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NOAH Clinics awarded \$1.2 million grant

Funding supports increased primary care medical services for low-income communities

Phoenix, Ariz. (May 27, 2015) – HonorHealth-affiliated NOAH, or Neighborhood Outreach Access to Health, was awarded \$1.2 million by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Health Resources Administration to help increase access to affordable, quality primary care services for low-income, underserved and special populations.

Through this grant, HonorHealth Desert Mission clinics will become a new access point of NOAH. This includes the Desert Mission Community Health Center, Children's Dental Clinic and Marley House Behavior Health. Desert Mission is an organization of charitable and community services whose purpose is to meet the basic needs of our most vulnerable community members and help them reach their full potential for health and self-sufficiency.

"This is excellent news for our patients and community, and will allow us the resources to provide additional and more comprehensive services for Desert Mission clients," said Marcia Mintz, John C. Lincoln Health Foundation's fundraising through corporate and individual sponsorship helps to support Desert Mission programs and services.

Community health centers like NOAH provide a medical home for patients in need so they can receive coordinated care. They help improve public health, reduce the burden of non-urgent care services in hospital emergency rooms and provide needed services like free immunizations for uninsured children.

Currently, four community health centers throughout the Northeast Valley are operated by NOAH:

- Cholla Health Center, Scottsdale
- Palomino Health Center, Phoenix
- Balsz Health Center, Phoenix
- Heuser Family Medicine Center, Scottsdale

A mobile NOAH health bus also visits local groups, residential group homes for the elderly, businesses and schools to provide health programs.

NOAH clinics are designated federally qualified health centers. NOAH is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization governed by an independent community-based board.

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