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# \$1M EVERYCHILD FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDED TO VENICE FAMILY CLINIC

Grant Will Fund Renovations for Nonprofit's New Inglewood Crenshaw Children & Family Center, Providing Integrated Care for 4,000 Residents

**INGLEWOOD** – (December 2, 2024) – Venice Family Clinic, a leading community health center providing care to 45,000 people in need across Los Angeles County, today announced that it will receive a \$1 million grant from the <u>Everychild Foundation</u> to help fund the final phase of renovations for its 16,037-square-foot Inglewood Crenshaw Children and Family Center. This state-of-the-art facility is designed to deliver comprehensive, integrated services for children and families from cradle to career in an area identified as one of the lowest resourced in the nation, according to the <u>Child Opportunity Index</u>.

Once completed, the Center will empower the Clinic to co-locate essential services and provide resources to approximately 4,000 individuals annually, including 2,000 children and youth aged 0-24, as well as pregnant parents, caregivers and adults. It will serve as a "one stop shop" providing integrated medical, mental health and early childhood services through the Clinic's <u>Community Connection initiative</u> that directly address significant challenges faced by families in the Inglewood area, including economic instability, lack of access to healthcare and limited educational opportunities. Center-hosted programs will include on-site <u>Early Head Start</u> care and education services for 108 babies and toddlers and their families, prenatal and pediatric care, mental health counseling, doula care, job training, insurance enrollment, playgroups and classes, free food markets and more.

"With the Everychild Foundation's generous grant, we are taking an important step toward realizing our vision of a fully integrated care model that meets the diverse needs of the Inglewood community," said Dr. Mitesh Popat, CEO of Venice Family Clinic. "This new facility will offer everything from prenatal services to job training, which will pave the way for brighter futures by eliminating barriers and empowering families to overcome extraordinary challenges."

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year of grant-making for the Everychild Foundation, a group of women who each make an annual donation to fund an annual \$1M grant dedicated to easing the suffering of LA-based children and youth. Everychild has given more than \$23 million to help Los Angeles area children and their families.

"Every child deserves the chance to have a healthy and successful life," said Jacqueline Jacobs Caster, President and Founder of the Everychild Foundation. "The women of Everychild are proud to support Venice Family Clinic in their mission to build a brighter future for children and families in Inglewood. By offering comprehensive support and breaking down barriers to care for a community in need, this center will serve as a local cornerstone for a lifetime of good health and opportunity."

Once it is open to the public, the Inglewood Crenshaw Children and Family Center will provide comprehensive and integrated care and services Monday through Friday, with extended evening hours and special weekend events to maximize accessibility for working families.

For more information about Venice Family Clinic and its initiatives, please visit <u>venicefamilyclinic.org</u>. To learn more about the Everychild Foundation, please visit <u>everychildfoundation.org</u>.

## **About Venice Family Clinic**

Venice Family Clinic is a nonprofit community health center that is a leader in providing comprehensive, high-quality primary health care to more than 45,000 people in need annually, regardless of their income, insurance or immigration status. The Clinic serves an area from the Santa Monica Mountains through the South Bay in Los Angeles County. It has a network of clinic locations and Early Head Start centers in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Inglewood, Culver City, Redondo Beach, Carson, Gardena and Hawthorne, plus mobile clinics and an expansive street medicine program to reach people experiencing homelessness. The Clinic's comprehensive care also includes mental health services, dental care, vision services, substance use treatment, prescription medications, domestic violence counseling, HIV services, healthy food distributions, health education, health insurance enrollment, child development services and more. For more information, please visit <a href="VeniceFamilyClinic.org">VeniceFamilyClinic.org</a> and follow on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="X">X</a> (formerly Twitter) and <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>.

## **About Everychild Foundation**

The Everychild Foundation is a Los Angeles based women's grant-making and advocacy organization with over 200 members dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children in need. Each woman donates an annual contribution, all of which are pooled into a single \$1M grant award to a nonprofit that is improving the lives of vulnerable children and youth. Since 2000, close to \$23 million in grants have been awarded to specific projects throughout Los Angeles.

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