

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY HEALTH FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Golden Gate Community Health Closes Operations

San Francisco, CA, March 1, 2011 -- Golden Gate Community Health, formerly known as Planned Parenthood Golden Gate, closed its operations on February 28, 2011 after almost 90 years of service to the Bay Area. Golden Gate Community Health operated health centers in Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties. The closing was caused, in part, by delays in State patient reimbursements and diminished donor support.

"After thoroughly researching and examining our options, we made the difficult decision to close our health centers," said Therese Wilson, president and CEO, Golden Gate Community Health. "Over the past eight months, the new management team made significant operational and financial improvements and reduced operating costs by 33 percent, saving more than \$600,000 per month. During this time we have been able to guarantee the same quality of care for which have been known. However, without expected additional funding we are unable to cover the revenue delays associated with State reimbursement," added Wilson.

Current economic conditions have hurt charitable giving to all nonprofits, but the impact of the State's budget crisis, the overall weak economy, and past internal financial challenges had a critical impact on the organization's decision to close its doors.

Ms. Wilson acknowledged that unless Golden Gate Community Health is able to obtain additional financing there will be a significant impact and loss of essential health and education services for low-income Bay Area residents. Although Golden Gate Community Health will continue to seek additional sources of funding, if it does not receive new financing it will be unable to reopen its health centers.

According to Golden Gate Community Health Board Chair Linda Davis Jones, the organization is typical of many non-profit organizations that rely on support from the community and financial assistance from dedicated donors for long term survival. "The Board of Trustees will work to obtain financing in the hopes of reopening as soon as possible so the most vulnerable among us will be able to receive these most important reproductive health and education services."

Golden Gate Community Health, a highly-regarded health care organization, has provided comprehensive reproductive health care and education programs in the Bay Area since 1923. The health care organization annually delivers high quality medical care to more than 54,000 underserved patients and provides responsible sex education programs to another 10,000 residents each year.