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14th Annual Duck-A-Thon™ supports growing need for affordable health care in Orange County

Huntington Beach, CA - **Community Care Health Centers (CCHC)**, the largest stand-alone nonprofit health center in Orange County, is busy preparing for its 14th Annual Duck-A-Thon™ on Friday/May 19 through Sunday/May 21, 2006 – thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Duck-A-Thon Support Group, coordinated by Carol Speaker. Every year in May, more than 50,000 locals and visitors flock to Huntington Beach pier for a unique family event: the **Duck-A-Thon™** benefiting Community Care Health Centers (CCHC). CCHC is the home of Huntington Beach Community Clinic and its sister clinics, which provides medical, dental, mental health and outreach services to low-income families without health insurance; families who would otherwise have to go without the 'luxury' of health care, even if threatened by a serious illness.

Now in its 14th year, the Duck-A-Thon™ is a weekend-long festival - the high-point of which is the Saturday afternoon rubber duck race in the surf. Over 100 volunteers are instrumental in the 3-day event! The food court and shopping are draws, but above all, the colorful and surprising spectacle of thousands upon thousands of little rubber ducks leaping into the surf from the Huntington Beach Pier, provides an irresistible atmosphere that draws toddlers, teens and adults alike. Kicking off these festivities is the *Annual Wine-Tasting* scheduled for *Friday/May 19, 2006* at the Huntington Beach Pier – we are anticipating over 400 participants!

To find out more about the Duck-A-Thon™ or how CCHC is building for the future of Orange County health care, please call Selina C. Hudgins at (714) 375-2272, or email her at shudgins@hbclinic.org.

About Community Care Health Centers

In the fall of 1969, 10 teachers and mental health interns came together to address the overwhelming health care need in Orange County. Each person put \$20 on the table and for \$200 they opened a store front office and what is now Community Care Health Centers was born -- its chartered mission: to lead in providing high quality, affordable, accessible health care to people in need. This mission remains the same today. CCHC is a critical component of Orange County's health care safety net, and is one of the leading non-profit health providers in the county to combine 'wrap-around' services with core medical services such as primary care, obstetric and gynecologic care, pediatric care, mental health, dental care, and pharmaceutical services -- thus providing a true 'medical home'. CCHC is the only Federally Qualified Health Center "Look-Alike" in Orange County.

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