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## HealthPoint Opens New Primary Care Clinic in Renton's Sunset Neighborhood

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**October 12, 2020. Renton, WA** – Today HealthPoint, a community health center that serves more than 100,000 patients in King County, opened a new clinic to bring affordable, quality health care to the Sunset Neighborhood of Renton. This clinic is a partnership between HealthPoint, the Renton Housing Authority, St. Vincent de Paul, Valley Cities, and Neighborhood House, and is located in the new Sunset Neighborhood Center, previously Renton Highlands Library.

HealthPoint at the Sunset Neighborhood Center offers health care for the whole family. HealthPoint's integrated approach to care focuses on treating the whole person. Patients can access medical and behavioral health care, nutrition education, family planning services, treatment and management of chronic diseases such as diabetes, and more. HealthPoint assists patients with signing up for insurance, and offers a sliding-scale fee to make care affordable regardless of a person's income. Interpreters are available and many of HealthPoint's staff speak more than one language.

In addition to in-person appointments, HealthPoint at Sunset Neighborhood Center offers telehealth appointments. Telehealth is a great option for patients who are at high risk of COVID-19, and a convenient way to receive care for minor illnesses and check-ups.

The partners opened this new clinic in response to needs identified by the Sunset community for greater access to health care. The Sunset neighborhood is the focus of a transformative effort by the City of Renton to improve health, housing, and economic and educational opportunity for residents.

"Our mission at HealthPoint is to strengthen communities and improve people's health. We believe everyone in our community deserves an equal opportunity for health no matter their circumstances." says Lisa Yohalem, President & CEO of HealthPoint. "HealthPoint is honored to partner with the Renton Housing Authority and the City of Renton to provide accessible, affordable, compassionate health care to the Sunset community."

A statement from Renton Housing Authority: "Renton Housing Authority is proud to partner with HealthPoint, Valley Cities, St. Vincent de Paul, and Neighborhood House to bring essential services within walking distance to so many residents in the Sunset area. As part of our mission of providing affordable housing, we believe it is also necessary to make human and social services accessible in places where people live. We are very much invested in successful outcomes for our community and are excited to see the vision of the Sunset Neighborhood Center come alive." "We are very pleased to have HealthPoint in Renton and this clinic is an important step towards our vision for the Sunset Neighborhood," said Armondo Pavone, Mayor, City of Renton. "Sunset is a growing, vibrant area. Now, thanks to a strong partnership with HealthPoint and Renton Housing Authority, residents have another option for first-class, affordable health care."

## Location

HealthPoint at Sunset Neighborhood Center is located at 2902 NE 12th Street, Suite #102, Renton, WA, 98056. Call 425-882-6000 to make an appointment. Visit <u>www.healthpointchc.org</u> for more information about services.

## **About HealthPoint**

HealthPoint is a community-based, community-supported, and community-governed network of nonprofit health centers dedicated to providing expert, high-quality care to all who need it, regardless of circumstances. Founded in 1971, we believe that the quality of your health care should not depend on how much money you make, what language you speak, or your health status. We believe that everyone deserves great care.

For nearly 50 years, we've continually reinvested in new facilities, expanded services, and recruited expert providers to enhance quality of care. Today, we have 18 locations offering a broad array of services, all connected by a state-of-the-art electronic health record. Patients benefit from a coordinated system that includes medical care, dental care, pharmacy, naturopathic medicine, behavioral health care, and social services.

The result? Healthier people, lower costs, fewer visits to the emergency room, lower rates of hospitalization and ultimately, a healthier community.

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## About the Sunset Neighborhood Center

The Sunset Neighborhood Center is an integral part of the Sunset Area Transformation Plan and a critical community improvement to more effectively respond to the human service needs of residents in the neighborhood and surrounding community. The Sunset Neighborhood Center will host numerous health and social services including HealthPoint, Valley Cities, St. Vincent de Paul, and Neighborhood House. The HealthPoint clinic opens on October 12, 2020. Other services are currently operating in a limited capacity, with full opening details to come.

The Sunset Neighborhood Center began as the former Renton Highlands Library at 2902 NE 12th Street, which was purchased in 2016 by the Renton Housing Authority and transformed into the new Sunset Neighborhood Center. The building is LEED Silver certified, built with sustainable construction materials and water- and energy-saving features.