



**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
OF PINELLAS, INC.**

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Community Health Centers of Pinellas To Receive \$1,000,000 Grant

Dollars awarded from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will go towards a renovation to help the residents in the Lealman area of St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg, Fla. (Thursday, May 5, 2016) – Community Health Centers of Pinellas (CHCP) announced today it's been approved to receive a \$1,000,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to enable renovation and expansion of property it owns in Lealman; which will create a satellite health center in the Lealman neighborhood of St. Petersburg, Fla.

HHS Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell revealed in a [statement](#) that more than \$260 million in funding will be provided to 290 health centers nationwide, including CHCP. The dollars will help these facilities serve more individuals and provide additional primary health services to deserving patients.

The renovation of the property and building will create a 7,000 square foot state-of-the-art healthcare center; making it the 11th health center in CHCP's healthcare system. The center expansion will include six exam rooms complete with 13 new staff members. The renovation will provide pediatric, adult, and gynecological care, as well as care for diabetic and cardiovascular diseases to insured and uninsured patients. Other provided services include dietician, prescription assistance, care management, financial counseling, case management, and behavioral health issues. The grant will also enable transportation services to transport patients who need OB-GYN and dental services to other CHCP other facilities which are accredited and certified patient-centered medical home.

"We are overjoyed with the opportunity to renovate our center and provide our patients with greater access to high-quality care with the help of this generous grant," said Pat Mabe, CEO of CHCP. "Our company mission is to provide families with affordable healthcare in a safe area, and with this award we can further expand efforts to serve more residents who experience chronic health conditions or face financial barriers, and improve lives across the Lealman neighborhood."

Dr. Nichelle Threadgill, CHCP's chief medical officer added that, "There is no greater example of CHCP's commitment to ensuring our facilities are accessible to Pinellas County and its residents than through this expansion in the Lealman neighborhood. Now, residents will have the ability to walk to not only an affordable primary care facility, but one that prides itself on superior patient care."

It is estimated that with two years of funding from the grant, CHCP will provide an additional 9,181 encounters to 3,012 patients throughout the Lealman area.

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About Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc.

For the past 31 years, CHCP has been working to improve the health and well-being of people in the community by providing quality healthcare services to medically underserved communities in Pinellas County.

CHCP began in 1985 as Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center. The facility was named in honor of Johnnie Ruth Clarke, a civil rights activist and pioneer in the fight against sickle cell anemia. Today, CHCP is a critical healthcare delivery system providing services to insured and to uninsured patients based on a sliding fee scale, with 10 locations throughout Pinellas County.

For more information about CHCP, visit www.chcpinellas.org.

Community Health Centers of Pinellas, an accredited, certified medical home and a not-for-profit healthcare organization, has been providing affordable, quality healthcare services to the residents of Pinellas County for the past 31 years. Services include Family Practice, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Dental Care.

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