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CHI SPONSORS FREE EVENTS FOR NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK AUG. 9-16

(Miami, FL) – Community Health of South Florida Inc. (CHI) is celebrating National Health Center Week with several free events Aug. 9-16, 2014. From back-to-school health fairs to an Affordable Care Act panel discussion, CHI is sponsoring events that encourage wellness and raise awareness of health services.

The Back-to-school health fairs include entertainment from dance troupes and clowns to face painting and bounce houses as well as visits from the Miami Dolphins and Miami Heat mascots. There will also be free health screenings, backpack giveaways and educational resources for the entire family

CHI will also host a free health care forum and dinner. State and federal legislators will join CHI health care experts for the informative forum on the advancements in community health care and the Affordable Care Act. The keynote speaker will be National Association of Community Health Centers President and CEO Tom Van Coverden.

National Health Center Week is a national campaign to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of health centers as local solutions to community health needs. This year's theme is "Celebrating America's Health Centers: Local Engines for Healthier Communities."

"National Health Center Week is an opportunity for local residents to learn about affordable, high-quality health care at a community health center near them," said CHI President and CEO Col. Brodes H. Hartley Jr. "Whether they have a new insurance card or not, people can make Community Health of South Florida Inc. their health care home where all of their health needs – both preventative and urgent care – can be met."

Today, there are 1,200 community health centers serving more than 22 million people at approximately 9,000 sites located throughout all 50 states and U.S. territories. Health centers are a proven model that has delivered multiple returns on the federal investment for the past 50 years—better access, cost-savings, and even jobs.

CHI's National Health Center Week free events include:

- **Henry Schein Health Fair** — From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at CHI's Doris Ison Health Center, 10300 SW 216th St., Miami FL 33190. Free health screenings, entertainment, live music, food, backpacks and educational resources for the entire family. For more information, call 786-272-2100.
- **Health Care Forum and Dinner** — From 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, 10950 SW 211th St., Miami, FL 33189. State and federal legislators will join CHI health care experts to host a free informative forum on the advancements in community health care and the Affordable Care Act. Keynote speaker is National Association of Community Health Centers President and CEO Tom Van Coverden. Dinner will be served. RSVP by Aug. 5 by calling 305-252-4853.
- **Migrant Health Fair** — From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at CHI's Everglades Health Center, 19300 SW 376th St., Florida City, FL 33034. Free health care screenings, dental screenings, educational resources, food and fun for the whole family, geared to our seasonal farm workers and migrants. For more information, call (305)242-2142.
- **Verde Gardens Community Health Fair**—From noon to 3pm, Aug. 14, at Verde Gardens, 12550 SW 282nd St. Homestead FL 33033. Free health care screenings, resources, bounce house and face painting, geared toward the homeless population. For more information call (305)252-4853.
- **School Physical and Immunizations Day** — From 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at all 8 Miami Dade County CHI health centers. From 10am to 2pm in Monroe County at Marathon and Tavernier Health Centers. School physicals for just \$30 and free immunizations. For more information, call 786-272-2100.
- **Southland Mall Back-to-School Health Fair** — From noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Southland Mall, 20505 S. Dixie Highway, Cutler Bay, FL 33189. Free health screenings, entertainment, live music and kid-friendly shows, backpacks and educational resources for the entire family. For more information, call 786-272-2100.

Community Health of South Florida Inc. started out as a beacon of hope for the uninsured more than 40 years ago. Today it has grown into a comprehensive nonprofit health care company that cares for nearly 68,000 insured and uninsured patients every year. It has 10 health centers spanning from the Keys to South Dade and down into Coconut Grove. It also has 42 school-based health centers.

CHI has a one-stop shopping model that allows patients to utilize a number of services in one location. It has primary care, pediatrics, behavioral health, women's health, urgent care, pharmacy, radiology,

laboratory and more. CHI even offers free transportation for patients going to and from doctor's appointments and also delivers low-cost prescriptions at no delivery charge.

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