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### **18<sup>th</sup> District State Senator, Bob Hertzberg, Visits Teen Clinic at North Hills Wellness Center**

During the recent California senate recess, Senator Bob Hertzberg visited Valley Community Healthcare's North Hills Wellness Center, which lies within the 18<sup>th</sup> District that he represents. The Center, built as a direct result of funding from the Affordable Care Act, provides primary care and a wide array of health services to medically under-served residents in the Northeast San Fernando Valley communities of Arieta, Granada Hills, Mission Hills, Pacoima and Sun Valley.

As an assemblyman, Hertzberg was credited for introducing legislature advancing school construction bonds. Students attending the adjacent Monroe High School have easy access to confidential health care and treatment by adolescent medical specialists through the Center's unique Teen Clinic program.

Judi Rose, VP Development & Government Affairs, Susan Dion, VP, Community & School Relations and VCH Board Member, Pamela Richardson accompanied Hertzberg on his visit, providing information on the ways the ACA impacted the organization's growth and the local economy.

- Since 2010, Valley Community Healthcare created **114 jobs** within our community
- Invested **\$375,000** in local construction and over **\$4 million** in contracted labor, equipment purchases, and facility improvements
- The percentage of uninsured patients at Valley Community Healthcare declined from 75% to 46%

Valley Community Healthcare a 501(c) 3 Federally Qualified Healthcare Center and certified Patient Centered Medical Home is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of the community by providing high quality, culturally sensitive primary medical care and related health services to those in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

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