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Vertikal6 Donates Laptops and Services to Hope Clinic/Clinica Esperanza in Advance of Giving Tuesday

Encourages the local community to donate to the clinic on November 29th for #GivingTuesday

As demand for services and cost of medical supplies continues to increase, Vertikal6 is proud to have donated four new laptops and services in advance of Giving Tuesday to support Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic, a free, volunteer-run clinic for the uninsured, located on 60 Valley Street in Providence.

The mission of Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic is to offer high quality medical care and preventive health services to adults living in Rhode Island who do not have health insurance or cannot afford to purchase health care. The clinic’s ability to provide services depends not only on health care professionals who donate their time but also on financial support from the public.

According to Dr. Annie De Groot, MD, Volunteer Medical Director at Hope Clinic/Clinica Esperanza, one of the main priority needs identified by the clinic was access to laptops for their electronic health record system. “Our outdated desktop computers were extremely slow and unreliable, making it virtually impossible for our medical volunteers to deliver care in a timely manner. We are extremely thankful to Vertikal6 for making it easier for our volunteers to deliver care”, DeGroot added.

The past year has been extremely busy for the clinic as the their demand for care has increased by 70% over last year. As a result, the clinic has added additional providers to the evening clinic and additional volunteers to the walk-in clinic. Anticipated costs for medical supplies have also risen to more than $15,000 in the current year. The supplies are used to help diagnose and treat Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, and High Cholesterol, which can then be treated with low costs medications, preventing future complications. Contributions to the clinic on #GivingTuesday will help cover these costs.

“We are delighted to support Dr. Annie De Groot and the volunteers at the clinic,” said Rick Norberg, CEO of Vertikal6. “Access to care is an extremely important topic, and this year, we’re hoping others will visit www.aplacetobehealthy.org on Giving Tuesday and support Hope Clinic/Clinica Esperanza and neighbor-to-neighbor healthcare.”
Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving at the start of the annual holiday season. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

**About Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic**
Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic is a free, volunteer-run healthcare clinic in the Olneyville neighborhood in Providence’s West End. The clinic offers treatment for chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. Additional services such as a women’s clinic, diabetes support groups, and healthy lifestyle/nutrition education are also available. The clinic only serves uninsured individuals who do not already have a primary care doctor. The walk-in clinic sees patients who have non-urgent health problems from noon to 6 p.m. everyday. Continuity of Care clinic takes place in the evenings of Tuesday, Thursday, and on Saturday mornings. To learn more about the clinic, volunteer opportunities, and other programs at Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic, visit www.aplacetobehealthy.org.

**About Vertikal6**
Vertikal6 is a full service IT consultant serving the Greater New England area. They offer IT Outsourcing, Professional Services, Hosting Services and Software Development to help their clients maximize revenue and uptime. As one of Providence Business News’ (PBN) fastest growing and most innovative companies in 2014 and a PBN Best Places to Work in 2016, they understand the impact of hard work and efficiency. They work hard to partner with their clients to understand the specific needs of their company and employees. To learn more about Vertikal6, visit www.vertikal6.com.

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