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Top photo: the staff of the new Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic (clockwise from top left): Julia French, Registered Dental Assistant; Maribel Rubio, Dental Assistant; Patty Robles, Dental Coordinator; Lorena De La Torre, Dental Coordinator; Elizabeth Huizar, Registered Dental Assistant; Blanca Carranza, Dental Assistant; Nicole Thompson-Marvel, DDS, Dentist; and Indulal Nagrecha, DDS, Pedodontist. Photo: Margaret Molloy

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Visiting the dentist might not seem like a life-changing experience, but to Robin Ransom, 52, it has been exactly that.

For the last 14 years, she has been dealing with the physical, emotional, and financial aftermath of domestic violence, but now she's just days away from surgery to repair one of her lingering injuries. To get cleared for surgery, though, she needs a clean bill of health—including dental health—and that brings her to Venice Family Clinic's new Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic, in Santa Monica.

"We've been working on my teeth for over a month," Ransom says, having undergone lengthy treatment for gum disease, as well as extraction of a cracked tooth. "I'm in here every week, sometimes twice a week."

She's now down to her last visit before her surgery, and she gets teary-eyed talking about it.

"Who's not going to be happy?" she says. "Everybody would be happy to not be in pain."

There was a time, in the late Nineties, when everything seemed to be just fine in Ransom's life. She had a home and a successful career as a district manager for a restaurant chain. But out of sight, her husband was beating her, and her life was falling apart.

One day, he broke her left arm. A few weeks later, her right leg. That's when she decided to get out, leaving almost everything behind.

"I used to do a lot of stuff. I ran a painting company, I had my own maid service. But I got so tired," Ransom says. "I just kept jumping from battered women's shelter to battered women's shelter, because if I didn't I would have gone back home."

Eventually, she ended up living in her car in Venice. And for the next ten years, she looked to Venice Family Clinic for help with her medical conditions, from asthma and high blood pressure to declining vision and arthritis in her knee resulting from the leg break.

A turning point came about a year ago, when, with the help of partner agency St. Joseph Center, Ransom got an apartment in the South Bay. A few months later, her doctor at Venice Family Clinic got her an appointment with an orthopedist at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital. And soon after, she had an October date for knee replacement surgery.

But in the months before the Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic opened, Ransom worried that she might have nowhere to go for dental care and that her surgery date might be scrapped. When she visited the private dentist she had been seeing for years, she learned that, despite being insured by both Medi-Cal (the state Medicaid program) and Medicare, her treatment would cost her \$600.

"I was in pain for three months, all day, every day," she says. "I couldn't sleep, didn't want to eat. I kept going back, complaining, how could they let me be in this much pain? But they were so worried about Medi-Cal, Medicare, they don't take Medicare at this place, they don't take Medi-Cal at that place."

Ransom's experience is anything but unique. In 2009, as a budget-cutting measure, the State of California eliminated nearly all dental benefits for most Medi-Cal beneficiaries. (The federal government considers most adult dental services to be optional Medicaid benefits, and the state legislature decides which optional benefits to cover.) There is a provision making beneficiaries eligible for limited dental services for the relief of pain, infection, or trauma, but many dental care providers now won't accept Medi-Cal at all.



Robin Ransom has been dealing with the aftermath of domestic violence for the last 14 years. A key milestone in her recovery—knee replacement surgery—brought her to the Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic for corrective dental work. Photo: Margaret Molloy



Ransom required multiple visits with Nicole Thompson-Marvel, DDS, for treatment of gum disease and to have a cracked tooth extracted. In the months before the Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic opened, Ransom worried that she might have nowhere to go for dental care and that she might not get cleared in time for her surgery. Photo: Margaret Molloy

Then there are millions of Californians who have no health insurance whatsoever, and many of them also lack the means to pay out of pocket for care. Case in point: fully one-fifth of Angelenos can't afford to see a dentist. As a result, dental care is considered by many in public health to be the greatest unmet health need among the low-income uninsured in Los Angeles County.

So when the Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic opened, in July, it heralded a new day for the neediest people on the Westside.

