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VENICE FAMILY CLINIC TO HONOR FUNNY OR DIE AND BETWEEN TWO FERNS' SCOTT AUKERMAN, MIKE FARAH, ZACH GALIFIANAKIS, AND BRAD JENKINS AT SILVER CIRCLE GALA

**Comedy Ambassadors to Receive Clinic's Silver Circle Gala Humanitarian Award;
Joan E. Herman to be honored with the Irma Colen Leadership Award on
Monday, March 19, 2018, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel**

Venice, California – **February 12, 2018** -- Venice Family Clinic announced today that **Mike Farah** and **Brad Jenkins** of **Funny Or Die** and **Scott Aukerman** and **Zach Galifianakis** of **Between Two Ferns** will be honored with the organization's prestigious Humanitarian Award at its annual Silver Circle Gala for their work in promoting the Affordable Care Act and using their platform to bring attention to important social issues.

Joan E. Herman will also be honored with the Clinic's Irma Colen Leadership Award. The 36th annual Silver Circle festivities, sponsored by UCLA Health and the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, will take place at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Monday, March 19, 2018.

Funny Or Die, founded in 2007 by **Will Ferrell**, **Adam McKay** and **Chris Henchy** as a comedy video website, has expanded into a formidable comedy studio under the leadership of CEO **Mike Farah**. With a stable of award-winning hits including *Billy on the Street*, Sarah Silverman's *I Love You, America*, *American Vandal* and *Brockmire*, the company has also not lost sight of its influence and reach to tell stories about the politics and policies that shape our nation. Funny Or Die has launched viral videos discussing topics ranging from gun control to same-sex marriage to immigration to health care. In 2014, Funny Or Die collaborated with Between Two Ferns, co-created by **Aukerman** and **Galifianakis**, to promote the Affordable Care Act after it became law. They worked directly with White House staff, including **Jenkins**, who was then associate director of the White House Office of Public Engagement and today is the managing director and executive producer of Funny Or Die DC. Acting on the **Obama** administration's vision to reach more young viewers and urge them to sign up for health insurance, **Aukerman**, **Farah**, **Galifianakis** and **Jenkins** launched the viral video of President **Obama** being interviewed on Between Two Ferns, which became the No. 1 referrer to Healthcare.gov.

"With their clever and insightful videos explaining the benefits of the Affordable Care Act, the creative minds at Funny Or Die and Between Two Ferns played a vital role in the successful launch of the landmark law, which has since been hugely helpful to Venice Family Clinic and thousands of its patients. **Joan E. Herman** has likewise been a tireless advocate for underserved populations and has had a concentrated local impact for decades, lending her expertise to Venice Family Clinic through board involvement and by helping it build fruitful relationships. Each of these honorees deserves thanks and praise for making the health care system itself healthier and improving the quality of life for all Angelenos." said **Elizabeth Benson Forer**, MSW/MPH, Chief Executive Officer, Venice Family Clinic.

The Irma Colen Leadership Award recognizes those who invest extraordinary time and talent to personally support and advance the mission of Venice Family Clinic. **Joan E. Herman** has been on the Venice Family Clinic Foundation Board of Trustees since 2011. She is president and CEO of Herman and Associates LLC, a health care and management consulting firm, which specializes in consulting to managed care organizations, provider groups, pharmacy benefit managers, dental, vision and behavioral health companies, as well as to private

equity firms investing in health care. Prior to that she was president and CEO of the Consumer Business Unit for Anthem (formerly WellPoint) Inc. Through her expert knowledge of health care, her generous philanthropy, and her compassion for those who need better access to health care, she has provided immense value to Venice Family Clinic's business operations. Herman has served as an advisor to the Clinic during a time when it has grown thanks to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and is now able to provide care to more people and offer more integrated medical, behavioral health and dental services. She also brings her talents to many corporate boards and to nonprofit boards including the American Red Cross-LA Region, The Gabriella Foundation, SCS Noonan Scholars, and Center Dance Arts.

The Silver Circle Gala will raise more than \$1.5 million this year to help Venice Family Clinic provide health care to thousands of low-income and uninsured families and individuals. Special thanks to Silver Circle's sponsors, UCLA Health and the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and TravelStore, for their generous support of the Clinic.

For more information regarding Venice Family Clinic or Silver Circle Gala, please visit:
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ABOUT VENICE FAMILY CLINIC

Venice Family Clinic's mission is to provide quality primary health care to people in need. Launched in 1970, the Clinic has grown from a small storefront operation into the largest community health center on the Westside of Los Angeles. With the help of more than 1,300 volunteers, including nearly 400 physicians, it provides comprehensive medical, behavioral health, dental, vision, child development, health education and health insurance enrollment services to 26,000 men, women and children annually through 12 sites in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Inglewood and Culver City. For more information, visit venicefamilyclinic.org.

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