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## **RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION EXPANDS EASTSIDE HEALTH CENTER, CONSTRUCTING A 2.9 MILLION, 7,200 SQUARE FOOT MEDICAL FACILITY TO ADDRESS THE GROWING HEALTH NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY.**

**(Riverside, CA) November 2, 2017-** Riverside Community Health Foundation (RCHF) is proud to announce the Grand Opening of their new medical facility, Eastside Health Center Building B, under the operation of their partner Borrego Health. The new facility is located at 1971 University Avenue Building B, Riverside, CA 92507.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the clinic will be held at 10:00am on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at Eastside Health Center, Building B.

For more than 20 years, Riverside Community Health Foundation has invested in the Riverside Community by providing free health education and services to address key health issues in the community.

"Our community benefits from the forward-thinking leadership of Riverside Community Health Foundation," noted Bruce Hebets, CEO of Borrego Health. "RCHF and Borrego Health share similar goals of enhancing access to health care services and overcoming health disparities in our community. We are fortunate to enjoy a close working relationship with RCHF in developing programs and structures to achieve those shared goals."

In the year 2016 alone, Eastside Health Center, (Building A) provided 23,888 patient visits; the Foundation realizes the increasing need for health services to the uninsured and underserved community.

"Eastside Health Center, Building A has been at maximum capacity for some time now, with a high-demand for services in the women's health (OB/GYN) department," says Nereida Yañez, Clinic Site Manager for Eastside Health Center. "40% of patients are utilizing women's health (OB/GYN) services at our clinic."

The expansion site, Eastside Health Center, Building B addresses this growing demand, providing 15 additional exam rooms and full-time OB/GYN services for patients.

Rich Erickson, Board Chair of Riverside Community Health Foundation and Senior Vice President of Lee & Associates Commercial Real Estate Services was instrumental in acquiring the land from the City of Riverside for the clinic expansion site.

"After talking to representatives from Borrego Health and truly understanding the need, it seems the clinic will be at capacity from the opening," says Erickson. "With the Eastside area desperately needing health services, the partnership between Riverside Community Health Foundation and Borrego Health to provide additional services to this area couldn't be more timely."

Eastside Health Center Building B has full time OB/GYN services, 2 Family Medicine doctors, 8 rotating residents from the Riverside Community Hospital/UCR School of Medicine's Graduate Medical Education Program, and on-site laboratory and X-ray services.

Dr. Deborah Streletz, Program Director of Family Medicine Residency for Riverside Community Hospital/University of California Riverside School of Medicine shares her excitement towards the community-focused care the new partnership with RCHF has provided.

"Our partnership with Riverside Community Health Foundation provides our resident physicians with a close connection and investment in their local community from the very beginning of their training. This is essential for the training of our future Family Physicians as we work to develop physicians that can integrate population health and primary care. The public health and community experts at RCHF help us understand the larger context of health care in our own community."

"I am particularly proud of the opportunity to further integrate comprehensive care within our clinics through the partnership we have with Riverside Community Hospital/University of California Riverside School of Medicine," noted Ninfa Delgado, Vice-President of Operations/COO for Riverside Community Health Foundation. "The 2-week rotations through our health programs, provide the resident physicians fundamental tools to understand and effectively address the challenges our community faces, further mobilizing the Eastside community as a powerful force for wellness."

Riverside Community Health Foundation continues to grow in service to meet the needs of the community. The Foundation's next project will focus on reconfiguring a portion of the Arlanza Family Health Center, expanding services by adding additional exam rooms.

"We realize, in order to continue the essential work, we do in the community, the partnerships and relationships we build are crucial to the development of long-lasting and impactful change within our community," shares Dr. Dan Anderson, President/CEO of Riverside Community Health Foundation. "The commitment our partners share with us in serving the community, foster change towards building a healthy Eastside."

Join Riverside Community Health Foundation and Borrego Health, Thursday, November 9, 2017, 10am at Eastside Health Center, Building B, 1971 University Ave., Riverside, CA 92507 as they celebrate the completion of the expansion site. Please RSVP for the Grand Opening no later than Monday, November 6th with Riverside Community Health Foundation's Marketing and Community Relations Coordinator, Eilyn Stanton at (951) 788-3471 or [Eilyn@rchf.org](mailto:Eilyn@rchf.org).

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