"We've been seeing adult patients since early 2007, but until this new clinic opened, we were working out of spare chairs in private dental offices or mobile chairs set up wherever we could find room," Staff Dentist Nicole Thompson-Marvel, DDS, explains. "Now we see both adults and kids, we can do our own digital x-rays, and we do it all in a location where many of our patients already go for their medical care. It's a dream come true."

With pro-bono assistance from the Social Responsibility Initiative team at architecture firm Perkins+Will, Venice Family Clinic converted an 1,800-square-foot suite on the third floor of its Simms/Mann Health and Wellness Center into a dedicated, state-of-the-art dental clinic, featuring six operatories, a digital x-ray room, and a



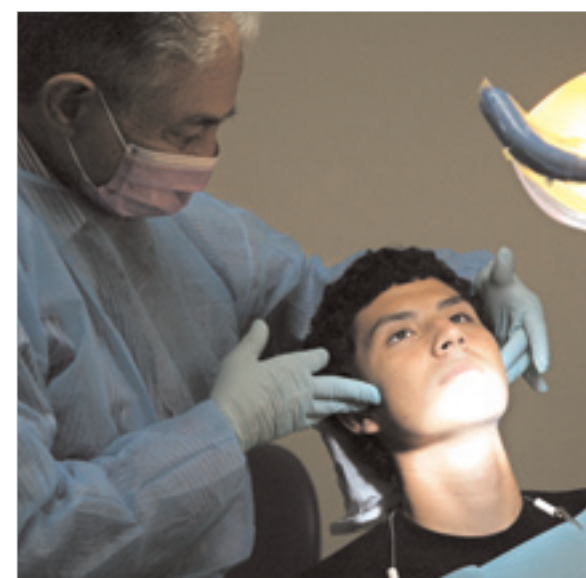
The Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic, located within the Simms/Mann Health and Wellness Center, in Santa Monica, features six operatories, a digital x-ray room, and a laboratory, doubling Venice Family Clinic's capacity to provide free dental services to low-income and uninsured children and adults. The space was designed pro bono by the Social Responsibility Initiative team at architecture firm Perkins+Will. Photos: Nicolas Marques/Photek

laboratory. With space for a second staff dentist, additional support staff, and dental volunteers, it doubled the dental program's capacity, to an estimated 1,500 patients and 3,500 visits annually.

Since many low-income and uninsured people haven't seen a dentist in years—some even in decades—one of Venice Family Clinic's goals has been to help patients maintain proper oral hygiene and avoid so many of the health problems that result from lack of regular access to dental care. A sign in one of the dental clinic's gleaming operatories reads, "First dental visit at six months."

"If there is neglect of dental hygiene, eventually it leads not only to dental infection but also to general systemic infection," explains Indulal Nagrecha, DDS, Venice Family Clinic's new pediatric dentist. "You need to get bacteria out of the mouth as much as possible."

Which explains why it was so important for Ransom to have her dental work done before her surgery. If she were to have a chronic infection in her gums, those bacteria could seed into her new knee.



Indulal Nagrecha, DDS, Venice Family Clinic's new Staff Pedodontist, examines Brian Loreto, 17, at Loreto's first visit to the Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic. One of Venice Family Clinic's goals is to help patients maintain proper oral hygiene and avoid so many of the health problems that result from lack of regular access to dental care. Photo: Margaret Molloy



Ransom at her final visit with Dr. Thompson-Marvel, just days before her surgery. Photo: Margaret Molloy

"Others have cleaned my teeth before, but never like this," she says. "This is the best I've ever had. They take their time doing it."

Having a healthy mouth isn't all Ransom is happy about these days. She recently got eyeglasses through Venice Family Clinic's optometry program. She also enrolled in the Clinic's smoking cessation program after encountering her physician, Coley King, DO, in the elevator.

"I wasn't smoking in the elevator, but he could smell it on me and he said, 'Robin, you have to stop smoking! Your knee won't heal!' So I quit," she says. "Two weeks ago."

With just days before her knee surgery, Ransom admits to being scared, although she recalls also being afraid of having her cracked tooth extracted by Dr. Thompson-Marvel, and that turned out to be no big deal.

"They've helped me so much I could just cry," she says. "The only problem I have with the dentist, sometimes, is that her stomach growls. She doesn't eat lunch, I think. She just works straight through."

