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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **COMMUNITY INVITED TO A GROUNDBREAKING FOR A STATE OF THE ART DESERT HOT SPRING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER**

**Desert Hot Springs, California (June 16, 2011)** - The City of Desert Hot Springs invites the community and local leaders to a groundbreaking for their extraordinary 26,000 square foot Community Health and Wellness Center, which will be home to the most comprehensive preventive health care programs in the Coachella Valley. It will also house a new Boys & Girls Club. Celebrations will be held on **Friday, June 24, at 12:30 p.m., on Cholla Drive at Pierson Boulevard, in Desert Hot Springs.**

“As we began planning for a new Boys & Girls Club to serve the youth of this community, we began to realize that there were larger community health and wellness issues in play. Two issues were on our priority list - our City has a tremendous need for positive after school and weekend opportunities for our youth, and taking steps to become an innovative healthy city to improve the lives of our residents,” says Mayor Yvonne Parks. “With the land and funds in place to build a major facility, we saw this as an opportunity to create something that will not only benefit our youth, but our entire community.”

Local leaders and legislators expected to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony include Mayor Yvonne Parks, Supervisor Marion Ashley, Supervisor John Benoit and representatives from the Offices of Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Diane Feinstein and Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack. Also in attendance will be representatives from the Desert Healthcare District, the Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley and the Palm Springs Unified School District.

The Desert Hot Springs Community Health and Wellness Center will consist of five main components; A Health and Wellness Center, a Boys & Girls Clubhouse, an Athletic Center with a gymnasium, an Aquatic Center and a dedicated Learning Center. The general public will have access to all of the components. The 8,000 square foot Athletic Center will feature a gymnasium with an all-purpose flooring suitable for basketball, volleyball and other sports and activities.

Project renderings will be available for viewing at the groundbreaking ceremony. The architectural firm for the project is the award-winning DLR Group WWCOT of Palm Springs, who specializes in environmentally responsible design.

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