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Sunnyside Community Hospital will acquire the Yakima Valley Hearing & Speech Center

(SUNNYSIDE, Wash., September 4, 2014) – Sunnyside Community Hospital & Clinics (SCH) will be acquiring the Yakima Valley Hearing & Speech Center (YVHSC) effective Sunday, September 7.

“We are pleased to have the YVHSC staff join our team at SCH,” said SCH Chief Executive Officer John Gallagher. “We are confident that this acquisition will be beneficial for all YVHSC’s patients and for the entire community of children and adults who have communication and hearing disabilities.”

In recent years, the YVHSC has experienced significant funding cuts and financial losses. Gallagher and YVHSC’s board and leadership have been in discussions regarding an acquisition over the past few months and are pleased they found a solution that will work for both entities.

“We are grateful for SCH and their commitment to serving those with hearing and communication disabilities,” said YVHSC Executive Director Nancy Leahy. “It is a life-changing service for those struggling with these disabilities and we are beyond happy that we’ll be able to continue to help them for years to come.”

The YVHSC is the largest hearing and speech center in the Pacific Northwest, with over 16,000 visits each year and a third of the patients coming from the Lower Yakima Valley. The primary services they provide include speech, swallowing and hearing evaluations, pediatric speech and hearing evaluations, hearing aids and speech therapy. Through this acquisition, the YVHSC will stay in its current location in Yakima at 303 S. 12th Ave. Yakima, WA 98902, while some services will be expanded at SCH.

Sunnyside Community Hospital & Clinics' mission is to provide comprehensive quality care to the region. For more information regarding this transition, please contact Media Relations at (509) 837-1543 or e-mail Media Relations Director, Emily Martin at: emily.martin@sunnysidehospital.org.

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