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Christy Trotter Appointed CEO for Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

New CEO brings experience and a new perspective to the mission

YAKIMA- After an extensive national search and interview process, the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic Board of Directors tapped Christy Trotter as CEO of the \$300 million dollar health care nonprofit organization.

In her former role as the CFO for Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, Trotter garnered an extensive understanding of the complex health care industry. "I've spent the last several decades analyzing how we can leverage our finances in a way that directly benefits our patients," said Trotter, "I look forward to the opportunity to continue that creativity in partnership with health care professionals and our staff."

Trotter had served as Interim CEO since December 2021.

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic serves over 190,000 patients annually; 1 in 5 patients are migrant or seasonal agricultural workers. "I grew up in the Yakima Valley and understand the unique challenges of agricultural and rural communities," said Trotter.

Trotter has committed to engaging Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic health care experts and staff to better understand where natural growth and improvements can be made. "One of my first commitments is face-to-face meetings with staff across our two-state service area so I can learn from them and understand better what they are seeing."

Her commitment to partnerships extends to community health care providers, educational institutions, and governmental agencies, "There is power in working collectively to address whole-person care our patients deserve," said Trotter, "We are better together."

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is one of the Pacific Northwest's largest community health centers, providing medical, dental, behavioral health, and social services to more than 191,000 people a year. With more than 60 unique service locations across Oregon (Clatsop, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, and Yamhill counties) and Washington (Benton, Franklin, Spokane, Whitman, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties), we deliver affordable, comprehensive primary care for underserved populations in our communities. We also extend our network of care through our mobile health units and virtual visit technology, bringing essential care to our more remote patients. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic employs over 1,600 staff in addition to our medical and dental residents, administrative fellows, students, and volunteers. All of whom are dedicated to bringing quality care to those in our communities who need it most. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization recognized by HRSA, The Joint Commission, and The National Committee for Quality Assurance for our accomplishments in community health care. For more information, please visit yvfwc.com/press