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La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc. to Receive \$25,000 from Walmart Foundation at Walmart Training Academy Grand Opening

Local Nonprofit, Health Center Recognized with Support from Walmart Foundation

POWAY, CA, Feb. 15, 2018 – Today, beginning at 8 a.m. San Diego based Community Health Center, La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc. will be presented a \$25,000 check at the grand opening of the first Walmart Training Academy in San Diego County, located at the Poway Walmart at 13425 Community Road. Grant funding will be used to provide hygiene care kits for homeless individuals and families, as well as staff salaries to offer health screenings throughout the community including blood pressure and glucose screenings, immunizations, and nutrition education.

“La Maestra is thrilled to be here today to accept this check and to be working with Walmart Foundation to improve the health and wellness of our community,” said Cynthia Kaser, Chief Community Development Programs Officer. “This generous grant will allow my team to purchase needed supplies including socks, hygiene products, water, instant oatmeal, etc. for homeless individuals and their families. My team will be attending outreach events across San Diego County and will be providing health screenings, health education, and hygiene care kits to homeless individuals, including homeless veterans, thanks to the support of the Walmart Foundation.”

Since 2013, La Maestra’s mobile medical and dental unit has provided outreach and health education across San Diego County. Seeing a specific need to serve homeless individuals and their families including homeless veterans, La Maestra opened up the HOPE clinic in City Heights in 2014. During the past four years, La Maestra has served more than 5,000 homeless individuals. Grant funding from Walmart Foundation will allow the organization to reach more individuals using the mobile unit and to refer patients to the organization’s HOPE clinic for comprehensive medical and behavioral health services, including substance abuse treatment and medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

“Walmart is proud to support La Maestra Family Clinic’s commitment to helping residents in San Diego County live better,” said Phillip Aubrey, Walmart market manager. “This organization has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to addressing homelessness in this community and we look forward to their continued good work in the future.”

“La Maestra depends on generous grants and donations to ensure that our community has access to high quality, comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health care, regardless of their

ability to pay,” said Zara Marselian, La Maestra Chief Executive Officer. “That said, La Maestra would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Walmart Foundation for their generous support.”

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About La Maestra Community Health Centers: La Maestra Community Health Centers, doing business as La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). For more than 27 years, the organization has served immigrant, refugee, uninsured, and underinsured populations living in the underserved communities of central, east, and south San Diego County, California. Today, La Maestra operates five medical clinics, ten dental suites, four school-based sites, a mobile medical and dental unit, and a mobile mammography coach.

About Philanthropy at Walmart: By using our strengths to help others, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation create opportunities for people to live better every day. We have stores in 28 countries, employing more than 2.2 million associates and doing business with thousands of suppliers who, in turn, employ millions of people. We are helping people live better by accelerating upward job mobility and economic development for the retail workforce; addressing hunger and making healthier, more sustainably-grown food a reality; and building strong communities where we operate and inspiring our associates to give back. Whether it is helping to lead the fight against hunger in the United States with \$2 billion in cash and in-kind donations or supporting Women’s Economic Empowerment through a series of grants totaling \$10 million to the Women in Factories training program in Bangladesh, China, India and Central America, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are not only working to tackle key social issues, we are also collaborating with others to inspire solutions for long-lasting systemic change. To learn more about Walmart’s giving, visit <http://www.foundation.walmart.com>.

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