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Central City Concern Begins Support of Bud Clark Commons Clinic

Portland, OR - On August 12, 2015, from 8-10 a.m., [Central City Concern](#) and partners will celebrate the opening of the Bud Clark Clinic, an urgent care operation located in Home Forward's [Bud Clark Commons](#), 655 NW Hoyt Street. **Congressman Earl Blumenauer** will be on hand to mark the occasion as it occurs during [National Health Center Week](#), a celebration of the nation's 9,000 federally qualified health centers providing care to upwards of 23 million people yearly. The concept of health centers began in 1965 in response to President Lyndon B. Johnson's war on poverty challenge in a now infamous State of the Union address.

Previously called the Bud Clark Skin Care Clinic, the drop-in clinic operation was launched by the [Multnomah County Health Department](#) with funding from the Health Commons grant through [Health Share of Oregon](#). Since opening in March, 2014, it has provided care for approximately 600 individuals. **Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury**, will be at the August 12th event to recognize the contributions of County employees. Current staffing will remain at the clinic with management and oversight by Central City Concern.

Central City Concern intends to serve approximately 800 individuals with urgent health care needs at the Bud Clark Clinic. The majority of patients will be engaged in housing and/or services provided at the Bud Clark Commons by [Transition Projects, Inc.](#) Bud Clark Commons is home to three different projects: The Apartments at Bud Clark Commons, Doreen's Place, and Transition Projects' day center.

"People who have used and relied upon this Clinic for care won't notice many changes," said Central City Concern Executive Director Ed Blackburn. "However, if they are lacking a primary care provider, we'll be able to provide them with fast-track access to our Old Town Clinic where we can help them address the full breadth of their health needs from the management of chronic health conditions to prescriptions and connections to addiction recovery services. Increasing access is a key component of community health centers and thanks to the partnerships we have with Multnomah County, Home Forward and Transition Projects, we are making great strides on that today."

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