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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **New Healthcare Network and Expanded Partnership**

10 December 2014 – We're making bold moves so we can continue to provide high-quality, comprehensive healthcare services to children for decades to come.

Today, we introduce **Valley Children's Healthcare**, our network that provides a full spectrum of pediatric services inside and outside of our main campus in Madera County. Valley Children's Healthcare incorporates the hospital, medical foundation and network of physicians, clinics and satellite facilities around the region – including the Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) we own and operate in Fresno, Hanford and Merced, and our outpatient physician offices in Modesto, Merced, and soon, in Bakersfield.

"Our physicians, nurses and healthcare professionals provide the most comprehensive services for children and families throughout the region," Valley Children's President and CEO Todd Suntrapak says. "The Valley has come to expect the best from this most trusted institution and has supported us every step of the way. It's our vision to be the nation's best. By forming a new health network, we are able to expand our footprint, increase access to care and improve the health and wellbeing of children."

We are also returning to the name families, doctors and community members trust – **Valley Children's Hospital**. Families know that when they hear "Valley Children's Hospital," it means care, compassion and the best outcomes for their kids.

We are also proud to announce that Valley Children's Healthcare will expand its partnership with **Stanford Children's Health**. Over the past decade, our two organizations have developed strong clinical relationships in the pediatric heart surgery

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program at Valley Children's, and have collaborated on the care of patients needing solid organ and bone marrow transplants.

Suntrapak says, "Together, we're going to help even more children. It's a natural alliance that puts kids' health first and keeps it first. This expanded partnership will help both of us provide more efficient and coordinated care for some of the most critically ill patients – closer to home."

Christopher Dawes, President and CEO of Stanford Children's Health and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford, adds, "Both Valley Children's and Stanford Children's Health share a longstanding commitment to deliver the highest quality pediatric care, and we look forward to continue working with their exceptional physicians, nurses and staff to expand access to children and their families across the region."

The rollout of the Valley Children's brand will begin early 2015.

For more information on Valley Children's Healthcare and the expanded partnership with Stanford Children's Health, please contact Zara Arboleda at (559) 360-4395.

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*One of the largest hospitals of its type in the nation, Valley Children's Hospital is the regional referral center for pediatric medicine located between the Bay Area and Los Angeles. A nonprofit, 356-bed, state-of-the-art facility on a 50-acre campus, Valley Children's is home to more than 550 physicians trained to address the unique healthcare needs of children.*

*The mission of Valley Children's Hospital is to provide high-quality, comprehensive healthcare services to children, regardless of their ability to pay, and to continuously improve the health and wellbeing of children. Please visit [www.valleychildrens.org](http://www.valleychildrens.org) for more information.*