



## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **For Immediate Release**

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### **New Health Care Home for Seniors**

Thanks to a \$9.5 million grant from the federal government Golden Valley Health Centers is breaking ground for a new, state of the art, comprehensive medical facility to serve the health and wellness needs of Merced area seniors.

The groundbreaking ceremony will take place at the main Merced campus of Golden Valley Health Centers at 737 West Childs Avenue on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon. The public, especially seniors, is invited and a light lunch will be served.

When it opens in early 2012 the facility will feature an integrated approach to senior care with lab and pharmacy services on site and with a specialties services clinic and an eye center all under the same roof. Seniors will also have access to related services such as health educators, nutritionists, behavioral health specialists, and health insurance counselors.

The funding was made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and will allow Golden Valley to provide health care services for an estimated additional 4500 patients annually. To serve those new patients Golden Valley will hire approximately 30 new permanent staff. The project will also create over 200 construction jobs.

“We are grateful for the stimulus funding which will allow us to expand comprehensive health and wellness services to our seniors while creating hundreds of jobs that are so desperately needed here in the Valley,” noted Golden Valley CEO Michael Sullivan. “I am particularly grateful to the

critical role that Congressman Dennis Cardoza played in securing this funding.”

### **About Golden Valley Health Centers**

Golden Valley Health Centers is private, non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center system that has served California’s Central Valley for more than 38 years. Golden Valley is accredited by The Joint Commission.

Through our community health centers, we provide comprehensive primary medical, dental and behavioral health as well as health education and eligibility screening to an ethnically diverse population, including migrant and seasonal farm workers, Southeast Asian refugees and the homeless population of Merced and Stanislaus counties.

Golden Valley has developed a system of 21 clinical sites and 8 dental sites, including two freestanding women's health centers, three school-based centers, a homeless healthcare program, as well as two mobile medical clinics called MOMobile.

All of our revenue comes from patient dollars and charitable sources, as well as Federal and State grants. No patient is turned away because of inability to pay.

To find out more info, patients can contact Golden Valley toll-free at 1-866-682-4842.

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