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"Creating Healthier Communities"

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Unity Care Welcomes COO and Director of Clinical Services

San Jose, Calif., (June 30, 2011) In Unity Care's ongoing pursuit of organizational excellence and providing quality youth and family services, the non-profit agency is pleased to welcome Larry Soto, L.C.S.W. as the Chief Operations Officer (COO) and David L. Beckstein, MA, MFT as the Director of Clinical Services.

A well known fixture within Santa Clara County, Mr. Soto brings over 29 years of experience in both the public and private Mental Health sector. Most recently, he served as a contractor to Santa Clara County's Mental Health Department of the Family and Children's Division where he managed special projects and also previously served as the department's Assistant Division Director for 5 years. Prior to providing contract services, Larry served as the Executive Director for Starlight Adolescent Center in San Jose where he was responsible for overseeing the agency's operations and performance. In addition, he has extensive clinical expertise and experience in providing direct individual and family therapy as well as out-patient psychotherapy and day treatment services to seriously emotionally disturbed adolescents, their families and the adult population. Larry holds a Masters of Social Work from San Jose State University and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).

As the COO, Larry will supervise the agency's programs housed within three service areas including: Residential, Mental Health and Community-Based services. Larry's primary responsibilities include strategic planning, program operation and implementation as well as the further development of the agency's mental health services. Larry Soto officially joins the Unity Care family Friday, July 1, 2011 and will report to André Chapman, President and CEO.

The agency is also excited to announce the return of David Beckstein as the Director of Clinical Services. David previously served as Unity Care's Clinical Director for 6 years, where he managed the agency's clinical programs. Mr. Beckstein brings over 20 years of supervisory experience in public and private practice as well as mental health training. David holds two Masters Degrees, one in Religious Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary and one in Family Studies and Psychological Practice from John F. Kennedy University. David is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) and a certified trainer.

As the Director of Clinical Services, David will oversee the agency's Outpatient Mental Health Clinic, Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS), School-Based Services and Training. David will report directly to the newly appointed COO, Larry Soto.

ABOUT UNITY CARE GROUP

Founded in 1992, Unity Care Group, Inc. is a community-based, multi-service youth and family development nonprofit agency. Founded with the goal of developing educational and social programs to enrich the lives of at-risk youth, our mission is to provide quality youth and family programs for the purpose of creating healthier communities through lifelong partnerships. For more information contact Linda Vu, Communications and Development Specialist, at (408) 510-3480, or via email at lvu@unitycare.org or visit www.unitycare.org

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