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River Vista Behavioral Health Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Hospital to open in phases over the coming months

Madera, CA – June 26, 2023 – Today, the new River Vista Behavioral Health, located at 40886 Goodwin Way in Madera, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The hospital, which will accept its first patients in early July, will open in phases, increasing census during the upcoming months.

River Vista Behavioral Health will provide a full continuum of inpatient services, including units to serve children and adolescents. Specialty programs for adults with co-occurring behavioral health and substance use issues will be offered to meet the unique needs of this patient population. In addition, the facility will offer robust outpatient programs to address the most prevalent behavioral health concerns, including child, adolescent and family counseling; and treatment for depression, anxiety disorders and other common behavioral health issues.

“As our communities face compounding crises, the need for high-quality mental healthcare is on the rise, as are suicide rates and calls for help,” said Dr. Robert Dutile, CEO, River Vista Behavioral Health. “It has been exciting to work with Valley Children’s Healthcare to bring this new facility to this region. We both share a deep commitment to provide patients and their loved ones with compassionate behavioral healthcare, services and support. We look forward to reintroducing hope and healthy therapeutic living to patients and their families.”

Located along the bluffs overlooking the San Joaquin River adjacent to Valley Children’s Hospital, River Vista Behavioral Health features:

- 128 beds in a new state-of-the-art building spanning 81,600 square feet, including 24 beds dedicated specifically for children ages 5-17;
- therapeutic environments that incorporate calming color tones, wall décor and natural light throughout the building design;
- an indoor gymnasium and safe outdoor wellness courtyards for recreation; and

- programming to serve adolescents, adults and older adults; and intensive day programs and outpatient care.

“The chance to work with Universal Health Services (UHS) to bring increased mental health services to the children and families in this region is one of the most important things that we have achieved at Valley Children’s in the last decade,” said Todd Suntrapak, President and CEO, Valley Children’s Healthcare. “It is loud and clear from our community – and all the communities we serve from Bakersfield to Sacramento – that there is simply not enough access for kids who have behavioral or mental health challenges to get the kind of care they need. River Vista Behavioral Health – and our relationship with UHS – will directly benefit kids and families to receive behavioral healthcare services closer to home. Today, our families often have to travel three and four hours for this kind of care. Soon, they will have access to that care right here in the Valley. The addition of 24 inpatient beds specifically for children will be the first dedicated inpatient unit for children in Central California.”

UHS contracted with local construction firm, Turner Construction Co., which broke ground on the site in 2020.

When fully operational, the hospital will employ 250-300 individuals including physicians, nurses, clinicians, mental health technicians and support staff.

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