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Meet the Lead Donors to the Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic

People give to people. It's an age-old axiom in philanthropy. On the one hand, it describes the kinds of charities people most often support—those that have the greatest impact on people in need. On the other hand, it explains how people find those particular organizations—through the people they know.

The two gifts recognized in the naming of the new Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic are perfect examples.



Uri Herscher, Trustee of the Jack Skirball Foundation and President of the Skirball Cultural Center. Photo: Margaret Molloy

“Jack Skirball was a rabbi, and his mission was to help assure that Jewish values, human values, and civility continue to flourish in America,” explains Uri Herscher, Trustee of the Skirball Foundation and President of the Skirball Cultural Center. “He was the youngest of ten children and had been essentially raised by a single mother. So when he attained some wealth, he wanted to give back to families like his own.”

Skirball's philanthropic mission was formalized in 1948 with the creation of the Skirball Foundation. Since then, it has disbursed millions to charities serving the underserved and less privileged. It made its first gift to Venice Family Clinic in 2003, at the suggestion of a friend of Herscher's.

“Philanthropy always looks for the most meaningful of grant proposals,” Herscher says. “Often how you find them is by asking other philanthropists for whom you have great respect, and I have such immense respect for Ruth Ziegler. When I asked her what had been the best gifts she had ever given—the gifts that brought the types of yield that fulfilled her own aspirations for a healthier community—she gave me the names of several organizations, and Venice Family Clinic was on that list.”

Earlier this year, their shared philanthropic goals were evident again, when Ruth Ziegler and the Skirball Foundation each pledged \$1 million for the *Five Ways Forward* campaign, Venice Family Clinic's latest bold investment in a healthier community.



Ruth Ziegler, Venice Family Clinic Philanthropy Board Member. Photo: Tim Smith

“One day, I was at a medical appointment and I could hear my doctor on the phone, talking to another patient,” Ziegler says. “I could gather from his end of the conversation that there was a dental problem. Apparently, his patient had an abscess and he had her on antibiotics. She was trying to get a dental appointment but the best she could do was three or four weeks, and he couldn't keep her on antibiotics for that length of time. So when he hung up, I said to him, ‘I might be able to help.’”

Ziegler told her doctor about Venice Family Clinic and gave him CEO Liz Forer's phone number. The patient and Forer spoke a short time later, and the patient was at the Clinic within days for treatment.

“I didn't realize at the time that the Clinic only had one dentist,” Ziegler says. “I thought, ‘What if I was sitting around with a toothache for three or four weeks? How horrible.’ That's what got me involved.”

While Ziegler remains as philanthropically active as ever, the Skirball Foundation is now winding down its operations, under the mandate that its trustees all be people who actually knew Jack Skirball, who passed away in 1985. The gift to help fund Venice Family Clinic's new dental clinic is among its last grants.

“We decided to identify grantees we felt deserved to have another, final, grant,” Herscher explains. “We chose Venice Family Clinic from among those because we were so proud of its achievements. We felt that this is something that Jack Skirball would have himself voted for.”

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Longtime Venice Family Clinic supporters Sylvia and Mose Firestone each made big impressions on the mental health field. As a social worker during World War II, Mose pioneered treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder. Sylvia, who also worked in army hospitals during the war, helped establish the first fee-for-service social work program in the United States. And together they helped create Venice Family Clinic's mental health program.

But there's another, hugely profound, contribution the couple made to health care: their home.

The Firestones donated their Benedict Canyon property to Venice Family Clinic in 1993 as a special planned gift. In so doing, they enjoyed substantial tax benefits, from immediate deductions to avoidance of capital gains, plus the right to live in their home until they passed away—Sylvia in 2009 and Mose earlier this year. They also provided a vital source of future funding to help Venice Family Clinic respond to the ever-evolving needs of low-income and uninsured people and to weather changes in the economy.

The Firestone's real estate gift is just one example of planned giving opportunities available through Venice Family Clinic's Legacy Society. Other examples include trusts providing fixed or variable annual income, donations of the remainders of retirement plans, and bequests—simply naming the Clinic in your will. For more information about planned giving opportunities and membership in the Legacy Society, please contact Bill Jones, Interim Chief Development Officer, at 310.664.7932 or bljones@mednet.ucla.edu.



