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Hermiston Local Appointed Clinic Director at Mirasol Family Health Center

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic Welcomes Ana Velasco

HERMISTON – Mirasol Family Health Center is proud to announce Ana Velasco as the new Clinic Director. Velasco, a Hermiston local, was inspired by her community to join Mirasol Family Health Center. "This community is dear to my heart; being raised in Hermiston, I know the impact that Mirasol makes. I wanted to be a part of something that I know is making a difference." Velasco stated.

Ana, a first-generation Latina, recognizes the importance of having inclusive, accessible, and affordable healthcare. "Growing up, I knew what it felt like to have limited resources; my family used resources like WIC and community health clinics; I continuously think of what life would be like if it had not been for those resources. As a clinic director, I want to use my experience in making my community feel safe and comfortable when seeking health care." Velasco said.

Velasco has over 10 years of experience in healthcare management. Looking towards the future, Ana wants to use her human resources, community activism, and management expertise to create a positive environment for her staff and patients. "My goal is to make sure that our patients know we are here for them. I want to make Marisol Family Health Center the clinic for Hermiston." Velasco said.

***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 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 yvfwc.com/press.*