

VG Honored with Health Care Innovation Award and Top 100 Ranking



July was an award-winning month for Virginia Garcia when we were honored to receive not one, but two awards.

Portland Monthly magazine awarded VG with the "Light & Fire" award in the category of Keeping Us Healthy. The award honors nonprofit organizations whose "extraordinary acts of service embody the Portland spirit of giving to make our region more progressive, beautiful, healthy, and sustainable."

Light & Fire will be presented on November 2 at a ceremony at the Left Bank Annex. Tickets are available and are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend the event with Virginia Garcia, please contact [Kari Woods](#) and she will provide you with the details and cost.

The second award came at the end of July when we were notified by Oregon Business magazine that we are one of the top 100 best nonprofits to work for in Oregon. Our top 100 ranking is based on a confidential survey of VG employees who answered questions about workplace satisfaction such as benefits, management, trust, work environment and career development.



Being in the top 100 of anything may not sound that impressive, but when you consider there are roughly 10,000 nonprofits in Oregon, we are among the elite. Oregon Business magazine will reveal where we are on the list of 100 on September 28 at an event in the Sentinel Hotel.

Tickets are also available for this event and can be secured by contacting [Kari Woods](#).

10th Annual Grape Adventure a Big Success

We Raise Our Glass to You!

On a warm Saturday afternoon in the beautiful gardens of REX HILL, old and new friends of Virginia Garcia raised their glasses and their paddles high to support our patients. The \$101,000 raised will be dedicated to serving migrant and seasonal farmworkers.



The outreach and health care we provide at farmworker camps and nurseries is the heart and soul of Virginia Garcia. It's our roots and it's just as important today as it was 42 years ago when Virginia and her family were desperate for medical care.

This is the fifth year REX HILL has generously hosted the event – and collectively they have helped to raise over \$500,000 for Virginia Garcia. In addition to supporting our annual outreach program, Grape Adventure helped us complete construction on the Newberg Clinic, which today serves 2,500 patients annually.

Our hearts are full of gratitude for all of the individuals and businesses who supported Virginia Garcia at this event. Our special thanks goes to [REX HILL, Cullen, Family, Wines](#), Patton Valley Vineyards, and the six vineyards that provided intimate tasting and tours for our guests – [Alco](#), Apollon, Brick House, [Best Hill](#), [Crest Vineyards](#), and [Napa Valley](#).

If you missed seeing the photos from the event, [head to our Facebook page](#) where we have them posted for all to enjoy and share.

See you next year at the Grape Adventure!



Full Speed Ahead for iProspera!



Planning is already underway for VG's annual fall gala, "iProspera!" The event will once again take place on the Nike World campus at the Tiger Woods Center. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7 and [get your tickets online today](#).

"We are so honored to be hosting this event at the Tiger Woods Center again this year," said Serena Cruz, Executive Director of the Foundation. "The setting is so beautiful and it creates an amazing space for an event like this."

The evening will include entertainment from the Hillsboro High School Marching band, a live auction as well as wine provided by REX HILL and beer from Widmar Brothers.

The live auction will include several destination packages, including Spain and Peru. There is also a Disneyland trip for 4 that includes lodging with an Airbnb.

"The team is working hard to create some really amazing and exciting packages this year," said Cruz. "We would love to add air miles to a few of the destination packages and are hoping our donors will be able to help us out."

If you are interested in donating miles, buddy passes or travel vouchers to the event this year, please contact [Rachel Flores](#) for details on how to donate.

August Advocacy Opportunity



July marked the month that every VG employee became a Community Health Care advocate. VG joined the millions of individuals all over the nation that understand that health care shouldn't just be for the wealthy.

We invite you to join us. Sign up today to be an advocate for an issue that isn't likely to go away anytime soon. Click on the link below and add your name to the list.

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August 4th: A Summer Evening at A Blooming Hill Vineyard
Take in the beauty of the rolling hills of Washington County while enjoying live music and delicious wines from A Blooming Hill Vineyard. Ten percent of all proceeds from the evening will go to support VG. For details and to RSVP, email [Blooming Hill](#).

August 14-18: National Health Center week is August 14-18th. The Newberg Clinic will host a fair on Tuesday, August 15 from 9am - 2pm and the Cornelius Wellness Center will host a fair on Friday, August 18 from 10:00am - 2:00pm. The fair is free to the public and will offer services and activities for the entire family.

October 7: iProspera! at Nike's Tiger Woods Center. Tickets are [on sale now](#).

Fun Facts!

SOLAR ECLIPSE TRIVIA

Thanks to you you can be the smartest one in the room on all things eclipses!

1. This will be the first total solar eclipse in the continental U.S. in 38 years. The last one occurred February 26, 1979. Unfortunately not many people saw it because it slipped just five states in the Northwest and the weather for the most part was bleak.

Believe that one, you have to go back to March 7, 1970.

2. First contact is in Oregon. If you want to be the first person to experience totality in the continental U.S., be on the waterfront at Government Point, Oregon, at 10:15:56.5 a.m. There, the total phase will last 1 minute, 58.5 seconds.

3. As the moon moves in front of the sun, there comes a time when several bright points of light shine around the moon's edges. Known as Baily's Beads, these are light rays from the sun streaming through the valleys along the moon's horizon.

4. It is never safe to look directly into the sun. That being said, there is a short amount of time during the eclipse when it will be safe to look directly at the sky. For all details, [check out the NASA website](#).



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