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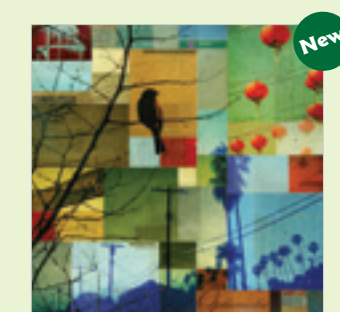
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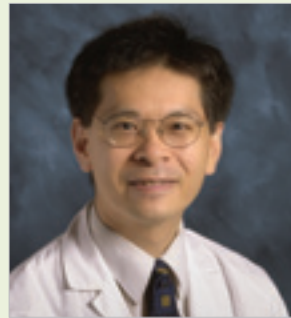
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One Thing to Remember

From the Board Chair

Dear Friends,

As you look through this issue of *Encounters*, you might be struck by all the improvements taking place at Venice Family Clinic—the new Ruth Ziegler and Jack Skirball Dental Clinic, rollout of a new electronic health record system, new events, new relationships, new support opportunities.

And you might wonder, *Aren't we in the middle of a recession?*

We certainly are. But while the recession has forced many organizations to contract or, at the very least, to consider reducing their service levels, we at Venice Family Clinic have an altogether different attitude.

We cannot let the economy slow us down.

After all, demand for free and affordable health care is greater now than at any other time in the Clinic's 41-year history, in part because so many of the other pillars of the health care system—from employer-sponsored coverage to state-funded programs—have been frozen, scaled back, or eliminated altogether. Indeed, if it weren't for Venice Family Clinic, 25,000 low-income and uninsured people in our community would have literally nowhere to go for timely medical care, dental care, mental health treatment, and other health services. And while there is tremendous promise in the federal health reform law, its successful implementation depends greatly on the efforts of organizations like Venice Family Clinic to bring the neediest populations into the system.

This, then, is a time when all of us who provide health care, utilize health care, study health care, or just worry about health care must redouble our efforts toward making sure it is always accessible to everyone in our community.

I'm thrilled to see so many of us doing just that.

Thank you for your support,

Brian Kan

Brian Kan, MD
Chair, Board of Directors

Brian Kan, MD, is a staff physician at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, as well as an Associate Clinical Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. At Cedars-Sinai, he serves as the Research Subject Advocate, General Clinical Research Center, and Medical Director, Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease Program, Department of Community Health. He joined Venice Family Clinic's Board of Directors in 1998 and has since served on numerous committees, including Information Systems, Medical Practice, Research, Strategic Planning, and Volunteer Services. He has been a volunteer physician at the Clinic since 1995.

The Biggest Change in Venice Family Clinic's History Is Underway

At Venice Family Clinic's Irma Colen Health Center, in Mar Vista, a small physical change in each of the exam rooms hints at a giant technological transformation taking place throughout the organization.

It's just a computer mounted on a slim metal cart, but it's connected to a powerful new tool—an electronic health record (EHR) system—which will dramatically redesign how the Clinic delivers care.

"No more running around looking for paper charts, no more incomplete medical histories," says Margarita Loeza, MD, Staff Physician and Chief Medical Information Officer at Venice Family Clinic. "I can make the most of each visit with each patient."

Making the most of each patient visit has been a bit of a challenge in the age of paper medical records, what with Venice Family Clinic's eight clinical sites in five different ZIP codes. Many patients visit multiple sites—one, say, to see their primary care provider, perhaps another to see a social worker, and maybe another to see a dentist—and huge effort is expended just shuttling paper charts between locations, some of which don't even have space to store medical records.

In addition, when providers are unable to locate patients' paper records, they have to use temporary charts, which obviously lack any medical history, making for a stressful and incomplete experience for them and their patients, as well as for front desk staff, medical assistants, coordinators, pharmacists, everyone.

Once it is fully implemented, Venice Family Clinic's EHR system will make every patient's medical record accessible at every site, and by multiple users, simultaneously. Physicians on-call can even access records online from home.

