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## **Umpqua Community Health Center Honoring Veterans by Hosting Second Annual Vets and Their Pets Event**

*Food, Fun and Furry Friends Abound at Gathering*

*Recognizing Douglas County Vets*

ROSEBURG, Ore. – Umpqua Community Health Center (UCHC) is hosting the Second Annual Vets and Their Pets event honoring Douglas County veterans for their service in the armed forces Friday, November 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the health center's Roseburg location, 150 Kenneth Ford Drive near Costco.

The day's festivities include a free barbecue for veterans and their families, free haircuts for people who have served, a health information booth and free nail trimmings and treats for dogs accompanying their veterans.

Organizers say last year's celebration was a resounding success and an opportunity for UCHC to show its gratitude to individuals who served the country in the armed services. The event is also an important outreach vehicle to introduce veterans to the physical, dental and behavioral health services UCHC provides.

"It's our duty and honor to celebrate the men and women who served in the armed services, sacrificing their time with family and friends to defend and protect the freedoms we as Americans enjoy – and often take for granted – every single day," says KC Bolton, CEO of UCHC and himself an Army veteran. "We're proud of their service and are humbled to have this opportunity to show our respect and gratitude for our veterans."

In addition to honoring veterans in the community, it's also the organization's way of recognizing employees who have served. Among its close to 170 staff members, UCHC employs 17 veterans.

More information on the event is available on [UCHC's Facebook page](#).

**ABOUT UMPQUA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**

Founded in 1992, Umpqua Community Health Center is an independent, board-governed, not-for-profit organization that cares for the people of Douglas County by providing high-quality, patient-centered, accessible and affordable medical, dental and behavioral healthcare, regardless of their ability to pay. It offers integrated services from five clinic sites in Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin and Glide, including a Teen Health Center located on the campus of Roseburg High School.