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Harry Foster Honored at National Conference

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has presented Harry Foster, President and CEO of Family Health Care Network, with the Cornell Scott Excellence in Leadership Award. The award, which recognizes excellence, dedication and leadership in health care, was presented to Mr. Foster during a standing ovation at the 43rd annual NACHC Community Health Institute (CHI) in Orlando, FL, a national conference attended by nearly 2,000 community health leaders from across the country.

“It is my distinct privilege to present our NACHC Legacy Award to a friend, and truly one of the innovative pioneers in the health center movement,” said Anita Monoian, Immediate Past Chair of NACHC and Mistress of Ceremonies at the General Session. “Harry has been one of the driving forces in the health care revolution. For over three decades, he has worked to create models of health care delivery that can better meet needs and improve the quality of life in medically underserved communities. Most of us know Harry is the President and CEO at Family HealthCare Network in Visalia, California. It proudly stands as one of the model health centers in the nation. Harry’s success has added immeasurably to the health center movement. He has changed attitudes about primary care and migrant health.”

Harry Foster is a health care veteran with over 35 years experience in health care administration in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Community Medicine with an emphasis on health care administration from the University of Utah College of Medicine. He serves on numerous local, state, and national boards and committees. Under his leadership, Family HealthCare Network has grown from a small outpatient clinic in Porterville with an annual budget of \$250,000 per year to a multi-site ambulatory care network with an annual budget of more than \$80 million per year. His health center serves more than 111,000 patients in the Tulare and Kings Counties and provided just under 500,000 visits in the last year.

Family HealthCare Network is a private, non-profit community-based organization established in 1976. The organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and has developed a comprehensive primary health care delivery system with center sites located in 14 locations throughout Kings County and Tulare County of which 12 are clinical sites.