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Samuel Dixon Family Health Centers, Inc. 13th Annual Rubber Ducky Festival

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The Samuel Dixon Family Health Center, Inc. (SDFHC) has announced the 13th Annual Rubber Ducky Festival will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Bridgeport Park in Valencia. Grand prizes for the event include the following cash prizes: 2,500, \$1,500 and \$500.

The free, family festival kicks off at 11:00 a.m. with a man – made “pond” and raceway! Several race heats will occur throughout the day, with approximately 5,000 rubber ducks racing to compete for the top prizes. All racing ducks have been adopted by community members. Individual rubber ducks are available for adoption at \$5 per duck. Other adoption opportunities include: Quack Family (5 ducks plus 1 free duck for \$25); Quacker’s Dozen (10 ducks plus 2 free ducks for \$50) and Duck Flock (20 ducks plus 4 free ducks for \$100).

Rubber Ducky Planning Committee Chairman, Alan Ferdman says: “The Rubber Ducky Festival is fun-tastic. With engaging activities for the whole family, you will also be aiding the Samuel Dixon Family Health Center to provide needed services to our community. Adopt a Duck and join us for a great time at the event.”

Adopt your ducks early to be eligible for “Early Ducky” incentives! Adopt now through August 21st to receive ten bonus tickets into the Disneyland raffle (Four, 1 day park – hopper passes). Adopt August 22nd – September 11th and receive five bonus tickets into the Mountasia raffle (Family Four pack).

SDFHC, in collaboration with the City of Santa Clarita, will recycle the water used during the Rubber Ducky Festival during this time of severe drought. Several days leading up to the event, the Parks and Recreation Department will cease irrigation of the fields and the recycled water used throughout the day for the rubber ducks race heats will then be recycled back to the fields at Bridgeport Park.

All proceeds from this event go toward patient care services at SDFHC, which offers affordable, quality, primary health care for residents of the Santa Clarita Valley. SDFHC makes a special effort to serve the underserved and uninsured. Last year’s event provided over 400 patient visits for the uninsured.

SDFHC Board of Directors, Vice-Chairman of Fundraising and “Papa Duck,” Ed

Bolden states: "Samuel Dixon Family Health Center, Inc. provides primary care health services at three health centers and two satellite locations in the greater Santa Clarita Valley. SDFHC places a special emphasis on serving the uninsured and underinsured in our community. Every \$5 or \$100 you contribute to the Rubber Ducky Festival goes directly to help SDFHC to achieve this mission. Can you imagine needing primary health care and dismissing the stress of a cost you can't afford? Go to SDFHC clinics, where you will not be refused based on an inability to pay."

In addition to the rubber duck races, the event includes a food court area, with popular gourmet food trucks, vendors and non-profit community partners, a stage and program filled with local talent and performers, and a "Kid Zone" area, complete with a rock climbing wall, face-painting, air bouncer, games, activities, and an appearance of the Los Angeles County Fire Department's "Shakey Quakey" house. Raffle prizes will also be available at the event, including prizes from Disneyland, Mb2 Raceway, and Mountasia. Once again, SDFHC is honored to have Supervisor Michael Antonovich return as our Honorary Chairman of the event, with community partner Alan Ferdman stepping into the role of Chairman for the Rubber Ducky Planning Committee.

SDFHC thanks our sponsors of this year's event: The Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation, Boston Scientific, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, Santa Clarita Valley Rotary Club, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, Burrtec Industries, and Kiwanis Club of Glendale. Media partners and sponsors for this year's event include: KHTS AM 1220, Santa Clarita Gazette, SCVTV, N2 Publishing, Our Valley Santa Clarita, elite Magazine and The Magazine of Santa Clarita. For more information about becoming a sponsor, or being involved in the event, please contact Katie at SDFHC, Katie@sdfhc.org or (661) 257-2339, ext. 302.

About Samuel Dixon Family Health Centers, Inc.

SDFHC was established in 1980 and named for long-time Val Verde resident and minister, the late Reverend Samuel Dixon. As the only non-profit health center founded and based in the Santa Clarita Valley, SDFHC serves the greater Santa Clarita Valley and is governed by a local board of directors, all of whom are Santa Clarita residents. The mission of SDFHC is to enhance wellness by providing quality primary health care services to un-served and underserved residents, with a special emphasis on serving the uninsured. Easily accessible services are available for the entire family in both English and Spanish. Medi-Cal, Blue Cross and Healthy Families are all accepted, and a sliding fee scale is offered, keeping health care affordable for all. SDFHC is supported by countless individuals as well as corporate sponsors who help make affordable health care possible. Tax-deductible contributions are welcome. Health services are available at the Val Verde Health Center (661-257-4008), the Canyon Country Health Center (661-424-1220), and the Newhall Health Center (661-291-1777). www.sdfhc.org.

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