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## **Trinity Community Health Centers of Louisiana Celebrates Ten Years of Providing Patient Care to Communities in North Central Louisiana**

The Louisiana Primary Care Association is proud to congratulate Winn Community Health Center and Trinity Community Health Centers of Louisiana as they celebrate ten years of providing patient care to communities across North Central Louisiana. Serving Winn, Grant, Bienville, Lincoln, and Rapides Parishes, Trinity Community Health Centers is a proven leader in making care accessible to some of the most rural regions of our state.

Health centers are a major part of health care delivery in the United States and Louisiana. They are an essential source of primary and preventive care for the uninsured and underinsured. Health centers operate as medical homes for their patients, providing a broad array of additional services including dental, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy. There are over 10,400 individual Community Health Centers across the United States. These health centers serve over 28 million patients, or nearly 1 in 12 Americans.

Under the leadership of CEO Deano Thornton, North Central Louisiana boasts one of America's premiere Community Health Centers. In 2017 alone, Trinity Community Health Centers served nearly 15,000 individual patients. By keeping patients out of the emergency room and emphasizing the importance of preventive care, Trinity Community Health Centers saves taxpayer money and produces cost savings for Louisiana's Medicaid program. For ten years now, Trinity Community Health Centers has stimulated local economic growth through facility expansion, capital improvement, and workforce development.

Of course, Trinity Community Health Centers would not be successful without the passion and dedication of their Board of Directors, administrative staff, and providers. This experienced team goes above and beyond, always fighting for the best interests of the patients in their care.

We cannot wait to see what the next ten years have in store for this organization. One thing is certain – the future shines bright!

### **About the Louisiana Primary Care Association**

The Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA) represents 34 federally funded, private, non-profit and public Community Health Centers (and 2 Look-Alikes) across Louisiana that serve over 426,000 patients annually. LPCA promotes community-based health services through advocacy, education, and collaboration with community partners. Our goal is to ensure that every Louisianan has access to affordable, quality, primary care services. For more information, visit [www.LPCA.net](http://www.LPCA.net).

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