But accessibility is just one of many benefits of EHR systems. Whereas paper charts are static snapshots of patients' medical histories, electronic records feature dozens of functions to help streamline clinical operations, facilitate better information sharing, and improve quality of care.

For example, physicians now enjoy protocols and prompts to help them remember what to do and when to do it for patients with chronic diseases, such as annual foot exams and retinal scans for diabetic patients.



Staff Physician Rosa Rodriguez, MD, updates patient Lorena Vasquez's medical history using the new electronic health record system during a visit at the Irma Colen Health Center, in Mar Vista. Almost all visits at the Irma Colen Health Center are now being handled electronically and rollout continues at other sites. Photo: Margaret Molloy

Administrators also experience benefits. As a case in point, whereas managers in charge of compliance used to spend days or even weeks going through thousands of charts to compile data for each individual audit, they can now pull that data in a matter of minutes.

Patients see improvements, too. Each patient leaves their appointment with a patient plan, which includes details of their assessment, lab orders, medication orders and instructions, and dates and times of their referral appointments and follow-up visits. Those patients who are insured by Medi-Cal or Medicare and get their medications from outside pharmacies also enjoy e-prescribing, wherein the EHR system automatically sends their prescription orders to the pharmacy of their choice, reducing errors and eliminating the need for a physical prescription slip.

Go Live: The Many Benefits of EHR Systems

	Paper records	Electronic records
Accessibility	One site, one user at a time	All sites, multiple users simultaneously
Protocols and reminders	Not available, unless included by physician at previous visit	Automatic once condition(s) identified
Best practices	Not available	Included
E-prescribing (for patients insured by Medi-Cal or Medicare)	Not available	To patient's pharmacy of choice
Patient plan	Not available	Includes assessment, lab orders, medication orders, medication instructions, referrals, and follow-up appointments
Reporting and data collection	One record at a time	All records simultaneously

At the same time, the power and sophistication of the EHR system make its implementation an extremely ambitious undertaking. (The system Venice Family Clinic purchased, manufactured by NextGen, is actually two systems—the electronic health record system and an electronic practice management system, which was launched in November 2010.) The biggest challenge lies in simply learning the system. About a thousand people, from staff members to clinical volunteers, need to be trained.

"This is the biggest change process in Venice Family Clinic's history," explains Carmen Ibarra, Venice Family Clinic's Chief Operations Officer. "It will impact just about every part of our operations, from patient care to program design to compliance to billing, so we want to give everyone who uses the system plenty of time to acclimate."

Venice Family Clinic is rolling out its EHR system in stages, beginning with the smaller clinical sites. Almost all visits at the Irma Colen Health Center are now being handled electronically, and rollout at the Robert Levine Family Health Center is nearly complete. Next up are the two school-based sites, the Culver City Youth Health Center and the clinic at Santa Monica High School. The flagship facility, at 604 Rose Avenue, will go live in mid-February. The Simms/Mann Health and Wellness Center and OPCC will be scheduled at a later date.

In each case, to ensure a smooth transition, Venice Family Clinic is allowing its doctors extra time with patients.

"You have to change the way you think," Dr. Loeza says, noting that patients, too, have to be comfortable with the process. "The teens like it. I tease them a bit and tell them I'm updating my Facebook page."

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People, Places, and Things



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Each year, more than 125 corporate and family foundations make grants to Venice Family Clinic. In late April, a foundation of a different stripe joined the Clinic's community of supporters. **Women Helping Youth**—founded by Pacific Palisades residents **Jill Weintraub, Moira Tenzer, and Debbie Schermer** (pictured, left to right, with the Clinic's Director of Grants and Evaluation, **Jenny O'Brian**)—recruits individuals from the community at large to each make annual donations of \$1,000, which are then pooled together to enhance each donor's ability to help local nonprofits improve the lives of kids in the Los Angeles area. Women Helping Youth's first grant to Venice Family Clinic is now funding Baby Sound Check, a program that aims to integrate infant-toddler hearing screening into routine well-baby care in the pediatric office.



