most and create an equitable health care system in our communities.



La Clínica presented Congressmen George Miller and John Garamendi with La Clínica lab coats to thank them for their support of health care reform

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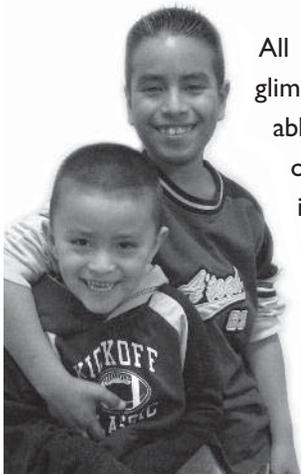
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Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life of the diverse communities we serve by providing culturally appropriate, high quality, and accessible health care for all.

Your Donation's Destination

La Clínica staff and patients are very grateful for the continued support that they receive through our donors and supporters. In 2009, La Clínica was able to use funds raised through the Health Care Without Borders Campaign to connect the community to various urgent health care needs. Some highlights from the giving in 2009 include raising over \$83,000 for our Childhood Obesity Program. Other areas that have benefited from the support of our donors include providing La Clínica with the funds to upgrade various medical tools and projects. In 2009, La Clínica was able to purchase an INR Machine, which helps patients on blood thinners; a Sigmoidoscope for the diagnosis of gastro-intestinal problems; a system for the storage and usage of liquid nitrogen in our clinics; a jaundice meter to help assist pediatric patients in their first months of life; along with funding critical infrastructure including a new refrigerator for storing vaccines.



All of these projects give just a glimpse of the needs that we are able to meet through the donations of supporters like you. La Clínica is very grateful to be a part of such a strong community committed to the health and well being of their neighbors.

How to Give:

Donating Online: You can make a gift through our secure online server at www.laclinica.org

Matching Gifts: Make a gift through your workplace giving campaign or corporate matching program.

Memorial Tribute: Give a gift in honor of a special occasion or in remembrance.

Stock Donations: Donating stocks or bonds are a convenient way to give.

Monthly Donations: Donate monthly via credit card or automatic withdrawal.

Volunteer or Intern: We are looking for volunteers for our fundraising and events efforts as well as a PR and Marketing Intern.

For more information or to learn more about these giving options, please call 510.535.2911

Awards in 2010!

Jane García, CEO Receives the National Association of Community Health Center's 2010 BETSEY K. COOKE ADVOCACY MVP AWARD

Jane García, La Clínica's CEO, received the Betsey K. Cooke Advocacy MVP Award for her hard work and dedication to building health center advocacy power and furthering the Health Center Policy Agenda in Congress in 2009. The awards presentation took place during the Congressional Awards Reception in February. The NACHC praises Jane García for her efforts to shape and advance important health policy in Washington, D.C.

La Clínica Receives the ORGANIZATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH HERO AWARD from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health

On March 24th, the UC Berkeley School of Public Health awarded La Clínica de La Raza the Organizational Public Health Hero award for our long standing record of providing high quality, culturally sensitive, and accessible health care services to diverse and vulnerable communities in California's Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano Counties.

"On behalf of La Clínica, I am honored to receive the Organizational Public Health Hero Award. Our commitment to increase capacity to serve children and families who experience health care disparities remains at the forefront of our vision. As a community, we will continue to advocate on behalf of thousands without a voice to ensure they have access to quality health care services," said Jane García, CEO.



Dr. David E. Hayes-Bautista and Carmela Castellano-Garcia present Jane García the Organizational Public Health Hero Award from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health



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Upcoming Events:

LA CLINICA'S HEALTH FAIR EVENTS:

At our health fair events, La Clínica will offer critical preventive care in an accessible and fun family-centered environment. Services available will include: screenings for high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, dental, vision, podiatry, asthma, HIV testing, childhood immunizations and much more.

La Clínica has also invited nearly 50 local agencies who will offer information and referral services for broad community needs ranging from housing and child care needs to employment services.

June 5th: La Clínica's **Oakley Health Fair** will provide screenings to 600 – 700 low income East Bay residents. The health fair will be held at Saint Anthony's Church, 971 O'Hara Road in Oakley from 10am – 2pm.

July 17th: The **13th Annual Fruitvale Health Fair** will be held on July 17, 2010 at the César Chavez Education Center located at 2825 International Boulevard, Oakland, CA from 10am – 4pm.



SAVE THE DATE:

ALL THAT JAZZ (and Sushi!): A Night with La Clínica at Yoshi's!
Saturday September 25th at Yoshi's Jazz Club and Restaurant, Jack London Square

For more information regarding *All That Jazz* or if you're interested in sponsoring a table package, contact Andrew Bowles, Administrative Assistant at (510) 535-2912 or abowles@laclinica.org



La Clínica's 2009 Annual Yoshi's Benefit Event