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HAIGHT ASHBURY FREE CLININCS ANNOUNCES MAJOR MOVE TO STREAMLINE SERVICES AT NEW MISSION FACILITY

Administrative Functions Including Finance, Human Resources & Development To Move Immediately – Substance Abuse Treatment Services In Early 2006

San Francisco, CA – Today the Haight Ashbury Free Clinics, Inc. (HAFCI) announced a major move to streamline services, reduce overhead costs and increase effectiveness by consolidating many administrative functions including finance, human resources and development in a new Mission District facility. By the end of the first quarter of 2006, HAFCI will also relocate many of its outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Services (SATS) to the new location at 1735 Mission Street.

"By merging many of our previously far flung administrative services, the Haight Ashbury Free Clinics will be better positioned to provide our clients with more benefits while reducing overhead costs," stated CEO John Eckstrom. "This strategic move will result in savings of over 50% in our facility costs."

The move will improve effectiveness as well as reduce costs by consolidating HAFCI operations from 15 locations to just nine locations. The new facility will become the benchmark for HAFCI's world renowned Integrated Services Delivery Model (Primary Medical Care, Mental Health Services, & Substance Abuse Treatment Services).

HAFCI's flagship Medical Clinic will remain in the Haight at 558 Clayton. SATS programs that are Haight specific will remain including youth outreach, needle exchange and BASN residential and outpatient treatment programs.

"This move illustrates the Board's commitment to positive change within the organization and reconfirms our pledge to providing access to quality health care," stated Eric Flowers, Board Chair, Haight Ashbury Free Clinics, Inc.

The Haight Ashbury Free Clinics mission is to increase access to health care and improve the well-being of its clients. More than 65,000 individuals and families depend on HAFCI every year to provide high-quality and comprehensive health care that is culturally sensitive, nonjudgmental and accessible to all in need.

HAFCI concentrates its focus in five core programs: Medical Clinic - Quality medical services to people in need; Substance Abuse Treatment Services - internationally recognized for setting a standard of effective and compassionate care with unparalleled success rates; Jail Psychiatric Services - saving public dollars by effective intervention, recovery and return to community; Research Education & Training – known worldwide for its leading pharmacological and treatment research; and Rock Medicine - volunteer-staffed on-site medical service for major public events and concerts.

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