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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Grand Opening: In-House Pharmacy at Kodiak Community Health Center**

*[Kodiak, Alaska] – [March 5, 2025]* – Kodiak Community Health Center is proud to announce the grand opening of its new in-house pharmacy, a vital addition to KCHC designed to enhance patient care and convenience. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 12 noon, located at 1911 East Rezanof Drive in Kodiak. Community members are invited to attend the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new pharmacy will allow patients to fill prescriptions on-site, eliminating the need for additional travel and ensuring better medication adherence. By integrating pharmacy services with medical care, patients will experience a more seamless and coordinated approach to their healthcare needs.

“This is an important step forward in expanding healthcare access for our patients,” said Carol Austerman, CEO/CFO of Kodiak Community Health Center. “Having an in-house pharmacy means we can provide medications more efficiently, offer direct consultation services, and support patients in managing their conditions with ease.”

The pharmacy will offer a full range of prescription medications and medication therapy management. With shorter wait times and expert guidance from pharmacists, patients will receive high-quality, coordinated care in one location. Additionally, the new pharmacy enables KCHC to provide uninsured and low-income patients with access to medications at substantial discounts, ensuring that even the most vulnerable individuals receive high-quality healthcare. Opening this pharmacy provides access to critical revenue that enables KCHC to continue to invest directly back into the Kodiak community.

The initiative was made possible through the support of CACTUS, a key partner dedicated to advancing pharmacy access for community health centers. “We are honored to collaborate with Kodiak Community Health Center in this effort to bring accessible pharmacy services to their patients,” said Byron Jones, Co-Founder and CEO of CACTUS. “This initiative will enhance patient care and well-being by making essential medications more accessible, reducing barriers to treatment, and supporting better health outcomes for the Kodiak community.”

For more information about the grand opening or KCHC Pharmacy, please contact Carol Austerman at [causterman@kodiakchc.org](mailto:causterman@kodiakchc.org) or 907-481-5002.

### **About Kodiak Community Health Center**

Kodiak Community Health Center exists to provide compassionate and comprehensive primary care to the entire Kodiak community. KCHC began operations in November 2003 and has grown rapidly in response to the high level of community need and positive response to the exceptional care we provide our patients. We offer healthcare services to everyone in our community – insured, uninsured and under-insured. KCHC is a Federally Qualified Health Center, and a Health Center Program grantee under 42 U.S.C. 254b, and a deemed Public Health Service employee under 42 U.S.C. 233(g)-(n).



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### **About CACTUS**

At CACTUS, our decades of experience and unique approach set us apart, combining expert insight with the latest technologies to optimize health center pharmacies. We focus on innovative strategies that not only increase patient access but also drive meaningful revenue growth. Our goal is to build thriving pharmacies that enhance care and deliver lasting success for your community.

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