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Golden Valley Health Centers Awarded \$9.5 million to Meet Pressing Health Center Needs

MERCED, Calif., December 9, 2009—Golden Valley Health Centers has been awarded \$9.5 million through the Facility Improvement Program (FIP), funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act), to support major construction and renovation projects. President Obama made the announcement today during a White House press conference.

Golden Valley Health Centers was one of 85 community health centers nationwide—and one of 11 centers in California—to receive funding to build new facilities, modernize current sites and create employment opportunities in underserved communities.

“We are honored and thrilled to have been selected,” said Mike Sullivan, CEO, Golden Valley Health Centers. “The funds will enable us to expand our capacity in one of the regions hardest hit by the recession and serve more residents in our community.”

During his announcement, President Obama acknowledged the important role community health centers play in delivering affordable, quality healthcare to millions of Americans and added that “these funds will help health centers meet the sky rocketing costs of health care during tough economic times.”

Nearly \$509 million of the funds will be spent to repair, rebuild and replace federally designated community health centers. Another \$88 million will help the centers upgrade their technology and transfer their records to an electronic format.

Currently, community health centers serve 17 million patients, many of whom lack insurance. The projects are expected to facilitate access to medical services for an additional 500,000 patients in underserved communities and create jobs in construction and health care.

About Golden Valley Health Centers

Golden Valley Health Centers (GVHC) is a Joint Commission-accredited, private, non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center system serving the Central Valley of California with an

operating budget of approximately \$35 million. Through our community health centers, we provide comprehensive primary medical and dental care to an ethnically diverse population, including migrant and seasonal farm workers, Southeast Asian refugees, and the homeless population of Modesto. GVHC has developed a system of 25 clinical sites and eight dental sites, including two free-standing Women's health centers, three school-based centers, and a homeless health care program.

To properly serve our patients and ensure access to care, GVHC's health centers are located in the rural and urban communities where our patients reside. All of our revenue comes from patient dollars and/or charitable sources. No patient is ever turned away because of inability to pay.

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