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### Hundreds of Winter Coats Distributed to Low-Income Children by Newly-formed Young Professionals Support Group

North Hollywood, CA---When asked, “Why aren’t you wearing a jacket?” A young patient answered “Because I don’t have one!” And this exchange between a Valley Community Healthcare staff member and a six-year old boy prompted the Young Professionals, a new support group at the healthcare center, to plan and execute the first ever free coat giveaway on Friday, December 11, 2105.

The Young Professionals promoted the Coats 4 Kids drive to the local community, and collected over 500 new and gently used coats for children aged toddlers through teens. Families whose children are pediatric patients at Valley Community Healthcare responded eagerly to the invitation, and a long line quickly formed prior to the 10am start of the event. The Young Professionals acted as Santa’s Elves, taking requests and distributing age- and size-appropriate coats. Within an hour all the packages were handed out, and at least 50 parents left empty handed. “The need was enormous,” said Judi Rose, the Center’s Chief Development Officer. “Next year, we hope to collect enough coats to bundle up every child in need!”

The group, chaired by Kailey Crum, Managing Consultant-Grobstein Teeple, Woodland Hills, includes Gilbert Carrillo, Energy Analyst- Title24 Guys, Mission Hills, Jamie Chen, Sr. VP, Relationship Manager- Wells Fargo, Woodland Hills, Josh Goldberg, Account Manager, USI Insurance Services, Woodland Hills, Erin Klibanow, Sales Manager, Print Media Collective, Sherman Oaks, Gary Krausz, Partner, Gurse/Schnieder CPA, Century City, Anne Newton, Account Supervisor, Fiona Hutton & Assoc., Studio City, Sahag Yedalian, Field Deputy, District 2 Councilmember Paul Krekorian, and is supported by Valley Community Healthcare staff members Judi Rose, Cynthia Ceja and Jennifer Amis.

Local young professionals wishing to support their community, and who are interested in learning more about Valley Community Healthcare and the primary care it provides to over 23,000 low-income patients, are invited to contact Judi Rose at [jrose@vchcare.org](mailto:jrose@vchcare.org).

#### **ABOUT VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE**

Valley Community Healthcare is non-profit neighborhood network of comprehensive health centers, 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. Since its establishment in 1970, the organization has expanded its medical services and community outreach programs, becoming a major HIV/AIDS resource, providing testing and education. In the 1990s, its Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project brought national recognition as a leader in adolescent services that are now an integral part of the Valley Teen Clinic program.