



Virginia Garcia Memorial
FOUNDATION

August 2014 Newsletter

Vote Yes!



This November, Oregon voters will be voting on Measure 88, the Oregon Safe Roads Act. Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center endorses this Act and urges you to vote yes! Voting yes will remove barriers to driving legally in Oregon and will positively impact the patients of Virginia Garcia. Learn more about this measure in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) and hear testimonials of other supporters who have [joined Virginia Garcia in endorsing Yes on 88](#).

National Health Center Week

Each year, during the second week of August, Community Health Centers around the country are celebrated for their work in providing care to 23 million patients in over 9,000 communities. Virginia Garcia proudly celebrated its own role as a

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VG By The Numbers

9

Days in 1975 between when Virginia Garcia passed away and the community opened the first clinic in her name



Who Is Virginia Garcia?



[Discover the story](#) behind our name and where we come from.

Community Health Center with a ribbon cutting event at the Newberg Clinic, featuring Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici and Newberg Mayor Bob Andrews. [Read about the momentous morning here](#).



Our Outreach Department hosted its 7th Annual Health & Resource Fair, providing free resources for community members alongside a number of local community agencies. Thank you to our Health Fair Sponsors [Health Share of Oregon](#), [NW Natural](#) and [Tuality Healthcare](#)! Our Outreach Workers were also honored by the Oregon Primary Care Association for their efforts in signing up thousands of Oregonians for health care!



An Intern's Reflection

This summer, Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation intern, Erin Kenney, had the unique opportunity to join Virginia Garcia's Outreach Team and assist in delivering care at a migrant farmworker camp. Here is her story:

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As a college intern at the Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation, I accompanied our outstanding Outreach Team and group of dedicated volunteers to visit a migrant camp at the end of July. Located across the street from St. Peter's Lutheran Church and down a small gravel road, Campo Blanco is just a five minute drive from the Cornelius Wellness Center. It would be easy to blink and miss the turn for the camp as it is situated amongst acres of agricultural farmland. Stepping out of air-conditioned vehicles, the heat hit us as an immediate reality check that the residents of Campo Blanco tolerate the hot summer months without the air-conditioning many people in the surrounding area are accustomed to.

[Click here to read the rest of Erin's story](#)

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Save the Date - Ambassadors of Hope



On October 15th, Virginia Garcia will celebrate the

amazing accomplishments of 2014 and the people behind the mission.

Join us as we hear stories from the staff and patients of our clinics about what it means to be part of Virginia Garcia and celebrate their amazing work in what has been a landmark year for health care in our country.

Ambassadors of Hope will be a unique opportunity for Virginia Garcia's supporters to gather for an evening of celebration and inspiration.

Complimentary spirits and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. And, there will be no admission fee or ticket cost to attend the event.

If you would like to be one of our Ambassadors and host a table of 10, please contact Dave Eshbaugh at 503-352-8618 or deshbaugh@vgmhc.org.