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PeaceHealth set to open Lynden Clinic April 15

Lynden, Wash. – PeaceHealth will open a new primary and specialty care clinic in Lynden, Wash., on April 15, significantly expanding healthcare options and access to communities in north and east Whatcom County.

The 22,500-square-foot, single-story clinic is located at 8844 Benson Road in Lynden, a town of about 16,000 people 15 miles north of Bellingham. The opening caps off several years of planning and construction and will bring much-needed services to residents of Lynden and other areas of north and east Whatcom County.

The clinic houses primary care, including family medicine, pediatrics and same-day services, as well as cardiology, orthopedics, behavioral health and OB/GYN/midwifery. The existing orthopedics and OB/GYN clinics at 1610 Grove St. in Lynden will relocate to the new facility. Onsite imaging and lab services will be available in partnership with Mount Baker Imaging and Quest Diagnostics.

"We are thrilled to open this beautiful facility, and excited to help meet the healthcare needs of our north Whatcom County communities," said Denise Walker, vice president of operations for PeaceHealth Medical Group, Northwest network. "We recognize how rapidly the area is growing and we want to ensure the community has access to high-quality primary and specialty care for many years to come."

She added, "We are extremely grateful to the City of Lynden for welcoming us and helping us expand our reach to meet the healthcare needs of north-county residents."

The new clinic will eventually employ about 50 caregivers and providers and serve 150 to 200 patients daily.

Lynden Clinic will be the first PeaceHealth facility with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Design elements such as solar panels, EV charging, native plants and

a bioswale stormwater runoff system demonstrate PeaceHealth's commitment to sustainability.

A community open house will be held on **Thursday, May 16**, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All are welcome for tours and refreshments. **In addition, media are welcome at an invitation-only Open House:**

Thursday, April 25 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please <u>let us know</u> if you plan to attend.

About PeaceHealth: PeaceHealth, based in Vancouver, Wash., is a non-profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. PeaceHealth has approximately 16,000 caregivers, more than 3,000 providers, more than 160 clinics and 9 medical centers serving both urban and rural communities throughout the Northwest. In 1890, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace founded what has become PeaceHealth. The Sisters shared expertise and transferred wisdom from one medical center to another, always finding the best way to serve the unmet need for healthcare in their communities. Today, PeaceHealth is the legacy of the founding Sisters and continues with a spirit of respect, stewardship, collaboration and social justice in fulfilling its Mission. Visit us online at peacehealth.org.