



**MEDIA ADVISORY FOR**  
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## **Special Guest: White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett Major New Community Health Centers to Open, Providing Healthcare to More than 30,000 South Los Angeles Patients**

### **Celebration to Feature Enrollment Event Just a Week from Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment Deadline and Wellness Extravaganza Featuring Healthy Activities**

**LOS ANGELES** – On the fourth anniversary of President Obama’s signing of the Affordable Care Act, St. John’s Well Child and Family Center will celebrate the grand opening of the S. Mark Taper Foundation Health and Wellness Campus. White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett, LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, State Senator Holly Mitchell and LA City Councilmember Curren Price will lead a short program and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:00 AM on Monday, March 24 at St. John’s, 808 W. 58<sup>th</sup> Street.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be followed by an enrollment event with benefits counselors to enroll patients in Covered CA or Medi-Cal as well as a “wellness extravaganza” with activities including healthy cooking demonstrations, Zumba and bike safety for kids. The events will be on the new campus, which will provide additional services for more than 30,000 patients in some of South Los Angeles’ poorest communities.

“Thousands of newly-insured patients will need healthcare, and thanks to Obamacare we have two beautiful, newly-constructed health centers in the heart of South Los Angeles to provide 30,000 of them with quality care,” said St. John’s President and CEO Jim Mangia. “Our doors are also open wide to undocumented residents in our communities and anyone else not covered by health insurance who needs care.”

St. John’s is the largest recipient of federal government capital funding to expand health centers in Los Angeles County--\$9.4 million. The funding, supplemented by major contributors including First 5 LA and the Ahmanson Foundation, provided for construction of a new 26 exam room health and wellness campus with space for medical and dental services for pediatric patients as well as pre-natal care, expanded services for adults, chronic disease care, a full-scope pharmacy and behavioral health services. The wellness campus houses full-scope diagnostic services including x-ray, mammography and ultra-sound services.

South Los Angeles has among the highest rates of chronic disease in California and hundreds of thousands of its residents are uninsured and more than a third live in poverty.

**What:** Ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by enrollment and wellness event

**Who:** Jim Mangia, President & CEO, St. John’s Well Child & Family Center, White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas & Councilmember Curren Price

**When:** Monday, March 24, 2014 – 10:00 am

**Where:** St. John’s Well Child and Family Center, 808 West 58<sup>th</sup> St. (at Hoover), LA, 90037

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*St. John’s Well Child and Family Center serves more than 175,000 patient visits to people of all ages through a network of 10 health centers and school-based clinics in Central and South Los Angeles and Compton.*