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### Grand Opening of New Community Resource Hub in Calistoga

UpValley Family Centers is excited to share a milestone – the opening of their new offices at the historic Vermeil House in Calistoga! The nonprofit has served the Calistoga and up valley communities for the last 25 years, and this expansion allows the agency to better serve local families, youth, and older adults with increased access, partnerships, connection, and care. They continue to provide services ranging from strengthening financial stability that prevents housing insecurity, to increasing literacy skills, to becoming US citizens, to fostering leadership that results in positive community change.

For decades, the family center has partnered with other community-based organizations to co-locate their services. Increased demand for services outpaced existing facilities, spurring the effort to find a larger and more flexible space. Moving to the Vermeil House has significantly expanded their footprint, resulting in the ability to bring more partner services onsite and thus increased access to services for community members.

The Vermeil offices have been transformed into a centralized hub for essential community services and will offer up valley residents easier access to a wide range of social safety net services. The new space will now host community classes for children, adults and seniors under one roof and offer a space where people can gather and connect. For example, the new fully equipped classroom will provide space for early learning and developmental activities as part of the Niños Activos program. The conference room space will host workshops, trainings, and community meetings. The Vermeil House will also offer two publicly accessible computer stations, providing internet access for job or housing searches, completing online applications for services such as medical insurance or unemployment, and other essential tasks.

The new “provider room” will allow for 8-10 different partner organizations to outstation their staff on a weekly or monthly basis. Partner organizations have already begun regular services in the space, including onsite therapy services through Mentis, assisting older adults with health case management through Providence

Information and Assistance, and access to legal and victim services through the Napa County District Attorney and Napa Family Court. Starting this summer residents will also be able to access additional services through Napa County Health and Human Services Agency including behavioral health services, Medi-Cal, Cal-Fresh, CalWORKs, In Home Supportive Services (IHSS), and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program.

"Napa County Health and Human Services Agency is proud to partner with UpValley Family Centers to co-locate vital County services in Calistoga," said Jennifer Yasumoto, Agency Director. "Our staff will have offices on-site at the Vermeil House to serve residents of all ages, from families with infants to older adults."

"Our new facility is a much needed safe space for community members to gather and access even more services right here in Calistoga," said Jenny Ocon, Executive Director of UpValley Family Centers. "We're excited to be opening a space that fosters community-building, cross-agency collaboration, and a shared commitment for the wellbeing all of our residents."

UpValley Family Centers invites the community to join the grand opening festivities and ribbon cutting ceremony. The event will include light refreshments, a tour of the offices, and the opportunity to learn more about programs and services at the site.

Grand Opening Celebration

**Date:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025

**Time:** Open House: 3:30 - 5:30 PM | Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: 4:00 PM

**Location:** Vermeil House - 913 Washington Street, Calistoga

The expansion into the new office space is thanks to the generous support of Adventist Health St. Helena, who worked closely with UpValley Family Centers to make this move possible through their desire to have the property continue to be a resource that fosters community health and wellbeing. UpValley Family Centers expresses their gratitude to the St. Helena Hospital Foundation, E. Richard Jones Family Foundation, Lewis Cellars, and individual supporters who made special gifts to help make this expansion possible.

For more information about UpValley Family Centers programs and services, please call (707) 965-5010 or stop by for a visit.