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**VNA HEALTH CARE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS AS A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, OUTLINES
FUTURE GROWTH**

At "Growing for Tomorrow" celebration, VNA recognized past accomplishments and highlighted plans for expansion

AURORA, IL - At an event in Aurora last night, VNA Health Care celebrated 20 years as a federally qualified health center (FQHC), also known as a Community Health Center (CHC), and outlined their future plans for growth to expand medical and other healthcare services for people living in suburban Chicago with or without insurance. As the health center that serves more patients in suburban Chicago than any other Community Health Center in Illinois, VNA operates 16 clinics and serves over 75,000 patients each year.

"For over 100 years, VNA Health Care has been committed to providing high-quality, affordable care for all, and for the last 20 years, we have been honored to serve as a Community Health Center to improve access to care in communities across suburban Chicago," said Linnea Windel, President and CEO of VNA Health Care. "Celebrating 20 years as a Community Health Center is an important milestone for our team that works day in and day out to provide our patients with the healthcare they've come to rely on, and it is also an opportunity to highlight the exciting plans for expansion we are pursuing in the coming years. VNA has a bright future as we continue to grow to serve more people and provide more services to those who need it most."

Over the past 100 years, VNA has established itself as a significant part of the public health system, partnering with public health agencies, hospital systems, social services, local government, community organizations and others to ensure patients get the care they need. VNA provides high-quality care for all ages in clinics, in patient homes, and in community settings. They recently broke ground on a new clinic in Joliet to serve a larger volume of patients with expanded services. During the COVID-19 pandemic, VNA was integral to keeping the community healthy, including completing more than 55,000 COVID tests and administering nearly 100,000 doses of vaccine throughout its service area.

At last night's event, VNA also outlined their plans for expansion over the next six years, including expanding capacity to serve over 100,000 patients each year. VNA plans for a number of major projects in that time, including opening a new health center in Joliet in Spring 2023, expanding the Indian Avenue location in Aurora and the Villa Street location in Elgin, as well as opening a new-drive through pharmacy in Elgin. They also plan to expand their school based health center services to include care for students and staff at West Aurora School District. During the next few years, VNA will grow their service lines to include adult day service for older adults with coordinated medical and other healthcare services as well as expanded access to obstetric and pediatric care, family practice, internal medicine, psychiatry and counseling services.

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About VNA Health Care

VNA Health Care serves more patients living in suburban Chicago than any other Community Health Center in Illinois, and delivers care to more than 75,000 patients each year across 16 clinics. At the core of VNA's mission is a commitment to improving health equity and decreasing disparities in healthcare. VNA has served a diverse population regardless of insurance status for more than 100 years and this year marks its 20th Anniversary as a Federally Qualified Health Center. To learn more, visit www.vnahealth.com.