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LONG BEACH PUBLIC HOUSING COMMUNITY UNVEILS NEW HEALTH CLINIC

Clinic Dedicated to Daniel “Skip” Earl Gibson Whose Work was Pivotal in Ensuring This Project’s Success



Long Beach, Friday, December 21, 2018 –

The Community Development Commission/
Housing Authority of the County of Los
Angeles (CDC/HACoLA) was pleased to
introduce Central Neighborhood Health
Foundation (CNHF) as the operator of its

new Carmelitos Health Clinic (Health Clinic) located in North Long Beach. The new Health Clinic, scheduled to begin seeing patients in early 2019, will be located within the Carmelitos Public Housing Community which is home to over 1,700 youth, families, older adults, and persons with disabilities.

The Health Clinic compliments the array of onsite services already provided for Carmelitos residents. Services will include primary care, minor emergency treatment, preventive care, diagnostics and lab, special comprehensive care for women, and health and wellness workshops. CNHF will also provide behavioral health services to address substance use disorders and mental wellness needs. A board-certified doctor, practitioners,

and other medical staff will support the operations of the health clinic's eight exam rooms. CNHF was a crucial partner in the development of this project. The agency spent over \$200,000 to rehabilitate the existing structure.



Monique King-Viehland, CDC/HACoLA Executive Director states, "The Health Clinic's comprehensive services and community model will give our residents the best opportunity at improving health outcomes while meeting individual needs."

The health clinic will be dedicated in honor of Daniel "Skip" Earl Gibson, a former CDC/HACoLA employee, instrumental in fostering initial conversations with CNHF. Mr. Gibson's contributions will be memorialized by a dedication plaque on the wall of the Health Clinic. His compassion and respect for the community laid the foundation for the health clinic. Although Mr. Gibson is no longer with us, his spirit will live forever.

For more information on the CDC/HACoLA, please visit www.hacola.org. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC/HACoLA Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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