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Delaware Valley Community Health, Inc. to Receive \$150,000 from the Siemens Foundation to Support COVID-19 Response

- **The Southeastern Pennsylvania-based community health center is one of 12 receiving financial support from the non-profit organization**

The [Siemens Foundation](#) today announced it is committing \$150,000 to Southeastern Pennsylvania-based Delaware Valley Community Health, Inc. (DVCH) in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The community health care organization is one of 12 receiving financial support from the non-profit organization established by Siemens USA. Aligning with its dedication to social equity, the Siemens Foundation is committing a total of \$1.5 million to supporting these critical healthcare providers so they can continue serving their communities when they are needed most. The center is free to use the funding as it deems necessary in response to the crisis.

“We applaud Siemens’ community involvement for helping to eradicate this Pandemic,” said Dr. A. Scott McNeal, DVCH President and CEO. “Their recognition of our work and commitment in caring for underserved communities is inspirational to all of us. We also want to add the thanks of our patients. Although they may not know Siemens’ world-wide reputation or that the Foundation has helped DVCH remove additional financial barriers to their care with this funding, they do know that DVCH and its partners care about their health and well being.”

“Philadelphia will stop at nothing to help one another through this unprecedented crisis. We applaud this commitment from Siemens, and the strong support from the many Siemens employees in our area, for helping our community health centers on the front lines provide equitable, quality healthcare to people who need it,” said Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney.

DVCH operates eight Federally Qualified Health Centers across Southeastern Pennsylvania including: Fairmount Primary Care, Fairmount Primary Care at Girard, Fairmount Primary Care at Horizon House, Maria de los Santos Health and Women's Health Centers, and Parkview Health Center in Philadelphia county; Norristown Regional Health Center in Montgomery county and Fairmount Primary Care at Sharon Hill in Delaware county.

DVCH, Inc. was selected in consultation with the National Association of Community Health Centers, the Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers, and Siemens. In determining the 12 centers to receive funding, they prioritized centers that serve the most underserved populations, including those in poverty, the homeless, the elderly and veterans. In addition, they looked at the quality of the centers, those serving the most vulnerable to COVID-19, financial stability, need, and number of patients served overall.

“As the COVID-19 crisis disproportionately threatens lower-income and medically underserved communities, it's important for us to support the institutions that sustain our social compact,” said David Etwiler, CEO of the Siemens Foundation.

“Community health centers and their staff are on the front lines providing basic primary care every day and they now play an especially critical role in our medical services infrastructure when emergency services and hospital settings are overwhelmed. Vital services like these are paramount to supporting equity across America.”

The \$1.5 million total commitment is funded, in part, by the Siemens Healthineers Fund of the Siemens Foundation, supported by Siemens Healthineers business in the United States.

“It is a critical time to ensure that all patients and families are able to access the care they need,” said Dave Pacitti, Siemens Foundation Board of Directors member, President of Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. and Head of Siemens Healthineers North America. “The nation's community health centers are a vital safety net for millions of patients, and these investments will help them to continue providing affordable care that strengthens the entire U.S. healthcare system in combatting the pandemic.”

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About DVCH, Inc.

Delaware Valley Community Health, Inc. (DVCH) is a community focused health care organization providing affordable, accessible, primary medical, dental and behavioral health care services. Services are provided in a fiscally responsible manner to all patients regardless of their ability to pay. For more information about DVCH, please visit, www.DVCH.org or call 215-684-5344.

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