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**El Rio Community Health Center and the Pima County Health Department collaborate
with Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson to Provide Back to School Immunizations**

*Tucson, Arizona – In a new partnership designed to help Tucson families, El Rio Community Health Center and the Pima County Health Department are co-sponsoring four back to school immunization events at Boys & Girls Clubs locations throughout Tucson. **The events are designed for kids, ages 5-18, to get their required shots for the 2013-2014 school year. Families who have no health insurance are encouraged to attend. Their children will be vaccinated for free. If the family has health insurance coverage they need to bring their insurance cards (AHCCCS-KidsCare or private insurance) for billing.***

El Rio's dental team will offer free screenings and fluoride varnish treatments and the Lions Club will provide free vision screening to all school-age children. Tucson Medical Center will be offering a limited number of free booster seats to qualified families. AHCCCS providers and the Pima Community Access Program (PCAP) will be on site providing information about how to apply for services for those families who may qualify and currently have no medical coverage.

The events will be hosted at several Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson locations. The committee has expanded services this year to include Tucson's west side. A total of four immunization clinics will be offered. **The legal parent or guardian must be present. Children should bring their shot records and insurance cards if they have insurance.** Call 520-243-7736 or visit www.elriofoundation.org or www.pimahealth.org for more information.

SCHEDULE OF TUCSON EVENTS

July 18, 2013 • 3 to 6 pm • Steve Daru Clubhouse • 1375 North El Rio Drive, 85745
July 25, 2013 • 3 to 6 pm • Jim & Vicki Click Clubhouse • 1935 S. Columbus Blvd, 85712
July 27, 2013 • 10 to 2 pm • Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse • 2585 E. 36th Street, 85713
Aug. 3, 2013 • 10 to 2 pm • Roy Drachman Clubhouse • 5901 S. Santa Clara Road, 85706

El Rio Community Health Center is the largest provider of medical and dental services to uninsured and Medicaid populations in Pima County. With 17 sites in Tucson, El Rio serves the medical and dental needs of more than 79,000 patients annually. El Rio employs over 800 people with an annual budget of over \$90 million dollars. A national model of health care excellence, El Rio's mission is to "improve the health of our community through comprehensive, accessible, affordable, quality and compassionate care." www.elrio.org

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