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# VALLEY COMMUNITY CLINIC

“HOLDING THE HEALTH OF THE VALLEY IN THE PALM OF OUR HAND”

Winter '10

## Valley Community Clinic gives a BIG "Thank You" to our continuing 2010 Corporate Partners

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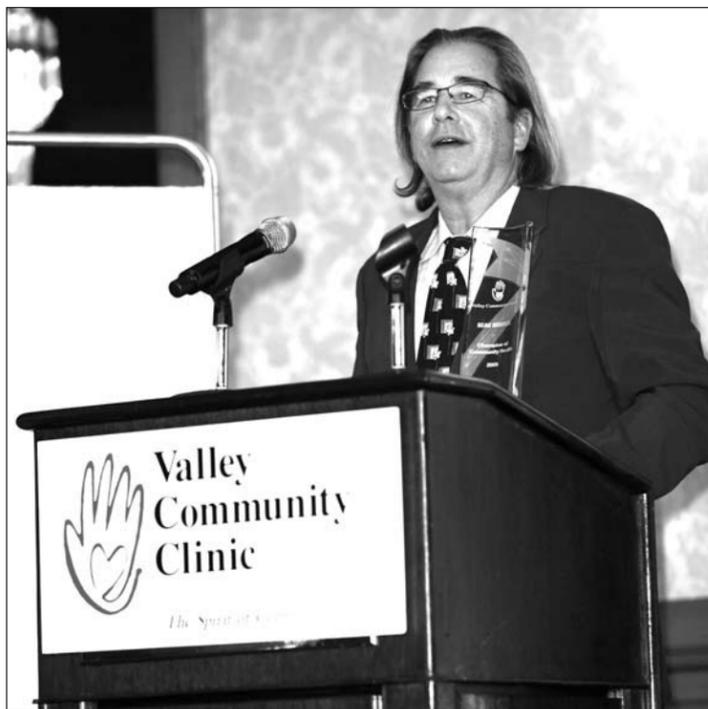
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## “Laughter is the Best Medicine” An Outstanding Success!

VCC's fabulous Gala exceeded its fundraising goal helping to offset ever-increasing funding cuts to our programs.



Beau Bridges accepts VCC's Visionary Award

**I**n a world of economic fear and financial retrenchment, many charities are forgoing their major fundraisers: Carnegie Hall cancelled its annual dinner, the Love Ride didn't go anywhere this year, and those organizations who forged ahead often ended in the red.

Yet Valley Community Clinic's Annual Gala beat the odds! Over 360 people enjoyed a fine meal, terrific wine and a comedic tour de force by the incredible Paula Poundstone. As the evening's host, she led the audience in a merry dance of laughter and poked lots of fun at the healthcare system. "I hurt my back, and couldn't afford to see a specialist. So I went to the doctor's office and sat in the waiting room until someone came out of the exam room bent over just like me. Then I rushed over and asked 'What did the doctor say?'"

Comedic duo Frangela were at their best when explaining that, as uninsured performers, they gave themselves mammograms by shining a strong light

on the appropriate area and "looking for something".

Honoree Beau Bridges was introduced by brother, Jeff, who gave a heartfelt and utterly charming picture of the brothers growing up right here in Los Angeles. As a gift to us, Beau narrated the VCC video, which touched all hearts, and then spoke movingly about our services in his acceptance speech.

Developer Richard Weintraub received his award from the hands of two of the most important women in the City: Controller Wendy Greuel and Councilwoman Jan Perry. Controller Greuel is a long-time supporter of VCC, and Councilwoman Perry was so moved by Richard Weintraub's kind words that she wants to visit us and find out more.



Richard Weintraub receives award from L.A. City Controller Wendy Greuel and Councilwoman Jan Perry

However, in reality, our broken healthcare system is no laughing matter. Keeping the community healthy is an ongoing battle. Our Annual Gala is a vital event which helps us cover enormous budget shortfalls. Our wonderful success is due in no small part to the tremendous response from all of our supporters, and we want to thank each and every one of you for keeping the Clinic and its mission in the community close to your heart!

## Answering the Most Frequent Question VCC is Hearing . . . How Will Healthcare Reform Effect Valley Community Clinic?

Anytime Valley Community Clinic staff goes out into the community, or even home for dinner, the first question they are all asked is "How will all this healthcare reform effect Valley Community Clinic?"

First and most importantly, there won't be any significant effect from the current health care reform bills until 2014 or beyond! For at least the next four years, Valley Community Clinic will continue to care

for all its current 17,000+ patients, continue adding new patients and maintain its constant struggle to obtain the necessary funding to support our work.

As of this writing (Mid-January 2010), we are looking at some very positive developments for community clinics like ours when, and if, this reform takes effect:

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