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Columbia Valley Community Health

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**Breaking Ground at Site of New Chelan Health Clinic**

*Construction to begin on the 17,000 sq. ft. \$11 million community health center*

Monday, August 15, 2016: **Chelan, WA:** [Columbia Valley Community Health](http://www.columbiavalleycommunityhealth.org) is holding a groundbreaking ceremony on **Friday, August 19 at 8am** at the site of its future health clinic in Chelan. This new 17,000 square foot clinic will be located in the Apple Acres area on the corner of US Hwy 97A and North Apple Blossom Drive. Congressman Reichert and Chelan dignitaries are slated to attend this brief event.

Columbia Valley Community Health (CVCH) currently has a Chelan clinic located at 317 E. Johnson Ave, where it has been offering medical, dental, behavioral health and WIC services since 2002. Chelan Clinic Administrator **Manuel Navarro** says an increase in the demand for health care in the Chelan Valley has driven the federally qualified health center to expand.

The new facility, slated to open in July 2017, will address critical deficiencies of the current Chelan site which include lack of medical exam room space, inefficient layout, poor accessibility and visibility, and an overall lack of space to meet the growing needs of the population. In addition to doubling the number of medical exam rooms, it will allow for an estimated increase in access to primary care services for 1,800 new patients.

The three-acre site will be heavily landscaped with native plants commonly seen in the area and will include walking paths for both patients and community members to enjoy. CVCH is working with Beyer Architects and MJ Neal Associates on this project. For more information about CVCH and its programs, please contact [Andy Stewart](mailto:andy.stewart@cvch.org), Director of Planning and Dental Operations, at 509.664.3530.

**About Columbia Valley Community Health**

[Columbia Valley Community Health](http://www.columbiavalleycommunityhealth.org) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that offers medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, WIC and outreach services to everyone in Chelan and Douglas Counties. Established in 1972, CVCH is now an industry leader and was the first in the Pacific Northwest to achieve the Joint Commission's Primary Care Medical Home certification. CVCH serves over 26,000 patients a year between all of its seven locations in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee and Chelan.

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