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**SAN YSIDRO HEALTH CENTER AND
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ASSOCIATION PARTNER
TO EXPAND HEALTHCARE SERVICE IN SAN DIEGO**

SAN DIEGO – The Neighborhood House Association (NHA) and San Ysidro Health Center (SYHC), two leading San Diego community organizations, have partnered together to enhance health service offerings to under-served communities in San Diego County. Included in the partnership are nearly 8,000 San Diego preschoolers served through NHA’s Head Start program, as well as the expectant mothers and toddlers served through its Early Head Start program.

As part of its Head Start operations, NHA provides comprehensive health services for children up to 5 years of age, including hearing, vision and dental screenings, as well as immunizations and screenings for cognitive development, health, speech and language, in addition to preventative health services. SYHC will assist NHA in providing these services as well as develop health education curriculum for use in health education trainings and workshops for both Head Start parents and staff.

“Partnering with SYHC will allow NHA to continue to provide quality services to enhance the needs of our underserved clients, while allowing us to make inroads into helping our communities,” said NHA President and CEO Rudolph A. Johnson, III. “Working with SYHC provides a greater opportunity for NHA to improve the quality of life of families and individuals.”

In addition to providing direct health services to NHA clients, the collaboration makes it possible for SYHC and NHA to enhance community outreach efforts and provide mobile health services through the use of mobile health vehicles. SYHC will assist in operating the new NHA mobile

health vehicle as well as its own mobile health vehicle to provide services to communities throughout the county. In addition SYHC and NHA plan on presenting community health fairs to allow those in the community access to health services and information.

“This new community-based partnership allows our health center to further advance our school readiness initiative for preschool and elementary age students,” said SYHC CEO/President Ed Martinez. “We look forward to working with NHA in collectively serving our community.”

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About Neighborhood House Association

NHA helps thousands of individuals and families improve their quality of life through a network of 10 programs in more than 100 locations throughout San Diego County. Further information is available at www.neighborhoodhouse.org

About San Ysidro Health Center

Since 1969, San Ysidro Health Center (SYHC) has been providing quality, low-cost, primary health care services to South Bay & Central/Southeastern San Diego residents. SYHC offers an extensive array of family-oriented primary health care services, including pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, adult medicine, dental care, mental health, podiatry, radiology, laboratory, and pharmacy. We encourage all patients to actively participate in promoting and protecting their own health. Toward this goal, SYHC offers a variety of free health education programs. SYHC is dedicated to providing excellence in health care services and programs for all people of all ages - from infants to seniors.