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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: **Receive a Report from Westminster Free Clinic and Presentation of Certificate to the Clinic's Student Volunteers.**

Recommendation:
Receive and File

Discussion:

The Westminster Free Clinic (WFC) is a non-profit healthcare provider that offers free healthcare services and health supporting programs to low-income and uninsured people in Ventura County with locations in Thousand Oaks, Oxnard, and Santa Paula. WFC saves taxpayer dollars by offering free primary care, dental, vision, and mental health services that help support families, prevent costly health issues, and promote overall health.

WFC utilizes an innovative service model that integrates student volunteers and healthcare professionals who work together to serve a broad spectrum of public health and health care issues, and additionally providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services. More than 200 high school students participate in a rigorous two-year program that builds excellent job skills in the health care profession by assisting volunteer medical professionals in the delivery of primary health services to over 12,000 low-income uninsured residents annually in Ventura County. Please join me in congratulating this year's student volunteers who have completed at least one year of service.

Sincerely,

Vianey Lopez
Supervisor, Fifth District