

## News Release

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### **KAISER PERMANENTE SENIOR LEADERS GIVE BACK AT VIRGINIA GARCIA CLINIC FOR ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE**

(November 29, 2011 – PORTLAND) Instead of throwing a holiday party, Kaiser Permanente Northwest's senior leaders will continue their seasonal tradition of volunteer work. This year, the Day of Service will be held November 30th at a longtime community safety net clinic partner, the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center's Hillsboro clinic.

The latest contribution to the clinic will be as a strategic thought partner. A 2008 Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit grant enabled Virginia Garcia to install electronic medical records at the Hillsboro clinic, with another contribution for technical support. Now, Kaiser experts will work alongside Virginia Garcia leadership to discuss best practices in three areas: clinical workflow, financial operations, and wellness/prevention.

Gil Munoz, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center's Executive Director, says the experience will be invaluable for a non-profit organization that does not have the resources to hire expensive management consultants. "We are looking forward to tapping into Kaiser Permanente's knowledge and experience in health care delivery and management," said Munoz. "This will help us provide the best possible care to the patients we serve, and help us achieve a common goal for both organizations: spreading health to the community."

The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a tour of the clinic. Roundtable discussions will begin at 9:45.

**WHEN:** November 30, 2011

**WHERE:** Pacific University Health Professions Campus, 222 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hillsboro

**TIME:** Clinic Tour 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Roundtable Discussions 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Kaiser Permanente leaders are also excited about the event. "This year's day of service is not about physical work," said Sara Lee, Director of Community Relations. "It's about putting on our thinking caps and helping one of our community partners by sharing what we know."

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