



Dear Community Supporter,

October 19, 2021

Stronger together! We are tremendously grateful and humbled by your continued support of South Bay Family Health Care. Together we are directly impacting the lives of people living in poverty through access to comprehensive health care. Thank you for your partnership which is vital for the South Bay and Harbor Gateway communities. As our longstanding partner, it is important to share with you our vision for the future as we enter our next phase and enhance our ability to have impact.

Earlier this year, we announced the exciting news that South Bay Family Health Care will merge with Venice Family Clinic. **On November 1, 2021, South Bay Family Health Care will officially become a part of Venice Family Clinic**, with a combined staff and board of directors.

This decision comes after thoughtful research and planning. Our organizations, which have a combined 103 years of service, share many similarities and are strongly aligned in mission, values, and organizational culture. Our footprint will now extend to 45,000 low-income people in neighborhoods from the South Bay to the Santa Monica Mountains—an area where almost 430,000 more people still need services.

Our current staff in the South Bay will continue to deliver the care our patients have come to expect. Children are receiving yearly checkups, asthma care, and immunizations. High-risk patients with chronic conditions are receiving the attention they need, and at the same time, we have adapted our services to provide COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and care. With the merger, we will be able to bring into the South Bay the innovative services that Venice Family Clinic has built, including street medicine, food distribution, and more.

As we reach this milestone, I will be taking a long-planned retirement beginning on January 1, 2022. Elizabeth Benson Forer, CEO of Venice Family Clinic, will lead our combined organization. Our respective organizations have worked alongside one another for years to ensure that quality health care is available to Los Angeles County's most vulnerable communities. You will soon be hearing more about the progress of our new organization, and will receive communications directly from Venice Family Clinic.

I will always be thankful for the support of our board, donors, staff, and volunteers. You have made South Bay Family Health Care a leader in health and well-being for the communities we serve. Please stay tuned and don't hesitate to contact Faye Norman, Development Manager, at fnorman@sbclinic.org or (310) 802-6177 if you have any questions. It's very exciting to see what will emerge in the coming months and years.

Warmly,

Jann Hamilton Lee, MHA
President and CEO, South Bay Family Health Care

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