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La Clínica's Opening Reception of North Vallejo Clinic

VALLEJO, CA – La Clínica would like to invite you to join us for the opening reception of the newest addition to our service sites, La Clínica North Vallejo. The reception will be February 5, 2009 from 4:00-7:00pm at 220 Hospital Drive, Vallejo CA 94589.

La Clínica's North Vallejo Clinic represents a great step forward in the provision of both urgent and primary care for the community's low-income, uninsured, and underinsured populations. Located adjacent to the Sutter Solano Medical Center (SSMC) Emergency Room and up the street from Kaiser's Emergency room, the clinic offers primary care services, urgent after hour care, health education, and behavioral health services. We anticipate that during the first full year of operations, the clinic will serve approximately 2,000 patients who will generate about 5,400 visits.

Over the last seven years, Sutter Solano has witnessed an increase of 13.1 percent in emergency room visits—twice the statewide average. Of those visits, nearly 80 percent are classified as non-urgent. Many patients accessing the ER are coming in for conditions such as fevers, the flu, minor cuts—visits which could be more appropriately treated in a primary care setting. With the help of Solano County who has contributed \$250,000 to cover start-up costs in the first year and \$100,000 for three years to cover operational costs, La Clínica will be able to deliver high quality and accessible health care for the uninsured in North Vallejo. Kaiser Permanente and Sutter Solano Medical Center have also pledged to donate \$100,000 each for three years to help with operational costs.

“We are excited to bring these critical services to the community in the City of Vallejo. We hope to alleviate some of the financial burden incurred by the use of the ER while providing accessible health care and a medical home to Vallejo's uninsured. We will also make a concerted effort to be inclusive of all the diversity that makes up those communities by using our expertise in health care for diverse populations. This includes our commitment to bridge some of the linguistic and cultural gaps for patients without primary care,” said Jane Garcia, La Clínica's CEO.

La Clínica North Vallejo, located at 220 Hospital Drive, is currently operating 20 hours a week (5-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday). La Clínica serves as the medical home to many of the East Bay's uninsured and underserved. Our 26 clinical sites are located in Alameda County, Solano County and Contra Costa County. For more information about La Clínica, please visit us at www.laclinica.org.

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