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Legacy Health Endowment Approves \$400,000 Grant to Establish the Tony Weber Medical Scholars Program at Golden Valley Health Centers

Legacy Health Endowment (LHE) announces the approval of a transformative \$400,000 conditional grant to support the creation of the Tony Weber Healthcare Scholars Program at Golden Valley Health Centers (GVHC). The program is designed to empower GVHC in providing its employees and future healthcare professionals with enhanced educational opportunities, ensuring continued growth and advancement within Golden Valley's exceptional healthcare services.

The purpose of this conditional grant is to help fund the Tony Weber Medical Scholars Program (the "Program"), which GVHC will launch as an effort to recruit and retain much-needed medical assistants, nursing staff, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and doctors primarily to serve patients who reside in the 19 ZIP codes set out on Exhibit A (the "LHE Service Area"). For years, the LHE Service Area has faced an increasingly critical shortage of generalist medical professionals, including nurses and the other medical professionals referenced above. The Program will help GVHC to accomplish its objective and alleviate this shortage by providing tuition relief to current and future GVHC medical professionals who pursue medical educational courses or programs while remaining employed at GVHC.

The Program will serve as an incentive for nurses and other medical professionals to continue working at GVHC and for new nurse recruits to join GVHC, at the same time as it will help to enhance the medical skills and capabilities that GVHC's nurses bring to residents of the LHE Service Area, thereby increasing access to healthcare in the LHE Service Area.

President and CEO of Legacy Health Endowment Jeffrey Lewis expressed his enthusiasm for this groundbreaking initiative, stating, "We are thrilled to support Golden Valley Health Centers in establishing the Tony Weber Medical Scholars Program. This grant represents our recognition of Tony Weber's outstanding leadership and dedication to serving the underserved and our commitment to

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fostering growth and development within the healthcare workforce. We believe this program will serve as a shining model for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) across California and the nation."

The Tony Weber Medical Scholars Program seeks to empower healthcare professionals, enhancing the quality of care delivered to the community by providing continuous learning and development opportunities. Working closely with Golden Valley Health Centers, Legacy Health Endowment will collaboratively develop assessment criteria to evaluate the impact of the initial grant over the next four years, laying the foundation for a sustainable and impactful program that will endure for generations to come.

Tony Weber, an esteemed leader in the healthcare community and a champion of the underserved, expressed his deep gratitude for the grant, saying, "I am humbled and honored. I know the program will make a difference, not only in the lives of those that receive the help but to the patients that are served by the award recipients," said Golden Valley Health Centers President and Chief Executive Officer, Tony Weber. "As I begin to think about the winding down of my career and look back on all that I have been able to be a part of, this is something I will feel proud of for years to come. To have a scholarship award named in my honor is incredibly special," he added.

The Tony Weber Medical Scholars Program represents an essential step forward in addressing the challenges faced by underserved communities, enhancing healthcare access, and building a stronger and more resilient healthcare workforce. Legacy Health Endowment remains steadfast in its commitment to creating positive and lasting change throughout the region.

About Golden Valley Health Centers:

Golden Valley Health Centers is a nonprofit FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center). The mission of the organization is to improve the health of patients by providing quality, primary health care services to people in the communities we serve regardless of language, financial or cultural barriers. Golden Valley Health Centers operates 45 clinics across Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, providing healthcare services locally since 1972. For more information, visit gvhc.org.

About Legacy Health Endowment:

Legacy Health Endowment provides funding and technical support to create healthcare solutions and facilitate improved wellness within 19 specific cities and zip codes in Stanislaus and Merced counties. The mission of Legacy Health Endowment is to improve the health and health care of all residents residing under its jurisdiction by increasing access to various healthcare services and educating people about healthy lifestyle decisions. Legacy Health Endowment's objective is to dramatically improve the quality of life within the Greater LHE Community by bringing together resources, expertise, vision, and belief that we can make a difference at legacyhealthendowment.org.

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