

## iProspera!



The Tiger Woods Center on the Nike World Campus opened its doors to more than 300 supporters of Virginia Garcia on Saturday, October 7th. The event is held each year as a fundraiser for the general operations of the 17 health clinics that Virginia Garcia has across Washington and Yamhill counties.

"This is a unique event," said Sarana Cruz, executive director of the Foundation. "Our program, held in the Starbuck Theatre, really allows us to be able to connect directly with each and every person in the room. This year we were honored to welcome a Virginia Garcia family to come and share their amazing experience with the audience. Because the program is held prior to dinner the audience is able to focus on the important message they had to share. It was an amazing experience!"

Collectively, more than \$237,000 was raised in support of the patients and programs at Virginia Garcia. These gifts will be put to work immediately providing great care for the 45,000 patients that call VG their medical home.

Take a moment to view the organizational video and family video that were shared during the program. We have also made several of the photos taken that evening available on our [Facebook page](#) - feel free to download your favorites!

Plans are being made for the 2018 iProspera! A date will most likely be announced early next year. Be sure to check your email for the details.



Lisa Hernandez, administrator who works in the healthcare field.



and can help them to sing songs and enjoy their music.

## VG Wows HRSA During Annual Visit



On September 28 the reviewers from HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) completed their site visit with Virginia Garcia and gathered administrative leaders to deliver the news - VG was one of a select few Federally Qualified Health Centers that met all 19 program requirements.

One of the reviewers noted that in the 19 years she has been performing clinic reviews only four clinics have ever met all 19 requirements. Our HRSA program officer went on to remark that, "VG is a showpiece for the nation".

HRSA is the federal program that gives VG a large portion of their funding. The review spanned over 4 days and covers everything from staffing to quality improvement and assurance plan. In addition to a thorough review of finances, policies, governance and operations, the reviewers visited the Beaverton Clinic and the Cornelius Wellness Center.

"I want to thank our amazing staff and Board for showcasing the great work you do on a daily basis," said Gil Munez, CEO. "The reviewers could clearly see the work was not just put together to look good for reviewers, but came from a deep commitment from staff, the Board, and the whole organization."

Health Center Board President Laurinda Mackenzie added, "On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of the employees of Virginia Garcia for the passion, thoughtfulness and quality of the work you do every day. Each of you makes a personal contribution that comes together seamlessly enabling Virginia Garcia to be successful."

The next HRSA review is scheduled for 2019.



## REX HILL | A to Z Wineworks

Located at the gateway to Oregon's wine country, REX HILL has been making elegant Pinot Noir for over 30 years. In 2005, the families of A to Z Wineworks bought REX HILL and natural production by 77 percent to focus only on the highest quality fruit in the Willamette Valley. Using only hand-picked and hand-sorted grapes, small fermenters and small French oak barrels, REX HILL wines comprise less than 2 percent of A to Z's total production, truly representing only the crème de la crème from sustainably farmed vineyards.

A to Z Wineworks and REX HILL have been long-time partners of Virginia Garcia and in 2015, REX HILL joined VG as a critical and great supporter of the first Oregon Adventure Wine Tour and Garden Party. They have been a key partner ever since and helped bring together generous friends and donors of Virginia Garcia to enjoy an afternoon in beautiful wine country. Oregon Adventure raises critical dollars for the outreach programs at Virginia Garcia. Programs that provide health care services to migrants and seasonal farmworkers and their families year round. REX HILL's commitment to supporting farmworkers, who are at the center of their success, is a statement of their leadership and care for the community.

"We are impressed with Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, both with the mission and the realization of that mission. Virginia Garcia is a well-run business that efficiently and effectively uses the valuable funds we help to raise to provide care to all members of a family regardless of their financial barriers to healthcare. From the leadership to those who provide care in the clinics, the people working for Virginia Garcia offer much needed, respectful, comprehensive, quality care in a culturally appropriate environment." - Amy Prosenjak, President, A to Z Wineworks.

With a sense of responsibility for the well-being of the community they live and operate in, A to Z Wineworks is a model example of a company that is taking care of those who have such a high impact on their success.



## Your Voice Matters!

### Your September Advocacy Opportunity

THANK YOU! Your calls, emails and posts on social media are having an effect.

Just this week [Representatives DeFazio \(OR-NY\) and Pomeroy \(OR-WA\) signed bipartisan legislation to fund the Health Center](#), [Cliff Defazio Letter addressed to Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Pelosi](#) seeking immediate action to extend Health Center funding and fix the cliff once and for all. This is an important new step in Congressional efforts to move toward a final cliff fix - this happened as a direct result of the supporting advocacy from Health Center advocates like you!

In addition to the DeFazio-Tompkins letter, it is critical to add as many members possible to the list of co-sponsors for the CHIME Act - [S. 1822](#) in the Senate and [HR. 3772](#) in the House. As Advocates will recall, the CHIME Act has not yet a final-year extension to Health Center funding to fix the Health Center funding cliff. By co-sponsoring this important legislation, Members of Congress demonstrate their public support for specific action to fix the cliff.

Take action once again to put the pressure on Congress to fix the cliff. There are two easy ways to take action right now.

1. [Send your Members of Congress a message through the Health Center Advocacy network](#). Ask them to co-sponsor the CHIME Act - [click here to send your message](#). Oregon U.S. Reps. Earl Blumenauer, Kurt Schrader, Suzanne Bonamici, and Peter DeFazio are co-sponsors.

2. [Call your Representative using the toll-free Advocacy Hotline 1-888-666-3446](#). Ask that they co-sign the Speaker-Tompkins Health Center Cliff Letter addressed to House Leadership asking for immediate action to fix the cliff. [You can access a call script to help with your call here.](#)

TAKE ACTION

## September Major Donors

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### Government

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### It's Story Time!

Do you have a story to share about health care? Immigration? DACA? Virginia Garcia wants to hear from you!

Share Your Story

### Viva la Facebook!

Virginia Garcia now has an ALL Spanish Facebook page! If you or anyone you know prefers to get their daily dose of VG news in Spanish, then you're in luck... check out the new page and follow us today!



### HALLOWEEN CANDY!

If your house is anything like ours, there is always TOO MUCH candy left over after Halloween. Since we don't recommend eating it all, we thought we would provide some fun (and healthier) alternatives.

**Operation Gratitude**  
Operation Gratitude sends care packages to U.S. troops stationed in overseas and first responders abroad. In 2016, the organization collected 533,891 pounds of candy to redistribute!

Worried you won't get it together to send the candy by the mid-November deadline? Then consider the **Halloween Candy Buy Back program**, which

benefits Operation Gratitude. There are several districts in the Portland-Metro area that participate - including [Doggie Estates](#). A VG volunteer Go to the website to search for a participating dentist near you who will accept candy in exchange for toothbrushes, soap, and sometimes cash.

### Soldiers' Angels

Similar to Operation Gratitude, but smaller in scale, Soldiers' Angels organizes Troops for Troops annually and is aiming to collect 17,000 pounds worth of supply awards in 2017. Visit the website to find a donation drop-off point, or register to start a drive of your own.

### Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House helps keep severely ill kids and their parents together during treatment. After Halloween, most locations accept donations of unopened candy for the families being served. You can search for your local chapter on the website, but call ahead to find out the rules for dropping off candy.

### Operation Stars & Stripes

Founded in 2001 in memory of a Vietnam War hero, this all-volunteer nonprofit supports service members at home and abroad with care packages and letters. Packages of unopened candy can be sent to the organization's George headquarters. Specific shipping info can be found on the website.

