

Press Release

Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke helps Bring Health Center to Low Income Community.

A Multi Use Room at Granger Junior High School is Converted to New Samahan Community Health Center.

National City, CA, April 9, 2010: In an effort to bring healthcare to low income communities in San Diego County, Operation Samahan, along with the Sweetwater Union High School District, enlisted the help of local architect Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke to convert multi use space at Granger Junior High School to a new community health center. The existing 912 square foot multi use room was reconfigured into the new health center consisting of 2 examination rooms, a unisex toilet, and a waiting/ office area. The \$165,313 renovation also includes new air conditioning, new ceilings, lighting, flooring, and wall finishes.

At the April 9, 2010 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony when asked what the Health Center means to the school and community, Arlie Ricasa, board member of the Sweetwater Union High School District, said that "the District is committed to ensuring that our students are not only receiving the best possible education but ensuring they have access to vital services that they need. Success starts with healthy students" The Health Center is the result of 4 years of planning that started with Granger Junior High School's former Principal. It is the third community health center in the district.

Operation Samahan is a community health center that has emerged within the Filipino community over the last 30 years. The agency serves low-income families and individuals in San Diego County. Services included Childcare and Early Childhood Resources, Health Care Resources, Pregnancy Child Birthing, Youth and Teen Resources, and Senior Resources. Fees are assessed on a sliding scale and most insurance is accepted. (<http://www.operationasamahan.org>).

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