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**Celebrating Health Heroes During National Health Center Week, AUGUST 13-17
*Outreach at upcoming community events will include mobile mammograms, cervical cancer screenings, and health education presentations***

VENICE, CALIFORNIA, August 13, 2018—As part of a national awareness week focused on community health centers, Venice Family Clinic will host special events featuring free screenings and health resources for the community, with a special emphasis on women's health services.

On Wednesday, August 15, will be *Get Connected! Homeless Resource Day* to offer vital services including health and dental screenings, on-site mammograms, health insurance counseling, and community resources from many social service agencies. The event will feature breast and cervical cancer screenings for unhoused women. Venice Family Clinic pays particular attention to closing the gap in breast and cervical cancer screening rates between housed and homeless female patients. One recent study showed that roughly three quarters of local housed women receive timely cervical cancer screening, compared with just 35 percent of homeless women.

On Friday, August 17, a *Friday Fun Day* will provide CalFresh enrollment, health insurance assistance, Early Head Start resources, and women's services. There will be health education specialists on hand to discuss with women the importance of screenings as a healthy habit aimed at prevention.

The events are sponsored by L.A. Care Health Plan and Health Net, and also supported by Councilmember Mike Bonin's office and Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office. They coincide with [National Health Center Week](#), which seeks to generate community pride in and build support for the federal health centers program. One in every 15 people living in the U.S. depends on services from health centers, which deliver high-quality, cost-effective, accessible care while serving as critical economic engines helping to power local economies.

About Venice Family Clinic:

Venice Family Clinic's mission is to provide quality primary health care to people in need. Launched in 1970 by founder Phillip Rossman, MD, and co-founder Mayer B. Davidson, MD, the Clinic has grown from a small storefront operation into the largest community health center on the Westside of Los Angeles, with 12 sites in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Inglewood and Culver City, serving 26,000 men, women, and children annually. For more information, visit www.venicefamilyclinic.org.

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