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On December 5, 2018 the City of Aurora presented VNA Health Care with a Proclamation dedicating Wednesday, December 5, 2018 as VNA Health Care Day in Aurora in honor of the organizations 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Local community leaders and donors joined VNA Health Care to celebrate the organizations Century of Service at a Founders' Day Tea held at Moreton Arboretum. VNA Health Care was founded in Aurora on December, 5 1918 by a small group of concerned citizens who came together to address the health care needs of the vulnerable population living in and around Aurora at that time.

"We cannot know precisely what was in the minds of the men and women who met at City Hall to form what would become VNA Health Care." said Linnea Windel, VNA Health Care President & CEO, "What we do know is that their intentions were compassionate and that they moved to action, obtaining funding, securing space, hiring a nurse and engaging volunteer physicians, in order to open its doors within weeks of that inaugural meeting".

Throughout this Century of Service, VNA has grown and adapted to serve the healthcare needs of communities across suburban Chicago. This special occasion was an opportunity to honor patients, supporters and community members who gathered to celebrate VNA's accomplishments in extending high quality, compassionate and convenient care for all.

**VNA Health Care** operates 14 clinics in suburban Chicago and serves over 72,000 people a year. VNA is nationally ranked as a top performing health center as a result of patient outcomes such as prenatal care, adolescent weight screening and counseling, vascular disease treatment, blood pressure control, healthy birth weights, and asthma care. VNA's combination of convenience (by appointment or walk-in), patient-centered technology and expert care delivered with respect and compassion have led to these results. VNA is accredited by The Joint Commission. # # #