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Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic Celebrates National Health Center Week

YAKIMA – Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is celebrating National Health Center Week, August 6-12. National Health Center Week was created to bring awareness to the 1,400 Community Health Centers across the nation and highlight the commitment and passion of their staff, boards and supporters who provide care to more than 30 million patients annually.

Since 1978 Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic has grown from a single clinic in Toppenish, Washington, to more than 50 unique service locations throughout Washington and Oregon. Last year, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinics served nearly 200,000 patients and received multiple awards for the quality of care provided.

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, along with other Community Health Centers, have spent decades delivering affordable, comprehensive, primary care to the communities they serve. While initially created to care for underserved populations, Community Health Centers are open to everyone and provide essential, preventative care. Community Health Centers are not limited medical facilities. They offer a wide range of medical, dental, and behavioral health services. Many health centers, like Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, have moved towards a more holistic approach to care by bolstering their traditional offerings with programs and services aimed at addressing the social and economic issues that impact health outcomes.

Community Health Centers are the backbone of our nation's primary health care system. They ensure access to affordable, quality health care by providing innovative, integrated primary care based on the services needed in their particular community. In the process, they save American taxpayers \$24 billion a year in health care costs by preventing and managing chronic diseases.

As part of National Health Center Week, we invite you to support your local Community Health Center and celebrate their mission and service to-the community.

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 197,000 people a year. With more than 50 unique service locations across Oregon (Clatsop, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, and Yamhill counties) and Washington (Benton, Franklin, Spokane, 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 1,700 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 yvfw.com/press. Newsletter sign up at yvfw.com/newsletter.