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

Subject:

Receive a Report from Westminster Free Clinic and Presentation of

Certificates to the Clinic's Student Volunteers

## **Recommendation:**

Receive and file.

## **Discussion**:

The Westminster Free Clinic (WFC) in Thousand Oaks is a non-profit healthcare provider that offers free healthcare services and health supporting programs to low-income and uninsured people in Ventura County. The clinic successfully serves over 8,000 people a year in need of bi-lingual health services in the East County, saving 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. For their remarkable efforts in the community, WFC was recently honored as the 2019 Nonprofit of the Year by the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce.

WFC is largely sustained by the efforts of dedicated volunteer healthcare professionals and a talented team of over 100 student volunteers training in health care professions in this pipeline program. This innovative service model integrates student volunteers and healthcare professionals who work together to serve a broad spectrum of public health and health care issues. The two-year program provides high school students with valuable training in a variety of healthcare professions, and serves as a springboard for many graduates to pursue careers in the healthcare workforce. Please join me in congratulating this year's student volunteers who have completed at least one year of service.

Sincerely,

Linda Parks

Supervisor, District 2

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