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Columbia Valley Community Health's Health Fair 10 Days Away

1,000 school-aged children will receive free backpacks and school supplies

Wednesday, July 30, 2014: **Wenatchee, WA:** [Columbia Valley Community Health](#) (CVCH) is just ten days away from holding its annual [Back to School Health Fair](#) happening **Saturday, August 9**, from **9am – 12pm** at its Wenatchee clinic at **600 Orondo Ave.** This free, family event is open to the entire community and kicks off [National Health Center Week](#) (August 10 – 16, 2014), a national campaign meant to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's Health Centers.

For the second year in a row, CVCH is partnering with the [North Central Educational Service District](#) (NCESD) and the [United Way of Chelan and Douglas Counties](#) to provide 1,000 backpacks and school supplies to children entering grades K – 12. Once they receive their backpack in the CVCH parking lot, families will cross Alaska Street to the Columbia Elementary School playground, where the actual health fair will be held.

Children can fill their backpacks with age-appropriate school supplies by visiting CVCH booths. Over a dozen CVCH departments and 14 community organizations will have games, crafts, give-a-ways and health-related information. Children must be present to receive backpacks and supplies.

CVCH provides the backpacks, with 200 donated by the First United Methodist Church of Wenatchee, and the NCESD secures the school supplies with funding and support from [Office Depot](#), [North Cascades National Bank](#), United Way, Wenatchee Sunrise Rotary, the [NCESD Educational Foundation](#) and Ballard Ambulance. This is the first year that Office Depot has participated in this event. For more information about the fifth annual CVCH Back to School Health Fair, contact [Marlen Mendez](#) at 509.661.3623 or visit [CVCH.org](#).

About Columbia Valley Community Health

[Columbia Valley Community Health](#) 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. Their mission is to provide access to improved health and wellness with compassion and respect for all. 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 24,000 patients a year between all of its departments and locations in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee and Chelan.

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