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**CARE HARBOR IS EXPANDING ITS SERVICES TO THE UNDERSERVED IN
EASTERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY**

*Free Mega Clinic Coming to the Fairplex in Pomona Offering Medical, Dental and Vision
Care During Two-Day Clinic*

LOS ANGELES, April 8, 2019 — Care Harbor, a nonprofit, volunteer-based charity, announced today it is expanding its free mega clinic to the Eastern Los Angeles County and San Gabriel Valley providing free medical, dental, vision and preventive care to the underserved and underinsured in the region. The clinic will be held on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 at The Fairplex in Pomona, who are co-hosting the event by providing the venue and support services.

“This is our first free clinic serving the Eastern Los Angeles County and San Gabriel Valley communities,” said Don Manelli, president of Care Harbor. “Care Harbor is a powerful grassroots response to the challenge of accessible care throughout the state. We hope that the addition of this new service area will help more individuals and families within our communities who are without access to the healthcare they need.”

Everyone who plans to attend the clinic needs to have a wristband. First come first served; one wristband per person. Wristbands for the clinic will be distributed on April 20 at 10 am at the following locations:

- Bloomington Community Health Center Parking Lot located at 18601 Valley Blvd. in Bloomington
- Ontario Senior Center located at 225 E. B St. in Ontario
- Youth and Family Club of Pomona Valley located at 1420 S. Garey Ave. in Pomona
- Washington Park located at 864 E. Grand Ave. in Pomona
- Azusa City Library located at 729 N Dalton Ave. in Azusa
- San Gabriel Valley Service Center located at 1441 Santa Anita Ave. in South El Monte
- Health to Hope located at 2880 Hulen Pl. in Riverside

Care Harbor/Fairplex will provide free medical, dental, vision and preventive care on a massive scale, with a capacity of up to 1,000 patients per day. In addition to the direct care and prevention resources patients receive at the event, those needing follow-up care will be connected to local medical homes before leaving the clinic venue.

“This health and wellness event will benefit the entire community,” said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. “Everyone deserves high-quality medical care, and access to primary care will



help prevent medical problems from becoming more serious and costly. And for the hundreds of medical, dental and nursing students who participate, Care Harbor is an opportunity for our healthcare workforce of the future to develop a lifelong commitment to help meet the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community.”

In addition to medical, vision and dental care, Care Harbor/Fairplex will offer type 2 diabetes prevention and management; an in-language health literacy program to ensure patients fully understand their diagnoses and treatment plans; preventive oral health screening and education; and an integrated wellness program to promote coordination of medical, vision and dental care.

The Care Harbor/Fairplex free clinic is presented by Good Hope Medical Foundation and Western University of Health Sciences. Lead Community Partners are Kaiser Permanente; Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center; Fairplex; L.A. Care Health Plan; and Inland Empire Health Plan. In addition, there are many local community partners, volunteers, and elected officials who are supporting the free clinic with volunteers, in-kind donations, and organizational assistance.

“Care Harbor provides an invaluable medical lifeline to those without access to health services,” said Daniel R. Wilson, MD, PhD, president of Western University of Health Sciences. “WesternU has been part of Care Harbor from the beginning, and remains committed to serving the many thousands of patients who seek the aid of our skilled clinical faculty and students during this amazing event. The University also salutes Fairplex and all Care Harbor partners for adding a location in the Inland Empire with much greater regional impact.”

Care Harbor/Fairplex will be the charity's 10th free clinic for those in need. To date, Care Harbor has provided free care valued at more than \$20 million. The clinics engage volunteer professionals, healthcare providers and manufacturers who all donate their time and resources. The free clinics create the opportunity and setting for thousands of volunteers to join together and deliver coordinated, multidisciplinary healthcare. It is the community coming together to help its own.

Media interested in covering the wristband distribution and/or clinic must pre-register at: [Care Harbor Media Registration](#).

About Care Harbor

Care Harbor was founded in July of 2010, as a California-based nonprofit charity, with the vision that free health clinic events could be transformed from episodic to sustainable care. Care Harbor is both a destination and a gateway. Uninsured, underinsured and at-risk individuals and families can attend Care Harbor clinics for quality medical, dental and vision care. Equally important, they can receive the resources and assistance programs that can lead to healthier lives and future access to care. Care Harbor’s first free clinic event was produced in conjunction with former California First Lady Maria Shriver in October of 2010.

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