Photo: David Starkopf

In May, for the third straight year, people from all over Los Angeles County gathered at Venice Family Clinic for **Big Sunday**, California's largest volunteer weekend. In two short days, more than 200 volunteers pruned, graded, planted, repainted, and otherwise transformed the Clinic's property at 613 Rose Avenue in Venice. Even **Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa** (pictured) got in on the fun. For information about volunteer opportunities at Venice Family Clinic, please contact Ingrid Trejo, Volunteer Services Manager, at 310.664.7532 or itrejo@mednet.ucla.edu.



In June, the third installment of Venice Family Clinic's Sack Lunch Series event welcomed **Arianna Huffington** (pictured) as the featured speaker. More than a hundred women attended the brown-bag lunch at a private home in Malibu to hear Huffington, president and editor-in-chief of The Huffington Post Media Group, share her remarkable life story. Huffington, in turn, invited **former Clinic patient**

Alice Manning (pictured, with family, below), who also spoke at the event, to share her story of personal reinvention in the first video of Huffington Post's new online series, Breakover. Find links to Manning's Breakover video and a review of the event by Malibu Patch on the Clinic's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/venicefamilyclinic.

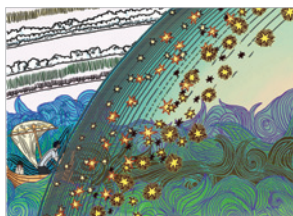


Manning will be staging a special performance of her autobiographical, one-woman show, **Stronger than the Wind**, on Sunday, December 11, at 2:00 pm at the Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Avenue, Venice, to benefit Venice Family Clinic. A wine-and-cheese reception featuring a Q&A with Manning will follow the show. Tickets are \$35 per person and available online at store.venicefamilyclinic.org or by calling 310.664.7917.



Photo: Liz Rothman

In October, the new **Young Professionals in Health Care Committee** held its first event, a beach volleyball tournament, to raise funds for and attract a new generation of supporters to Venice Family Clinic. Eight teams were fielded from doctors, residents, and graduate students from local hospitals and universities, including Cedars-Sinai and UCLA, for the event that began at Playa del Rey Beach and culminated in food and drinks at The Shack. More events—involving food, wine, sports, and networking opportunities—are coming soon. To inquire about joining the Young Professionals in Health Care Committee or to add your name to the mailing list, please contact Liz Rothman, Development Associate, at 310.664.7929 or erothman@mednet.ucla.edu.



If you missed this year's Venice Art Walk & Auctions, then you also missed the launch of **Art Within Reach**, a new collection of limited-edition works by 15 internationally recognized and emerging artists, including **Erin Cosgrove** (whose **What Manner of Person Art Thou** is pictured), at price points anyone

can afford. These archival digital inkjet prints, in signed and numbered editions of 20, are available for \$300 unframed and \$400 framed online at store.venicefamilyclinic.org. They also will be displayed at **Google's new office on Main Street in Venice**. To schedule an appointment to view Art Within Reach prints in person, please contact Jenn Tripp, Special Events Coordinator, at 310.664.7921 or jtripp@mednet.ucla.edu. **And save the date for the 34th annual Venice Art Walk & Auctions: Sunday, May 20, 2012.**



Another Venice artist, **Andy Moses**, is demonstrating his take on the art of philanthropy. Moses recently contributed three of his works, including **Vortex 101** (pictured), for reproduction on a

collection of **new Power Support Air Jackets for iPhone** to benefit Venice Family Clinic. Moses's Air Jackets will be for sale in time for holiday gift giving on Venice Family Clinic's web site, store.venicefamilyclinic.org, for just \$54.95 plus tax. For more information, please contact Jenn Tripp at 310.664.7921 or jtripp@mednet.ucla.edu.



Photo: Margaret Molloy

In December, more than a thousand kids from the Venice Family Clinic community will enjoy a private screening of a first-run movie, a special visit from Santa Claus, and holiday gift bags stuffed with toys, games, and other fun stuff as part of the Clinic's **annual Children's Holiday Movie**. Almost everything related to the event is donated—from the movie to the theaters to snacks to the toys—so nearly all funds raised benefit Venice Family Clinic's pediatric programs in the coming year! To sponsor a child, please visit store.venicefamilyclinic.org or call 310.664.7921.



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