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SUBJECT: TOMAGWA Healthcare Ministries' new CEO Timika Simmons, Congressman Kevin Brady to Host Soft Re-opening of Magnolia Clinic

MAGNOLIA, August 6, 2019 - TOMAGWA HealthCare Ministries announced Thursday, July 25th the soft reopening and a ribbon cutting ceremony for its Magnolia clinic location, on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 12:30pm. The Magnolia Clinic was temporarily closed in March of 2019 citing financial hardship. The featured guest speaker is Congressman Kevin Brady. The event will be held on the second floor of the Landmark Building, 18230 FM 1488, Magnolia, TX. The ceremony is sponsored by Madigan Insurance and Woodforest National Bank of Magnolia. The ribbon cutting will be performed by the Magnolia Chamber of Commerce.

“The soft-reopening ceremony will be an opportunity for the community to tour the Magnolia clinic, learn the progress of restructuring efforts, and understand the significant impact of TOMAGWA in its 600 square mile service area of northwest Harris, Montgomery, and Waller counties for under-resourced citizens,” said Timika Simmons, TOMAGWA’s new Chief Executive Officer.

“In Congress, I’m proud to fight for affordable, quality healthcare for Americans, including those in rural and underserved communities,” said Congressman Kevin Brady. “Organizations like TOMAGWA, who focus on meeting the medical needs of the vulnerable populations in our local areas, need legislature in place that allows solid partnerships to support the tens of thousands of citizens who have benefitted from TOMAGWA’s services for the past 30 years.”

In February 2019 TOMAGWA’s Board of Directors appointed then Board President, Timika Simmons, as Interim CEO to lead the ministry through fiscal and operational stability. After only a few days in her role, Simmons was forced to make the painful but necessary decision to temporarily close the Magnolia location clinic in order to preserve its limited funds and focus on restructuring efforts, including a robust sustainable funding plan. During the closure, several patients were able to receive care at TOMAGWA’s larger main clinic in Tomball; however, many patients including those with chronic illnesses were left without access to care or medications due to geography.

“TOMAGWA thanks the members of the Magnolia community who have come alongside the clinic in this journey and joined in its mission to continue to take care of our neighbors and restore some level of services to the community,” Simmons said. As TOMAGWA moves along in this journey, larger strategic partnerships are necessary in order to continue to provide award winning care to our local community without compromising quality or access.

TOMAGWA’s \$4.7M budget is funded strictly through community organizations, foundation, churches and individuals. TOMAGWA does not receive government funding or accept health insurance.

The Magnolia clinic opened in the spring of 2017. In 2018, more than 3,300 patient visits were provided.



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TOMAGWA is a Christian ministry providing quality health care, offering hope, and restoring dignity to uninsured, low-income families and individuals in northwest Harris, Montgomery and Waller counties. TOMAGWA serves over 3,200 individual patients and provides more than 22,500 patient visits annually. For more than thirty years, TOMAGWA has grown into a healthcare organization offering primary care, dental, vision, lab, pharmacy, and case management services. TOMAGWA has over 45 collaborative partnerships within the greater Houston metropolitan area including medical providers, acute and post-acute medical facilities, churches, colleges, universities, businesses, corporations, civic organizations and non-profits. Learn more at www.tomagwa.org.