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Farm Workers Clinic**

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Ground Breaking Event Attended by Regional Leaders in Spite of Sweltering Heat *Support for clinic created for growing families evident in attendance*

YAKIMA – On the hottest day on record, regional leaders gathered on Summitview Avenue to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new 35,000-square-foot state-of-the-art health care facility. Those in attendance included Senator Curtis King, Representative Chris Corey, Yakima County Commissioner LaDon Lindy, and Yakima County Commissioner Amanda McKinney.

“This facility will be an economic boon to our community and to our valley. It is something that is sorely, sorely needed, particularly at this time in our history,” said Senator King.

The new family health clinic will also specialize in OB/GYN care. “Nationally, there is an effort to improve the health outcomes of rural women and their babies. This clinic is not only focusing on moms but also on their whole family,” continues Olivares.

“It’s no secret there’s a shortage of primary care services for everyone in our community,” Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic CEO Carlos Olivares said. “It always has been and always will be our mission to build where there is a need.”

This family-approach at the new clinic will aim to ensure that pregnant mothers have access to care early in their pregnancy, which will improve maternal health outcomes, decrease pre-term births, and decrease low birthweight.

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic has enlisted Colorado-based design-build firm Neenan Archistruction to design and construct the 35,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility. The new clinic will employ more than 50 people, including nine health care providers. The health center will provide family medicine, OB/GYN, laboratory, and pharmacy services, all under one roof with design features that aim to support better access and seamless service across care units.

“We are committed to providing the best quality care to Yakima families and mothers-to-be,” Olivares said.

The Neenan Archistruction’s collaborative and integrated approach is well suited to this project as Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic aims to focus on integrated service.

“Neenan Archistruction has deep expertise working with our project partners to enhance and integrate community health centers, ultimately improving the standard of care communities expect,” said Whitney Churchill, senior design manager for The Neenan Archistruction. “We are honored to work with Yakima Valley

Farm Workers Clinic in providing solutions that support their goal to improve access to quality services in the tri-cities area.”

The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2022.

***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 171,000 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 bring 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 yfwc.com.*

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