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VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE AND CHARITABLE CLINICS

VAFCC Welcomes Free Clinic of the Twin Counties as Full Clinic Member

Richmond, VA. (January 28, 2019): The Free Clinic of the Twin Counties joins the ranks of the more than 50 member clinics that make up the full clinic members of the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (VAFCC). By becoming a full clinic member, the Free Clinic of the Twin Counties has demonstrated a commitment to serving our state's sickest, most vulnerable, and voiceless group of patients while also achieving VAFCC's membership standards focused on best practices in nonprofit management and patient care.

"The staff and leadership at the Free Clinic of the Twin Counties have a deep commitment to their mission and ultimately those in need across the region," states Linda D. Wilkinson, VAFCC CEO. "This dedication is evident by the success of the clinic in unselfishly serving working men and women in Virginia who have chronic diseases, yet no health insurance." Additionally, Melissa Deal, the Executive Director with the Free Clinic of the Twin Counties affirms that "membership [with the association] will allow this clinic to continue to grow and give us the capability to serve even more people. I look forward to continuing to work with the VAFCC to improve access to healthcare across the state."

Free Clinic of the Twin Counties:

- **Mission:** To provide health care, health education, and hope to the medically underserved in the spirit of Jesus, the Great Physician
- **Established:** 1992
- **Services:** Medical care, dental care, and mental health services
- **Service Area:** Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax
- **Those Served:** Low-income patients lacking insurance.

VAFCC is dedicated to supporting, strengthening, and advocating for member clinics as they deliver quality health care to Virginia's low-income, uninsured, and underinsured residents. VAFCC membership standards ensures a level of quality care that benefits patients, communities, and Virginia.

Quick Facts about Free & Charitable Clinics:

- Their primary mission is to provide health care services to individuals who are uninsured with limited income regardless of their ability to pay.
- A significant portion of their clinic health care services are provided by utilizing volunteer healthcare providers or volunteers along with a core group of staff providers.
- They are 501(c)3 tax-exempt organizations or operate as a program component of one.

About VAFCC:

For a quarter of a century, VAFCC has been the only nonprofit organization whose mission is focused solely on the issues and needs of free and charitable clinics -- and the patients they serve in Virginia. In this role, VAFCC provides essential advocacy, support and resources to the Commonwealth's free and charitable clinics, helping to ensure Virginia's medically underserved have access to quality health care. By serving the unmet needs of those without healthcare options & filling remaining gaps in our healthcare system, Virginia's network of free and charitable clinics protect hardworking families from healthcare crises. To learn more about VAFCC, our membership, and who they serve, visit www.VaFreeClinics.org.

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