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Linnea Windel, President and CEO of VNA Health Care awarded the Danny K. Davis Achievement Award by the Illinois Primary Health Care Association

Linnea Windel, President and CEO of VNA Health Care, recently received the Danny K. Davis Achievement Award, one of the Illinois Primary Health Care Association's (IPHCA) Awards of Excellence. Ms. Windel accepted the award at the October 4, 2013 closing luncheon of the Illinois Primary Health Care Association's Annual Leadership Conference, held at The Abbey Resort in Fontana, Wisconsin.

The Danny K. Davis Achievement Award was presented to Ms. Windel for her outstanding leadership and service to the community health center movement for at least ten years and consistently going above and beyond the call of duty to further health care access for those in need. The award's namesake, U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, is truly the champion of the community health center movement. On the forefront working in Illinois' health centers, as President of the National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc., and finally as a member of Congress, his dedication and faith in our ultimate goal has monumentally impacted our ability to increase access for the medically underserved.

Established in 1982, the Illinois Primary Health Care Association is a nonprofit trade association of community health centers (CHCs) that proudly serves as Illinois' sole primary care association. IPHCA represents 48 community health centers that operate over 450 sites in the state of Illinois. IPHCA strives to improve the health status of medically underserved populations by fostering the provision of high-quality, comprehensive health care that is accessible, coordinated, community-directed, culturally sensitive, and linguistically competent.

In her acceptance of this award, Ms. Windel paid tribute to the founders of VNA and highlighted the 95-year history of the organization dedicated to providing outstanding patient care to the most vulnerable men, women and children throughout the west suburban communities that VNA serves. Ms. Windel also shared with the attendees the news that VNA will be opening a second Health Center in Aurora in December, 2013. This new Health Center is being constructed to serve the over 32,000 low-income people not yet receiving affordable health care within this area and VNA is currently seeking philanthropic support from the community in order to bring this care to the people who need it most.

VNA Health Care provides affordable health care to over 50,000 women, men and children living primarily in Kane, DuPage, and Will counties. VNA runs 7 community health centers called Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) which have received national recognition by HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) for exceeding national quality standards in family practice, OB/GYN and pediatric health services. VNA employs a team of over 380 physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, rehabilitation therapists, registered dietitians, medical social workers and support personnel. VNA is very committed to helping the uninsured in our area enroll in the expanded Medicaid program as well as the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace beginning October 1. To assist in this work, it has applied for and received \$1.2 million in grant funding and has hired a total of over 45 full and part-time Illinois Assisters and Navigators.

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