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VNA Health Care celebrates Grand Opening of New Health Center in Joliet

VNA Health Care will celebrate the grand opening of its new health center located at 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 210 in Joliet on Thursday, June 9 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. A ribbon cutting and brief program will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot under a tent, followed by tours of VNA's suite.

The Joliet health center is VNA's tenth Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and third site in Will County. There are over 65,000 uninsured individuals in Will County, and about 50% of the uninsured live in Joliet. Joliet's ratio of primary health care physicians to population is 44% lower than the state of Illinois ratio. VNA's new location puts affordable, high quality health care within reach of a tremendous number of uninsured and under-insured men, women, and children.

In 2015, VNA Health Care received a \$650,000 per year operating grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to establish a new FQHC in Joliet.

"Community Health Centers have delivered multiple returns on the public and private investment for the past 50 years," says Linnea Windel, President & CEO of VNA Health Care. "This opportunity to expand VNA services to Joliet will provide even more individuals and families with access to the care they need the most."

VNA seeks to provide a patient-centered medical home that addresses individual needs and fosters a healthier community. Philanthropic support from the community is key to helping VNA provide affordable, accessible healthcare.

"Our patients get the comprehensive care they need under one roof, and they are treated as individuals, with dignity and respect," Windel comments.

For more information about VNA Health Care, visit www.vnahealth.com.

VNA Health Care provides affordable health care to 65,000 women, men and children living primarily in Kane, DuPage, and Will counties. VNA runs ten community health centers and is nationally ranked as a top performing health center as a result of patient outcomes such as prenatal care, adolescent weight screening and counseling, vascular disease treatment, blood pressure control, healthy birthweights, and asthma care. VNA's combination of convenience (by appointment or walk-in), patient-centered technology and expert care delivered with respect and compassion have led to these results. VNA is accredited by The Joint Commission.

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