



**Northeast Valley  
Health Corporation**  
a californihealth<sup>+</sup> center

# NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 18, 2018

**CONTACT:**

Rosa Guerrero, Director of  
Public Relations, Marketing  
and Community Affairs  
o: 818-270-9518  
c: 818-298-0309  
e: rosaguerrero@nevhc.org

## **NEVHC ANNOUNCES HONOREES FOR 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

*U.S. Rep. Tony Cárdenas, Pacific Federal, LLC, a Zenith American company, President James Garrison, and Health Net's V.P. of Community Investments & Public Affairs Carol Kim among those recognized.*

**San Fernando, CA** – Celebrating 45 years of providing community health care, Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC) will honor U.S. Representative Tony Cárdenas, Pacific Federal, LLC, a Zenith American company, President James Garrison and Health Net's Vice President of Community Investments and Public Affairs, Carol Kim as "Champions for Quality Health Care" at its 45th anniversary gala taking place on September 20, 2018 in Los Angeles, CA. Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center and Valley Presbyterian Hospital will also be recognized as "Community Hospital Champions" for their support in strengthening the health safety net for vulnerable populations in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys.

"The support of community leaders and hospital partners has been essential to increase health care access to our communities in need," stated Kimberly Wyard, Chief Executive Officer of NEVHC. "We are proud to salute our honorees who champion improving the health and quality of life for our patients and staff," she added.

As the U.S. representative for the 29th district, Rep. Tony Cárdenas is a community health center advocate who was once a patient at NEVHC's first health center, the San Fernando Health Center. During congressional budget negotiations, Rep. Cárdenas championed community health center funding to ensure health care access for the almost 80,000 patients who call NEVHC their primary medical home. His advocacy for underserved communities extends beyond health care and includes immigration reform, economic development, and supporting veterans, families and seniors.

James Garrison, president of Pacific Federal, LLC, a Zenith American company, champions health care access through his employee benefits companies which specialize in the administration of Private

(more)

Exchanges, labor Taft-Hartley Plans and corporate ERISA plans. Garrison co-founded the nation's first Preferred Providers Organizations. He is a long-time supporter of NEVHC programs, staff and events that include National Health Center Week, the Adult Wellness Center at the San Fernando Health Center, and the annual Shining Stars dinner which recognizes outstanding NEVHC employees.

As vice president of community investments and public affairs at Health Net, Carol Kim has been instrumental in the development of NEVHC's Van Nuys Adult Health Center, San Fernando Adult Wellness Center, and the Newhall Health Center which opened in April 2018. Her support for NEVHC and its patients goes back to her years as health deputy in the office of Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky where she helped secure funding to rebuild the San Fernando Teen Health Center.

In addition to the "Champions for Quality Health Care," NEVHC will recognize "Community Hospital Champions" Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center and Valley Presbyterian Hospital for their long-standing partnerships which have supported NEVHC's growth in the region. Additionally, the partnerships provide high-risk NEVHC patients with access to specialty care that cannot be administered in the community health care setting. Accepting on behalf of the honorees for "Community Hospital Champions" are:

- Roger Seaver, President/CEO, Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital
- Judith Maass, RN, NP, CEO, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center
- Bernie Klein, MD, Chief Executive, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center
- Gustavo Valdespino, President/CEO, Valley Presbyterian Hospital

NEVHC's 45th Anniversary Gala will take place at the Taglyan Cultural Complex where nearly 500 community leaders, corporate executives, government officials, and NEVHC supporters will gather to celebrate the honorees and raise funds to support NEVHC's expansion of services for the Pacoima Women's Health Center. Proceeds from the event will support NEVHC's efforts to renovate, equip and furnish, a leased 6,300 sq. ft. annex located at the Pacoima Plaza into a health center with eight exam rooms and the capacity to provide 21,352 women's health visits for 3,577 patients in its first operating year.

To learn more about NEVHC's 45th anniversary gala, visit [nevhc.org/donate/gala/](http://nevhc.org/donate/gala/).

### **About Northeast Valley Health Corporation**

With 15 licensed health centers, Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC) is one of the nation's largest community health centers. Incorporated in 1971, NEVHC is a non-profit Joint Commission accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). NEVHC's mission is to provide quality, safe and comprehensive primary health care to medically underserved residents of Los Angeles County, particularly in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys, in a manner that is sensitive to the economic, cultural and linguistic needs of the community.

For more information, visit [nevhc.org](http://nevhc.org).