



Virginia Garcia Memorial
HEALTH CENTER

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*****PRESS ADVISORY*****

Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center Opening First Wellness Center in Beaverton with Ribbon Cutting and *CARE*nival

Preventive health care is the way of the future, and Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center will celebrate the opening of its first Wellness Center in Beaverton with a ribbon cutting August 10, 2018 and a community *CARE*nival August 11, 2018.

The Beaverton Wellness Center offers one-stop for kids, families and individuals needing medical, dental, pharmacy, mental/behavioral health services as well as fitness classes, diabetes education classes, healthy cooking classes, kids summer activities and more - all under one roof. It is the first of its kind in Beaverton.

Virginia Garcia began serving patients in the new Beaverton Wellness Center on July 23, 2018, offering primary care, pediatric care, pharmacy and mental health care. The integrated dental clinic will begin serving patients on August 8, 2018. At 36,000 square feet, the Center is three times the size of the former Beaverton Clinic (located across the street) where most of the storage rooms had been converted into exam rooms to accommodate the growing patient numbers. Over the next five years, Virginia Garcia expects to increase their patient numbers by 6,000, bringing the total patients served at the wellness center to 18,000.

The Beaverton clinic is Virginia Garcia's most racially and ethnically diverse clinic in their 17-clinic system. The Beaverton patients represent more than 50 different languages.

Rafal Adnan has been a patient at the Beaverton Clinic since 2013, when she moved from Egypt with her family.

"I love the environment," she said of the Beaverton Wellness Center. "There is a greater diversity of patients at Beaverton. That's why it feels like home. That's what America is about, having people from all ethnicities and races. It's there. You feel it. It's alive."

"We are so excited to see this new Beaverton Wellness Center become a reality for our patients and staff," said Serena Cruz, executive director, Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation. "The generosity of so many in our community who came together to make this happen is amazing. This clinic is a true testament to the belief that access to high quality, culturally-appropriate health care is something everyone deserves."

The ribbon cutting is not open to the public; members of the media are welcome.

The event starts at 9 a.m. with the program and ribbon cutting at 9:40 a.m. Media representatives may tour the clinic after the ribbon cutting. Address: 2725 SW Cedar Hills Blvd Ste 200, Beaverton 97005. Parking for the event is limited. If you plan to attend, please contact the Public Relations Officer and she will provide you with a parking map and further details on the event.

The community will have a chance to tour the new clinic during our *CARE*nival the following day from 12 pm-4 pm at the Beaverton Wellness Center. Providers will be on hand to offer free vaccinations, dental

sealants for kids 6-15 years of age or sports physicals for youth. The Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation will also be offering free hearing and vision screenings. Spots are limited for free services so early attendance is encouraged. Tualatin Hills Parks & Rec will be there with their RecMobile and Bouncy House to help entertain the kids and there will be plenty of local multicultural music and entertainment all day long for the whole family.

Lunch will be available from 12:30pm-2:30pm compliments of NW Natural and Resers Fine Foods.

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Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center provides high quality, comprehensive and culturally appropriate primary health care with a special emphasis on those with barriers to receiving health care. Since its founding 43 years ago, Virginia Garcia has grown from a single, grassroots clinic into a full service health care home serving Washington and Yamhill counties. Today, Virginia Garcia employs over 600 people, has a budget of more than \$69 million, and serves over 45,000 patients at five primary care clinics, five dental clinics, six school-based health centers, one women's clinic, and a mobile outreach clinic.

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