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Community Health Center Leader Honored with Award of Excellence During National Conference

BETHESDA, MD – The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has honored John Price, Board Chair of Golden Valley Health Centers in Merced, CA, with the 2025 Louis S. Garcia Community/Migrant Health Services Award. The Awards of Excellence are given annually to individuals in the Community Health Center Movement who are innovators in health care delivery, set higher standards for patient care and quality, and have demonstrated leadership and advocacy that advances community health needs. Mr. Price was presented the award during [NACHC's 2025 CHI Community Health Conference & Expo](#) in Chicago, IL. The annual conference draws thousands of health center leaders from around the country to gather and focus on strategies that expand access to affordable primary care services in underserved communities.

For over 37 years as a GVHC Board Member, Mr. Price has worked tirelessly to improve the health and well-being of migrant and seasonal farm workers in California's Central Valley. As Chairman of the Board at GVHC, he has helped lead transformative efforts to bring equitable, culturally competent care to some of the most underserved and hard-to-reach populations in our country. Mr. Price has collaborated with health center leadership throughout the country as an attendee of the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum for over 30 years and a member of the NACHC Agricultural Worker Health Committee for the same tenure. Under his board leadership, GVHC has expanded mobile health services, increased bilingual and bicultural staffing, and championed initiatives that directly respond to the unique needs of migrant workers and their families.

Health centers are the largest primary care network in the U.S., employing 326,000 staff who serve nearly 34 million people at nearly 1,700 sites nationwide. Health centers promote efficient, high-quality, comprehensive health care that is accessible, culturally and linguistically competent, community directed, and patient-centered for all, regardless of ability to pay.

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