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## ASIAN HEALTH SERVICES TO UNVEIL NEW CLINIC NAMING

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OAKLAND, Calif. – Asian Health Services (AHS) will be holding a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil a new naming of its flagship health center site – the Chenming and Margaret Hu Medical Center at **4PM on August 31**<sup>st</sup> **at 818 Webster Street Oakland, CA.** Originally the Asian Medical Center, the Chenming and Margaret Hu Medical Center includes a brand new state-of-the-art Pediatric & Family Care Center and a soon-to-be-constructed urgent care center, which will expand access to 3-4,000 new low-income children and families. This needed expansion was made possible by a \$3M contribution by the San Francisco Foundation and with the generous support of Dr. Chenming and Margaret Hu.

Dr. Chenming Hu is a prominent inventor with over 100 patents, has received the National Medal of Technology and Innovation from President Barack Obama, and has been dedicated to building a community of hope and respect for the special needs population. His work in the field of technology, however exceptional and stellar, can only be matched by his tireless work in making his community a better place.

"This naming dedication is a tribute to Dr. Chenming and Margaret Hu, and all that they represent in strengthening our collective community," said Sherry Hirota, Asian Health Services Chief Executive Officer. "Dr. and Mrs. Hu have elevated their family success into the larger community's success and their name on this health center will forever be a symbol of their generosity and commitment."

"Asian Health Services has a powerful mission that has significant impact on the community," said Dr. Hu. "As proud residents of its home in the city of Oakland and as members of the Bay Area Asian American community, we are committed to supporting AHS to deliver its invaluable services."

Jackie Downing, Director of Donor Relations, at the San Francisco Foundation said, "Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are proud to help Asian Health Services expand their clinic to provide vital health services to over 27,000 patients in 14 different languages. The San Francisco Foundation is advancing racial and economic equity by supporting nonprofit organizations that serve and empower low- income communities and communities of color."

The dedication ceremony will include speakers Alameda County Board Supervisor Wilma Chan, Mayor Libby Schaaf, Councilmember Abel Guillen, Jackie Downing of the San Francisco Foundation, and a Chinese lion dance performance to usher in good luck and fortune.

For more information please visit: https://asianhealthservices.org/chenming/

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## **About Asian Health Services**

Founded in 1974, AHS is a community health center that provides primary, dental and behavioral health services to underserved families of Oakland and surrounding communities in English and 14 different Asian languages (Cantonese, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Mien, Lao, Mongolian, Karen, Karenni, and Burmese). We currently serve more than 27,000 patients with medical, dental and behavioral providers, patient navigators, on-site interpreters, health coaches,

perinatal counseling and labor coaches. We also advocate and empower our patients and our community through advocacy, education and community programs. As a nationally recognized community health center model, AHS stands at the forefront of quality and innovation. www.asianhealthservices.org