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**PEACE, LOVE AND MEDICAL CARE: MEDICAL STAFF OF OVERLAND PARK REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
DONATES \$25,000 TO HEALTH PARTNERSHIP CLINIC**

*Physicians donate money and services to help thousands  
of underserved patients receive medical care.*

**Overland Park, Kan.—(July 25, 2011)**— Gildardo Tejeda is a soft-spoken 42-year-old Johnson County resident who is married and the proud father of two children. Despite Tejeda’s steady job, its low pay makes health insurance unaffordable for his family. Debilitating symptoms—in addition to the fear of stomach cancer, a disease that took his father’s life—brought Tejeda to the Health Partnership Clinic more than a year ago. Today, on a beautiful summer day in one of the region’s wealthiest counties, Tejeda is seeing Thomas E. Barnett, Jr., MD, of Quivira Internal Medicine, part of Midwest Physicians, through a referral from Health Partnership Clinic to schedule a colonoscopy and other tests.

Tejeda is part of a growing segment of people in Johnson County who can’t afford health insurance. Since 2007, Health Partnership Clinic—a non-profit clinic established in 1992 and the only provider of free medical and dental care and the largest safety net clinic in Johnson County—has provided more than 38,000 visits to people like Tejeda. Since 2008 HPC’s patient roster has increased by 26 percent—with visits increasing from 8,600 to 14,240.

Dr. Barnett is part of a dynamic 80-plus volunteer team that serves as a referral source for the Health Partnership Clinic through the Wy-Jo Care Referral Network. Barnett and many of his fellow physicians at Overland Park Regional Medical Center—part of HCA Midwest Health System, Kansas City’s largest healthcare network—donate their services and expertise to the patients of Health Partnership Clinic.

Recently the physicians of Overland Park Regional Medical Center donated \$25,000 to Health Partnership Clinic for its annual gala, “Party for Partnership: Twist and Shout,” which will be held on August 13 at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel. The event raises money to help ensure services such as preventive, primary and acute medical care and chronic disease management will continue for patients like Tejeda.

Kirk A. Duncan, MD, president of the medical staff of Overland Park Regional Medical Center, has supported Health Partnership for many years. He says the \$25,000 from the OPRMC medical staff is a gesture of “peace, love and medical care” for HPC’s ongoing efforts. The donation comes from a fund initiated and managed by the Overland Park Regional Medical Center staff and reflects the dedication and commitment the physicians have to Health Partnership Clinic’s mission of promoting the health of low-income, working uninsured and other vulnerable children and adults in the community.

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“The Health Partnership Clinic achieves their mission through a team-based approach of comprehensive medical services,” says Dr. Duncan. “As physicians, we consider it part of our responsibility to help those people in the community who can’t afford health insurance or are underserved. We are very pleased to be able to support Health Partnership Clinic in this way and we encourage others to join in this effort.”

Amanda Lowe, president and chief executive officer of Health Partnership Clinic, says community partnerships, such as the one with the medical staff of Overland Park Regional Medical Center, are integral to the non-profit’s success. “We are so grateful for these partnerships, because they help ensure that patients such as Gildardo have their healthcare needs met,” she says. “The benefits of receiving services in a cost-effective setting such as Health Partnership Clinic go well beyond one’s health. Patients are able to remain productive workers and community members, and support their families.”

An earnest Tejada tells Dr. Barnett during his visit that the services he receives are vital to his family’s well-being. “I can’t afford to miss work, though I experience a lot of pain on a daily basis, because I have to provide for my family,” he says. “I am worried about my health with these current symptoms, and so is my family, because my father died from stomach cancer.”

Dr. Barnett takes the time to interview Tejada and listen to his medical history and concerns. Tejada appreciates the physician’s demeanor. “He calms me about my fears,” says Tejada. “He has compassion.”

Lowe stresses that clinic services performed at HPC by physicians like Dr. Duncan and Dr. Barnett not only help improve the health of the community, they help to reduce healthcare costs. “Support from the medical community such as the service provided by Dr. Barnett to Gildardo and the financial support from the medical staff at Overland Park Regional Medical Center to HPC are invaluable to the health and productivity of our community,” says Lowe.

Tejada shakes Dr. Barnett’s hand and leaves the physician with a heart-felt message as he exits the exam room. “Thank you for helping me and for the service you continue to provide,” he says. “Medical care is so expensive and I have no other resource for care for my family.”

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**About Overland Park Regional Medical Center**

Overland Park Regional Medical Center, part of HCA Midwest Health System, is a licensed 350-bed facility offering acute and outpatient medical care services, including a Regional Trauma Center, an Accredited Chest Pain Center, The Women’s Center, a Level IIIB NICU, the Human Motion Institute, advanced diagnostic imaging, a Diabetes Center and many other services. Overland Park Regional Medical Center has received the Get With the Guidelines Stroke-Bronze Performance Achievement Award from the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association. In addition, the HCA Midwest Neonatal Transport Team, serving Kansas City and outlying areas, is headquartered at Overland Park Regional Medical Center. For more information on Overland Park Regional Medical Center visit [www.oprmc.com](http://www.oprmc.com).

**About Health Partnership Clinic**

In operation since 1992, Health Partnership Clinic (HPC) is the only provider of free medical and dental care to the low-income, uninsured of Johnson County. The Clinic operates out of two locations: Overland Park and Olathe. Through a medical home model, HPC provides primary and specialty care, chronic disease management, access to medications, prevention and wellness activities including health screenings and patient education and dental care. Community partnerships are integral to the Clinic’s medical home. The Clinic partners with the five hospitals of Johnson County who provide in kind

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laboratory and radiology services for patients along with financial support. HPC also and radiology services for patients along with financial support. HPC also partners with more than 120 volunteers and many community organizations to create a healthier community. In FY 2010/2011 the Clinic provided care to 4,047 patients for 14,240 patient visits. This year HPC expects to provide care for 16,000 patient visits. For more information about Health Partnership Clinic, visit [www.hpcjc.org](http://www.hpcjc.org).

**About HCA Midwest Health System**

HCA Midwest Health System is the Kansas City area's largest healthcare network, consisting of 10 hospitals, outpatient centers, clinics, physician practices, surgery centers and an array of other services to meet the healthcare needs of the greater Kansas City area. It is also the area's largest private sector employer with more than 8,000 employees. HCA Midwest facilities serving the Kansas City area include Research Medical Center, Research Psychiatric Center, Centerpoint Medical Center, Overland Park Regional Medical Center, Menorah Medical Center, Lee's Summit Medical Center, Research Belton Hospital, Lafayette Regional Health Center, Allen County Hospital and Cass Regional Medical Center. Midwest Physicians, which is part of HCA Midwest, is a network of experienced, multi-specialty physicians located throughout the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Midwest Physicians currently represents 278 physicians, including 114 primary care providers and 164 specialists with 75 physician practices providing care in 112 locations to serve the community. The physicians, licensed professionals and support staff who comprise the HCA Midwest team are dedicated to improving healthcare in the Greater Kansas City and outlying areas by focusing on five guiding principles: Quality, Service, People, Growth and Value. For more information on HCA Midwest Health System visit [www.hcamidwest.com](http://www.hcamidwest.com).