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### **LA Care Awards Partners \$5,000 to Combat and Manage Diabetes in the Greater San Fernando Valley Area**

**SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (July 20, 2018)** — LA Care Health Plan recently awarded Partners in Care Foundation (Partners) a \$5,000 grant. The funding from LA Care's Regional Consumer Advisory Committee enables Partners to improve diabetes prevention and management among the Greater San Fernando Valley area.

The goal of Partners and the LA Care grant are to increase access to diabetes prevention and management services for vulnerable and low-income residents through programs and workshops; raise awareness of local community services and resources focused on improving diabetes prevention and management; and engage local multiple sectors (healthcare, economic, transportation, faith-based, etc.).

"Our diabetic management health education programs are vital because they help those with high-risk diabetic health factors manage their disease," said Partners CEO, June Simmons. "This grant helps us combine our unique approach to combat the disease."

Workshops will be held at West Valley Mental Health Center in Chatsworth on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and at L.A. Care Family Resource Center in Pacoima on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Space is limited. To participate, call (818) 837-3775 extension 112.

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### **About L.A. Care Health Plan**

L.A. Care Health Plan (Local Initiative Health Authority of Los Angeles County) is a public entity and community-accountable health plan serving residents of Los Angeles County through a variety of programs including L.A. Care Covered, Medi-Cal, L.A. Care Cal MediConnect Plan and PASC-SEIU Homecare Worker Health Care Plan. As part of the state's Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), L.A. Care created four Regional Consumer Advisory Committees (RCACs), covering the Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, South Los Angeles and Long Beach. The RCACs are made up of L.A. Care members, representatives of community-based organizations, health advocates and health care providers. For more information, please visit [www.lacare.org](http://www.lacare.org)

### **About Partners in Care Foundation**

Since 1997, Partners in Care Foundation (Partners), a nationally recognized nonprofit organization, has served communities by providing preventative support and social services to adults with complex health issues. Partners is a family of healthcare innovators collaborating with a wide array of health plans, hospitals and physician networks, community based organizations, and governmental agencies. Based in the Greater Los Angeles area, Partners is accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Partners is the largest organization of its kind in California. For more information, visit [www.picf.org](http://www.picf.org).

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