



# FATHER JOE'S VILLAGES®

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## Media Advisory

**When:** January 22, 2010

**Who:** Major administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services to visit St. Vincent de Paul Village. She will be taking a tour and having a discussion with Father Joe and staff at our Medical clinic about services to the underinsured and homeless.

**Schedule:** 1 p.m. Dr. Mary Wakefield tours St. Vincent de Paul Village  
2 p.m. Meeting with Father Joe and Medical clinic Staff

**Biography:** Mary Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N. was named administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) by President Barack Obama on February 20, 2009. HRSA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

HRSA works to fill in the health care gaps for people who live outside the economic and medical mainstream. The agency uses its \$7 billion annual budget (FY 2008) to expand access to quality health care in partnership with health care providers and health professions training programs.

The St. Vincent de Paul Health Clinic provides 30,000 – 40,000 visits at both its downtown clinic at the Village at 15<sup>th</sup> & Imperial Avenue and a fully equipped mobile medical clinic that provides care throughout the county. (Mobile Clinic will be at the downtown clinic for tour)

Most physicians' services are provided in a unique partnership with UCSD School of Medicine. In providing a dual degree program, students earn both the Family Medicine Degree and a Psychiatry Degree. Medical students spend their five years of medical education at St. Vincent de Paul Village. This enables us to provide the latest and best care to those who are normally overlooked.

Dr. Wakefield is the highest ranking federal official to visit the Health Center and does so because she has heard that our program is a true leader as a free clinic.

(See Attached Biography)

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