



COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF PINELLAS, INC.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. Awarded Federal Grant to Add a New Health Center

Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. is pleased to share the exciting news that it was awarded a \$650,000 federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to open a new facility. With this award Community Health Centers of Pinellas (CHCP) will grow from 5 locations to 6 locations.

The new health center will be located at Bayfront Medical Center, CHCP's partner in healthcare delivery. Mrs. Pat Mabe, CEO/President of CHCP shared that, "Bayfront has been a long standing partner from the beginning of Community Health Centers back when we were located at Lakeview Presbyterian Church on 22nd Avenue South. Now we have a new opportunity with Bayfront; by providing healthcare on their campus and by providing access to residents in and around the neighborhood."

When asked about the funding opportunity, Mr. Joseph A. Santini, Director of Business Development for CHCP had this to say: "This is an exciting time for Community Health Centers of Pinellas; 4 years ago County Commissioners and County Health and Human Services staff asked us to expand our capacity to serve more people, and we have delivered on that promise by leaps and bounds. We added a new Women's Center wing onto Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center in 2010, we just moved our Clearwater Health Center to a new location that nearly doubles our capacity; this fall we will move our Pinellas Park Health Center to a new location, tripling our capacity. Now, we will be opening a brand new health center at Bayfront." Mr. Santini goes on to add, "This is an amazing time in our organization's history which will enable us to provide greater access to affordable, quality healthcare to those residents in need."

About Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc.:

For 27 years, CHCP has been working to improve the health and well-being of the people in the community and to provide quality healthcare services to the medically underserved communities. "Our vision is to provide service with dignity, at the lowest possible cost to patients, in convenient locations and at times most convenient to the population served," said Mabe. "We focus on health maintenance, prevention, promotion and education in self-care".

Community Health Centers of Pinellas began in 1985, as Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center. The facility was named in honor of Johnnie Ruth Clarke, a civil rights activist and a pioneer in the fight against sickle cell anemia. Today, Community Health Centers of Pinellas is a critical healthcare delivery system providing services to insured and to uninsured based on a sliding fee scale, with 5, soon to be 6, locations throughout Pinellas County.

For more information, visit www.chcpinellas.org.

Community Health Centers of Pinellas, an accredited, certified medical home and a not-for-profit healthcare organization, has been providing affordable, quality healthcare services to the residents of Pinellas County for almost 27 years. Services include Family Practice, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Dental Care.