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**Clínica Esperanza/Hope Clinic elevates Morgan Leonard to Executive Director,
Enhancing Healthcare Services for Rhode Island's Uninsured Population**

Providence, Rhode Island (July 26, 2023)- Clínica Esperanza/Hope Clinic (CEHC) is thrilled to announce the promotion of Morgan Leonard to the position of Executive Director. Formerly serving as the Director of Clinic Operations, Morgan's dedication, exceptional leadership, strong fundraising skills, professional attitude, and unwavering commitment to providing accessible healthcare services have made her an invaluable asset to the clinic. As she takes on her new role, Morgan Leonard is poised to lead CEHC to new heights in its mission to serve the uninsured and underserved communities of Rhode Island.

Clínica Esperanza/Hope Clinic has been a beacon of hope for Rhode Island's vulnerable populations since its inception in 2008, catering to more than 4,000 community members who lack health insurance coverage. The clinic's steadfast commitment to delivering comprehensive, high-quality medical care, regardless of one's financial status, has earned it widespread recognition and support.

Morgan Leonard has been an instrumental force behind CEHC's growth and success, exemplifying a deep passion for the clinic's mission. Her relentless pursuit of excellence in healthcare operations and patient care has not only positively impacted the clinic's efficiency but has also garnered the trust and respect of her colleagues and patients alike.

During her tenure as the Director of Clinic Operations, Morgan played a pivotal role in implementing innovative strategies to optimize the clinic's resources and serve Rhode Island residents during the COVID pandemic. Under her guidance, CEHC witnessed a remarkable increase in the number of uninsured individuals served, improved staff morale, and streamlined administrative processes.

"As we celebrate Morgan Leonard's promotion to Executive Director, we also celebrate the unwavering spirit of our clinic in transforming lives through accessible healthcare," said Annie De Groot, MD, one of the Founders of the clinic and former Volunteer Medical Director and Executive Director of Clínica Esperanza/Hope Clinic. "Morgan's exceptional leadership, dedication, and compassionate approach make her the ideal person to drive our mission forward and address the evolving healthcare needs of our community."

Morgan Leonard's ascension to Executive Director comes at a crucial juncture when healthcare disparities have been exacerbated by rising healthcare costs. As the new Executive Director, Morgan is committed to building upon CEHC's existing strengths and working collaboratively with the clinic's talented team to innovate and expand services.

"I am truly honored and excited to lead Clínica Esperanza/Hope Clinic as the Executive Director," expressed Morgan Leonard. "CEHC has played a pivotal role in transforming lives and fostering healthier communities. I am eager to work with our dedicated team and partners to further advance our mission and ensure that high-quality healthcare remains accessible to all."

With Morgan Leonard at the helm, Clínica Esperanza/Hope Clinic is poised to chart a path towards a brighter, healthier future for the uninsured population of Rhode Island. The clinic is confident that her visionary leadership will fortify CEHC's standing as a vital community institution, fostering hope and well-being for countless individuals and families.

About Clínica Esperanza/Hope Clinic:

Founded in 2007 and operating in Providence by 2008, Clínica Esperanza/Hope Clinic is a non-profit, volunteer-driven free clinic that serves the uninsured population of Rhode Island. Located on the West Side of Providence in the Valley neighborhood, the clinic's mission is to be a "place to be healthy", providing comprehensive medical services with compassion, dignity, and respect to those in need.